



# THE ANCHOR

News from the Midwest District  
United Methodist Women

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As I'm writing this note, I am realizing that July is the half-way point in our calendar and I am proud of the successes we have had with our events. During our Spring Fling in Fremont we welcomed several new friends in our newly formed district and heard several different views on Immigration in this country. At our Spring Retreat we discovered our Spiritual Style with Jody Pratt.

Mission u of the West was held last month at Albion College and is always a wonderful time of learning with topics of radical discipleship, UMW history, and money. Look for other **Mission u** opportunities around the state in this issue.

The **Midwest District Annual Celebration** will be held Saturday morning, September 21<sup>st</sup> at New Life UMC in Six Lakes, Michigan. We will celebrate your successes in UMW for 2019 and Rev. Dr. Devon Harrell and Kim Bos will share details of the Wesley Foundation – a nurturing ministry with college students. Come and hear about how you can support this important ministry. Look for the registration form on page 3.

The **UMW Conference Annual Meeting** is set for Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at Howell UMC. This statewide meeting is always enjoyable and offers a chance to meet new women and catch up with old friends. A registration form can be found on page 9.

We will end our year with two gatherings of fun and fellowship: **An Evening Apart** will be held at Middleville UMC on Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup> and **A Day Apart** will be held in the northern region of our district. Watch for details. These special dates are designed specifically to enjoy fellowship together. I hope you will join us for one of these dates.

Finally, I have important news to share with you! Our own District Education & Interpretation Coordinator – Judy Huynh (LeValley UMC) – has been nominated to serve on the North Central Jurisdiction Leadership Team for 2021-2024. Please support Judy with your vote.

Our team has been hard at work bringing you events that both interest and amuse you. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas you have that will make our district relevant and fun. I hope to see you at an event (or two) this Fall.

In His name, Sue Rietman, Midwest District President, [susan.rietman45@gmail.com](mailto:susan.rietman45@gmail.com)

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## GREETINGS FROM FREMONT!

Our next district meeting will be at New Life UMC in Six Lakes. We look forward to this event. Also, in November we will hold two events. One will be an Evening Apart and an afternoon or morning apart. Final plans have not been made for these events. Keep watching for further details.

Please continue to fill out the evaluation forms at events. They really do help us with planning. We are always looking for churches to host our events so make a note on the evaluation or contact me. What does your group do for fun? What are some new activities we can add to district events? We are always looking for speakers and activities that you all are interested in. Thank you for all you do.

Jean Sherman, Midwest District Vice-President, [sherdairy@att.net](mailto:sherdairy@att.net), (231) 519-2542

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## TAKE TIME TO LOOK FOR GOD'S PROVISIONS – A REFLECTION

These are busy days. With the longer hours of daylight, we sometimes feel we have to be active as long as there is light. This verse, Psalm 23: 3, came to me – “*He restores my soul.*” I then thought about how this might happen if I took time to look for God’s provisions in this time of extended light..

Here is a list of “to dos” that may help you as you seek to experience His restoration using your senses:

- Enjoy local fruit and produce at its peak
- wade in a cool lake or stream
- listen to birds in the early morning
- bring a cup of your wake-up beverage outside to drink
- watch a sunset until the last color vanishes
- smell the air after rain
- touch a flower petal
- give the gift of time and listen to a child, a dear friend or neighbor.

The following prayer is in a book I’ve just read. It can be offered anytime but I think it is a good way to begin the day.

*Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you, and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

May the restoration begin now.

Ann Scott, District Spiritual Growth Coordinator, (616) 696-1567, [momice4014@gmail.com](mailto:momice4014@gmail.com)

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Midwest District United Methodist Women Presents...

# Annual Gathering and Luncheon

Saturday, September 21, 2019

9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

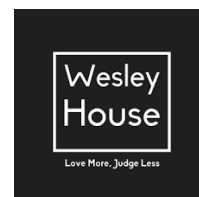
*New Life United Methodist Church*

*6584 W. Howard City-Edmore Road, Six Lakes, Michigan 48886*

## *“Supporting Our Future”*

Rev. Dr. Devon Harrell, Wesley House Director Kim Bos and local college students will share their stories, opportunities and impacts with this important college campus ministry.

