



# NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Spring - Summer 2022

## PRESIDENT



Greetings Northern Skies United Methodist Women, beloved by God.

I just finished a Bible Study, *Now That Faith Has Come*. I was

reminded that....Sisters, we are ALL operating in a sphere of Spiritual Influence! We are teachers & mentors, sometimes whether we know it or not!

United Methodist Women recognizes that sphere so whether we are giving our money, working for change, or participating in the reading program to help us be the hands and feet of Jesus, we are affecting the people whom we come into contact with.

As we look forward to our Annual Celebration in May in St. Ignace, I also want to give thanks for all the work done by the Menominee UMW and our Vice Presidents, Judy Misner and Linda Maiullo, last October. What a resounding success that day was! We all came away filled with fellowship and spiritual nourishment from Rev. Beth Galbreath.

I am working to accomplish Level IV reading for 2022 (20 books). Sometimes I read the children's and youth books, which have a great message of loving and being a servant.

I have been getting phone calls with questions and I welcome those! Feel free to call or email; and if I can't answer your question, I'll steer you in the right direction.

Have a good and Godly Lenten Season! See you in St. Ignace!

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## VICE PRESIDENTS

Greetings to all! As we head into 2022, we are hard at work on our Annual District

Celebration which will take place according to our new schedule this spring. Included in this newsletter is a registration form, and we encourage your units to make as many copies as you need so they are available to everyone who would like to attend. This year's Celebration theme is "Bring Love, Leave Blessings" and will be at the St. Ignace United Methodist Church on Tuesday, May 3. We are especially excited to announce that our guest speaker will be Rev. Faith Fowler from Cass Community Social Services in Detroit. Many of us have read her books or attended her class at Mission U. It will be a wonderful time to connect with friends and to make new acquaintances when we all share this Celebration day together.

If you have anything you'd like included in the Celebration booklet, please submit to us by April 4.

Also, if your UMW unit is interested in hosting the May 2023 Celebration, please contact Judy or Linda for further information.

Until then, may we all appreciate the blessings each day brings and share God's grace with those around us.

Blessings to all,

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## SECRETARY

Our Annual Celebration held on October 5, 2021, saw members from nine local units in attendance as well as Michigan Conference members, pastors, representatives of agencies we support and a dynamic speaker. Despite the wearing of masks and the concerns due to Covid, there was enthusiasm in the air! It felt good to be able to gain strength and support from one another.

Because of a change in our calendar, we have the opportunity to celebrate again on May 3, 2022. The challenges of the continuing pandemic make for some hurdles to overcome; but hopefully when I call roll, you will be counted among those in attendance. While we have grown accustomed to Zoom meetings, there is nothing like in-person contact.

Another way we maintain contact is through our newsletter. That is why returning your 2022 Local Unit Officer Form is so important. Thank you to all of you that have provided updated email addresses and member contact information.

Hope to see you in St Ignace!

Bobbi Sundquist  
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## TREASURER

As I look out at the deceptively sunny blue skies while wearing several layers to keep me warm, I am hoping that as the year progresses our units will be able to resume more normal activities. Thank you to all units who have been able to pay their pledges. Income was certainly and understandably down this year, but we are grateful for each of you and the contributions you make to missions in the UP and beyond.

Speaking of that, I am once again amazed and humbled by your Yooper generosity. Though we had a smaller group at our Annual Celebration in October in Menominee, the offering was a testament to the hearts

of our UMW members. We were able to send GCCP and the UM Community House in Grand Rapids \$759.50 each!!

If you are a new treasurer this year for your unit, please feel free to call or email me with any questions. I am always happy to help. Just a reminder to write all checks to Northern Skies District UMW, not to me personally. Also, include the proper forms with your checks. If you need forms or are unsure about which form is needed, let me know.

As we hope for a better year, I want to share this statement about hope from Richard Rohr:

“...hope is the patient and trustful willingness to live without closure, without resolution, and still be content and even happy because our satisfaction is now at another level, and our Source is beyond ourselves.”  
May you be blessed with this hope throughout the year, no matter what it brings.

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## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

“Do you want to be Queen for a Day?”

For over 20 years, this question was heard in American households five days a week, and it introduced one of the most popular TV shows during the 1950's and 60's. At the time, *Queen for a Day* served as a modern-day rags-to-riches reality show. Each episode would consist of three to four women competing to become Queen for a Day. The women revealed their most personal stories to the American public who then decided which woman's story was the most heart-wrenching. The selected queen was dramatically adorned with a crown, robe and roses and received gifts such as appliances, fully paid nights out and many other prizes.

We don't have to plead on a TV show. We ARE queens and not just for a day. We are created in the image of God; and we are queens, not for the sake of privilege, but for the sake of service. We are the queens called to give life, bring hope, help others grow, broaden their

minds and liberate from the bondage of sin, fear and hopelessness. So, when feeling hopeless, straighten your crown and remember *whose* you are!

Now, please "save the date." October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> will be the Northern Skies United Methodist Women's Spiritual Growth Retreat in Manistique. I'll have more details on our program and the registration form in the next newsletter in August.

In the meantime, continue with Faith, Hope, & Love in Action.

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### **SOCIAL ACTION/EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION**

Happy New Year! We hope this finds you well and safe.

Please return your Mission Objectives form to us by March 15, 2022.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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Moirra Cowling  
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### **MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE, & OUTREACH**

I am From Kingsford, Michigan and from the Iron Mountain Trinity United Methodist Church. Part of my job is to Nurture and Cultivate our present Members and New Members. I also will honor the deceased members at a ceremony as part of our Celebration on Tuesday, May 3rd, at the United Methodist Church in St. Ignace.

Please send me the forms for the deceased members from your units as well as new member lists by March 15.

We together can give the sunlight to live and grow and light the way to encourage each other.

Wendy Mulka  
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906-774-8387



### **PROGRAM RESOURCES**

For those of you who were not able to attend the