*The mission of Wesley House at Ferris State University is to create a safe and comfortable environment for FSU students to socialize and discuss everyday student life and the mission of the Christian church. Wesley House: Love More, Judge Less.*



**INGATHERING:** Snack items, office supplies, and paper products for college students at Ferris State University.

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### 2019 MIDWEST DISTRICT ANNUAL CELEBRATION REGISTRATION FORM

Cost: \$10 by September 9<sup>th</sup>, \$12 walk-in registration. Use one form per person. Please print.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

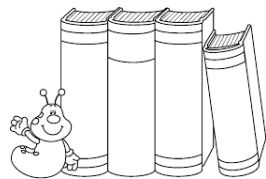
Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Daycare needed? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, # of children and ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: *Midwest District UMW* and mail with this registration form to:  
Sue Van Portfliet, 1333 Ravanna Drive SE, Grand Rapids MI 49508

## **Important reminders and deadlines to remember:**

### **2019 READING LOGS DUE BY AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>**



As we near the end of 2019 it is time to send me a copy of your reading log. During the District Annual on September 21<sup>st</sup>, I will have certificates for you celebrating the plan you have completed. Please send your reading logs (copies can be found at [www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org)) to me at the address listed below.

I'm looking forward to presenting each of you with your certificates at our annual meeting.

Connie Swinger, Program Resources Secretary, (616) 813-4670, [connieswinger@att.net](mailto:connieswinger@att.net)  
225 Brown St. SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49507

2019 Reading Program: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram/2019>

### **NAMES NEEDED FOR MEMORIALS AND NEW MEMBERS**

Please submit the names of anyone from your local unit who shall be included as part of the Memorial Service or will be recognized as a new member at our District Annual meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Names can be emailed to [saraw1104@gmail.com](mailto:saraw1104@gmail.com) or you can call Sara at (231) 830-4092. **Submit all names by August 31, 2019** for inclusion in the District Annual program booklet.



### **MISSION U – TWO MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO ATTEND!**

#### **MISSION U OF THE EAST**

The Lodge at Lake Huron Retreat Center

One day event: Thursday, August 15 and/or

Hands on Mission Experience: Friday and Saturday, August 16-17

Registrar contact: Mary McCully, [registerfordetconfmisionu@gmail.com](mailto:registerfordetconfmisionu@gmail.com)

Registration deadline: August 1

Cost: \$35 - \$120

#### **MISSION U OF THE NORTH**

Gaylord First UMC

Monday and Tuesday, October 21-22

Registrar contact: Tiffany Crawford, [missionuofthenorth@yahoo.com](mailto:missionuofthenorth@yahoo.com)

Registration deadline: October 5

Cost: \$65 (registration only)

Lodging reservations:

Baymont Inn (989) 731-6331 – group rate is available.



## ATTENTION: UNIT TREASURERS

With this beautiful summer weather, it is unnatural to think of preparing for year end reports, however, it will come to soon.

These items need action before year end:



1. All checks **MUST** be made payable to Midwest District UMW. Our bank will no longer accept checks made payable to Grand Rapids District. I will return your check so you can send me a new one.
2. I need to receive your 2019 remittances by **November 30th**. Any remittances after that date will be held over and recorded for 2020.
3. Just a reminder that your checking account should not be under your church's EIN number or your personal account. ALL UMW units (Local as well as District) must use the Conference EIN and MiLARA identification numbers. This change must be done prior to the end of the year. This might be a whole new animal for some of you as many units haven't changed anything since the Dark Ages so don't panic. This will be required by your bank as the government has changed their requirements, again. Just email or call me and I will try to help you.

I hope all Treasurers will be able to attend the District Annual Meeting September 21 at New Life UMC at Six Lakes. Please make a point to introduce yourself to me, I want to get to know each of you. My personal thanks to all of you for all the work you do.

Betty VanderWal, District Treasurer, bettyvwal@gmail.com, (616) 813-5684  
11644 Townsquare Blvd., Rockford, MI 49341

**REMEMBER** to bring your pledge cards to our District Annual Meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> to be included in our annual pledge service.

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## UNIT PLEDGE CARD

The \_\_\_\_\_ UMW Unit has prayerfully  
considered and would like to commit \$\_\_\_\_\_ as our annual  
pledge for 20\_\_\_\_.

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Unit Treasurer/President

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**UPCOMING VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

Contact Jody Pratt at [prattgji09@gmail.com](mailto:prattgji09@gmail.com) for more information or to register.

**Discovery Youth Mission – Peru**

December 30, 2019 – January 10, 2020

Adults ages 18-35 (US and Peruvian Team)

Lima/Miramar Peru and Arequipa

Cost: \$1,100 plus airfare

Application deadline: 9/1/19

**Health Care – Peru**

October 9-19, 2020

Adults ages 18+

LaMerced Peru

Cost: \$1,400 plus airfare

Application deadline: 7/1/20 or until filled

**MIDWEST DISTRICT LAY SERVANT CLASSES****Fall 2019 Classes:**

Tuesday evenings, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 7-9 p.m.

Fremont UMC. \$25 registration fee.

Class offerings: Basic Class, Preaching, Come To the Waters (Baptism)

Questions? Contact Jody Pratt at [prattgji09@gmail.com](mailto:prattgji09@gmail.com)

**Winter 2020 Classes:**

Saturdays, January 11 and 25, 9-3 p.m.

Northlawn UMC (Grand Rapids). \$25 registration fee.

Class offerings: Basic Class, Worship Design/Planning and third class to be determined.

Questions? Contact Sara Wolfesen at [saraw1104@gmail.com](mailto:saraw1104@gmail.com)

**DID YOUR UNIT CELEBRATE OUR ANNIVERSARY?**

I would like to compile a list (and a picture if available) of units that celebrated the 150th anniversary with their church. It could have been UMW Sunday, Heritage Sunday or just a special recognition. Please call or email me with the information by September 30<sup>th</sup> so that I can compile and display at the annual celebration on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Let's see how many celebrated our heritage!

WalthaGaye Leavitt, (989) 640-0238, [wally@cmsinter.net](mailto:wally@cmsinter.net)

**2019 LEGACY KIT CHALLENGE**

Is your unit seeking a mission project for 2019? United Methodist Commission on Relief (UMCOR) is collecting Hygiene Kits and School Kits for distribution around the world. Challenge your unit, small group, or entire church to assemble at

least 20 kits and bring them to our annual meeting on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> and/or take up a collection for shipping costs. Find kit contents and specific instructions on the next page. Together we can make a difference.



## **HYGIENE KIT MATERIALS**

(value \$12 per kit)

- ☐ **One hand towel** (15 x 25-17 x 27 inches) – no kitchen, cleaning or microfiber towels
- ☐ **One washcloth** – no kitchen, cleaning or microfiber towels
- ☐ **One comb** (must be sturdy with at least 6" of teeth, no pocket combs or picks, rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6" of teeth)
- ☐ **One toenail or fingernail clipper** (no emery boards or metal nail files)
- ☐ **Bath-size soap** (3 oz. bar or larger) – no Ivory or Jergen's soap, do not remove from packaging
- ☐ **One adult toothbrush** (do not remove packaging, personal advertising not acceptable)
- ☐ **10 adhesive bandages** (3/4 x 3") – common household bandages acceptable
- ☐ **One 1-gallon size resealable bag**

### **Assembly instructions:**

1. Lay hand towel flat on a table.
2. Lay washcloth in the center of hand towel.
3. Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth (except plastic bag).
4. Fold sides of hand towel to cover the items.
5. Grasp the bundle tightly and roll over the remainder of the towel.
6. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag, remove air, and seal.

### **Important Notes:**

- All items must be new.
- Do not wash any of the items as they will no longer be considered new.
- Do not include any personal notes, money or additional materials with the kits.
- Contents of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.
- Send a check payable to "Midwest District UMW" for the total amount of hygiene kits times \$2 per kit for the cost of toothpaste and shipping. One check may be written for all of the kits.

## **SCHOOL KIT MATERIALS**

(value \$11 per kit)

- ☐ **One pair blunt scissors** (round tip only, no plastic scissors)
- ☐ **One box of 24 crayons** (only 24-count boxes are accepted)
- ☐ **Three one-subject notebooks** (no marble composition books, no 3 or 5-subject books)
- ☐ **One pack of loose-leaf paper** (100-200 page packets are acceptable, wide or college rule accepted)
- ☐ **One hand-held pencil sharpener** (1" or longer, remove from packaging)
- ☐ **One ruler** (12" or 30 cm long, sturdy or flexible material accepted)
- ☐ **One two-gallon resealable plastic bag**

### **Assembly instructions:**

1. Stack all paper items on top of each other.
2. Place all loose items on top of paper (small, loose items may be placed in a smaller resealable bag).
3. Place kit inside of resealable bag, remove air, and seal.

### **Important Notes:**

- Homemade or purchased cloth tote bags will not be accepted.
- All items must be new.
- Do not include any personal notes, money or additional materials with the kits.
- Contents of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.
- Send a check payable to "Midwest District UMW" for the total amount of school kits times \$1 per kit for the cost of shipping. One check may be written for all of the kits.

NOTE: please visit

<https://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Kits> for specific shipping details if you are sending your own kits instead of bringing them to our district event.

## **United Methodist Women** ***Michigan Conference Annual Celebration***



**Saturday, October 26, 2019**  
**Howell First UMC**  
**1230 Bower St.**  
**Howell, MI 48843**  
**Phone: (517) 546-2730**

**“CELEBRATING 150 YEARS:  
TOGETHER TOWARDS TOMORROW”**

**Registration Cost: \$16 before October 14, \$20 after October 14.**  
**Registration: 8:30 a.m.**  
**Program: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. Jill Zundel**  
**Senior Pastor at Central United Methodist Church in downtown Detroit**





## United Methodist Women Michigan Conference Annual Celebration Registration Form

- ▶ Early Bird Registration **Cost is \$16 by October 14, 2019.**
- ▶ Registrations postmarked after October 15<sup>th</sup> and walk-in cost is \$20.
- ▶ Seating for lunch is limited; we cannot guarantee lunch for walk-ins.
- ▶ **Child Care** is available at no cost but must be requested in advance.
- ▶ **Tickets will not be mailed;** they will be picked up at the Registration Table under your district and the name of the person ordering.
- ▶ Please list all attendees on this registration form. **PRINT** clearly.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. THANK YOU.**

Name of person ordering: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Attendees: \_\_\_\_ x \$16 or \_\_\_\_ x \$20 (circle one) = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed

Make checks payable to *Michigan Conference United Methodist Women*. Make a copy of this form and send check with form to Registrar: Shirley Chappell, 719 S. Griffin, Grand Haven, MI 49417, Phone: (616) 846-4197, E-mail: [shirley2billchapel@att.net](mailto:shirley2billchapel@att.net).

NAME	CHURCH

For overnight accommodations, ask for the Michigan Conference UMW rate (choose one):

1. Baymont Wyndham, 4120 Lambert Drive, Howell, MI (free breakfast)  
Phone: (517) 546-0712
2. Courtyard by Marriott (Brighton), 7799 Conference Drive, Brighton, MI  
Phone: (810) 225-9200

**PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES**

These proposed changes are being published for your information and will be voted on at the district annual meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>. For a complete set of bylaws or questions, contact District Vice President Jean Sherman.

**Article 1: Committees**

A. Administrative Committee: shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Administrative Committee shall meet, on call of the President, to transact only emergency business between regular meetings of the District Leadership Team (DLT). It shall not change policy or incur indebtedness.

B. 1. All members of the District Leadership Team will be installed in their position at the Midwest District Annual Meeting. Their term begins January 1 of the following year.

E. There shall be a Committee on Standing Rules, composed of the Vice-President as chairperson, President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations. This committee shall meet annually to update the Standing Rules. Such updates shall be submitted to the District Leadership Team for approval. Changes will be printed in the Anchor prior to annual meeting. They will be voted on at Annual Meeting.

F. There shall be a District Finance Committee, composed of the Administrative Committee with the Treasurer as chairperson.

**Article II: Finances**

B. Any expense incurred by any District Leadership Team member, by virtue of her office, will be reimbursed by the District, except where there is a vote to the contrary by the District Leadership Team. This includes mileage (per Conference guidelines), registration fee, meals, telephone, dependent care, postage and materials. (omit registration for Mission U and dependents of District officers attending Kid's Mission U.) All DLT members are expected to attend and participate in all scheduled DLT meetings and District events. It is assumed that all will share rides when possible. Exception: Any extra expense of District Officers made at the request of the Conference will be paid by the Conference.

C. (omit each year the District will pay 1/2 of the registration fee to Mission U for two first time attendees from our local churches, and 1/2 of the fee for two first time attendees from our local churches, and 1/2 of the fee for two first time attendees to Mission U Drive In Day.) Scholarship applications **for all events** will be printed in the Anchor newsletter and should be submitted at least one month in advance of the registration deadline. Scholarships will be given on a first come, first served basis.

E. **Events:** The goal should be to cover the expense of a District event with its registration fees. These are SUGGESTED AMOUNTS but decided at the discretion of the Chairperson of the event along with the Treasurer. (omit and approved by the Executive Committee.)

F. 2. Multiple Speakers at the same meeting: At the discretion of the Chairperson of the event and the Treasurer, not to exceed a total of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) **each** which includes materials, mileage and meals.

3. (omit Day/Evening Apart) Speakers presenting multiple sessions-- up to one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars including materials, mileage and meals.

6. Dependent Care: **Nine Fifty (\$9.50)** per hour for all District events will be paid per adult attendant. (Two adults are required by State Child Protection Laws.) The two adults also need to be certified in child protection training.

7. Organist/Pianist: **(omit according to the host church's policy)** up to fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

8. Technical person: **(omit according to the host church's policy)** up to fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

G. District will pay **seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50)** per person to the host church for lunch or dinners. We encourage host churches to not use Styrofoam products.

H. The District will present a Special Mission Recognition pin to each District officer when she retires from her office, providing she has served a **minimum of 2 years**.

**Article IV: Procedures**

A. There shall be a District newsletter (the Anchor) mailed or emailed **four (4) times per year. (Omit the distribution of the Anchor 1 through 9.**

E. Each new District officer shall receive material for her office (Handbook). **Omit all the rest of that paragraph plus number 1 and a, b and c.**

**G. The DLT shall see that a copy of the Standing Rules is sent to all new officers immediately upon acceptance of the office.**

**Omit the rest of the G. paragraph and also H and I.**

H. There shall be LINKS who are members of the DLT assigned to specific local units for the purpose of liaison between District and local units. **Each officer should contact and visit her LINK churches at least once a year.**

I. District Annual Meeting minutes shall be approved at the first **District Leadership Team meeting that follows the District Annual Meeting. (Omit --and Celebration)**

**J. District Leadership Team meeting minutes shall be mailed or emailed as soon as possible to each team member. (omit--so as to be better informed and to help those members who were unable to attend the meeting.)**

K. Each District officer is automatically registered for District events. **Mileage** and registration fees, for these events, will be paid by the Treasurer from District funds.

L. Host church members and District Officers shall **arrive (omit-provide Hostesses at places of meetings) 30** minutes prior to registration time. **(omit to welcome attendees and/or speakers.)** They shall assist in accommodations, schedules, room set-up etc. Women from host churches should be present at the planning meeting involving their church.

1. District officers shall wear name badges giving name, office held, and church presented. Officers should circulate among those in attendance to try to see that no one feels 'lonely in a crowd.'

2. There shall be a nursery provided at each District event, with workers paid from District funds, but staffed by the local church. **(omit--all the rest of that page)**

**(omit--all conference rules that apply to districts)**

## **ALL ABOARD FOR CHRISTMAS! HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

*Friday, November 8, 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Holland First UMC, 57 West 10th Street, Holland*

Mark your calendar for this special date when the women of First United Methodist Church of Holland open the church doors for their 58<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Bazaar. Admission is free and all rooms are handicap-accessible.



When you come aboard you will find at least 10,000 homemade cookies; hundreds of pigs-in-the-blanket; handicrafts and gifts for all ages; tree and table decorations; a Country Store of jams, jellies, and baked goods; a Bargain Boutique; Christmas Treasures and Attic Specials, including toys, kitchen items and housewares, linens, decorations, tools, and lots more. Snacks and lunch items are also available for purchase.

UMW President, Nelda McCrocklin, reported that the 2018 sale was the most successful to date, netting nearly \$20,000, which was donated to 25 local, state, national and international missions, especially those serving women and children.

“We enjoy the relationships we build with each other while we work for many months on our Bazaar, and we welcome the fellowship with hundreds of people whose purchases let us meet our goal to support programs meeting critical needs locally and around the world,” Ms. McCrocklin said. “We hope the 2019 Holiday Bazaar will be even better than 2018!”

Greetings from your Midwest Social Action Coordinator.

We focus on four issues:

1. Criminalization of Communities of Color
2. Economic Inequality
3. Climate Justice
4. Maternal and Child Health



If you are attending a Mission u there will be displays with information to inform our local groups of these issues with opportunities to support the work being done.

I am also the coordinator for the Michigan Volunteer in Mission committee and I visit our recognized sites to learn about what they can offer in terms of volunteers (time – money – talent). My summer travels have included stops at Cass Community Social Services, Motown Mission, Noah Project, GAP (West Branch), GCCP (God's Country Community Parish) in Newberry, and the Juneau Project (UMCOR Recovery project in Wisconsin). This Fall I will visit Grand Rapids Community House to look for ways that local churches can plan for summer 2020 work. Watch for brief articles and pictures in the Fall 2019 *Miconnect* and our Midwest District UMW newsletter.

As I reflect on the great things we do in Michigan (local teams, state wide) and the mission teams I have taken outside the US, my concern is for the areas we are not serving. I can only imagine the frustration UMCOR experiences when it is unable to provide resources for the families detained at our borders. You can take action by learning as much as you can and writing/calling/emailing those in control of a situation to express your concern, and give what you can. This is a powerful paraphrased prayer from a recent article in the UMCOR publication:

*God of people everywhere.*

*Our hearts are bruised when we see suffering.*

*Our hearts are torn when we are unable to help.*

*Our hearts are broken when we have some complicity in the matter.*

*For all the times we were too busy to help.*

*For all the times we thought about acting but did not.*

*For all the times we thought caring for someone else's child was not my responsibility.*

*For the times we provide care because "the Bible tells us so"*

*Instead let us DO because we have known God's love in our lives.*

*Let the lives of others see what His love can do in real and tangible ways.*

*AMEN*

Jody Pratt, Social Action Coordinator, [prattgj09@gmail.com](mailto:prattgj09@gmail.com)

**Midwest District United Methodist Women presents...**



# **AN EVENING APART**

**A special time of fellowship and learning together...**

**Thursday, November 7, 2019 • 7 – 9 p.m.**

**Middleville United Methodist Church**

**111 Church St., Middleville, MI**

**The Circle of Life**

**Enjoy a relaxing program exploring  
the heart's journey through the seasons.**

**Craft project and door prizes, too!**

**No advanced registration needed.**

**Cost: \$3 at the door.**

**Coffee, Tea and Desserts included.**

**Watch for the date, time and location for *A Day Apart*—  
the same program offered in the northern region of our district.**

**Midwest District United Methodist Women  
2019 Budget vs. Actual as of June 30, 2019**

<b>MISSION GIVING (Five Lanes)</b>	<b>2019 Budget</b>	<b>2019 Actual</b>
Gift in Memory	\$ -	\$ 255.00
Gift to Mission	-	265.00
Pledge	-	22,577.00
Special Mission Recognition	-	225.00
World Thank Offering	-	983.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 24,305.72</b>
<b>MISSION (Supplementary)</b>		
Legacy Fund	\$ -	\$ 25.00
Miscellaneous	-	500.00
Prayer and Self-Denial	-	762.85
UM Community House	-	2,233.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,520.85</b>
<b>MISSION GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 43,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 27,826.57</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION &amp; MEMBER DEVELOPMENT</b>		
Audit	150.00	150.00
Bank Charges	80.00	82.43
District Special Mission Recognition, etc.	120.00	-
Mileage (not events)	800.00	435.00
Miscellaneous	50.00	0.00
Newsletter/Programs/Directory	2,000.00	1,044.38
Office Supplies/Printing	20.00	54.03
Postage/Shipping	50.00	0.00
Program Resources	160.00	520.45
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,430.00</b>	<b>2,286.29</b>
<b>Conference Events<sup>1</sup></b>		
Annual Meeting	200.00	0.00
Mission u <sup>2</sup>	1,350.00	0.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,550.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>District Events<sup>3</sup></b>		
Valentine Teas	400.00	0.00
Spring Fling	700.00	1,009.30
Spiritual Growth Retreat	1,200.00	4,080.45
Annual Meeting	1,000.00	0.00
Evening Apart	400.00	0.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,700.00</b>	<b>5,089.75</b>
<b>A&amp;MD GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>8,000.00</b>	<b>7,376.04</b>
<b>BUDGET GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 51,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 35,202.61</b>

**Checkbook balance at 12/31/18: \$1,163.90**

A & MD Income:	\$ 8,298.29	Expense:	\$ 7,376.04	Available:	\$ 2,086.15
Mission Income:	\$27,826.57	Expense:	\$27,826.57	Available:	\$ 0.00

**CHECKBOOK BALANCE AT 6/30/19: \$2,086.15**

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Registration, mileage, meals, lodging, supplies – when not covered by Conference

<sup>2</sup> Includes up to \$100 each for two first time attendees

<sup>3</sup> Meals, mileage, lodging, supplies, program, AV/music/speaker



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**HELP WANTED**

Would you like to serve on our district team? Leaders for these important roles are needed:

- ▶ Membership Nurture & Outreach
- ▶ Committee on Nominations

If you would like to learn more about a role, or would like to nominate a friend, please contact Nominations

Chairwoman  
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## **The PURPOSE of United Methodist Women:**

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose *purpose* is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive community; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in global ministries of the church.



## **2019/2020 IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:**

**✂ clip and save ✂**

- **August 15-17**, Mission u of the East, Lake Huron Retreat Center
- **August 31**, deadline to submit names to be recognized as new members or in our memorial service. Deadline to submit reading logs. (see page .....)
- **Saturday, September 21**, Midwest District Annual Meeting, New Life UMC, Six Lakes
- **October 21-22**, Mission u of the North, First UMC, Gaylord, MI
- **Saturday, October 26**, Michigan Conference Annual Meeting, Howell UMC
- **Thursday, November 7**, Evening Apart, Middleville UMC
- **November 10**, deadline for *Anchor* newsletter articles
- **November 30**, deadline for Unit Treasurers to submit 2019 remittances.
- **May 1-2, 2020** – Annual Spring Retreat, DeWitt Retreat Center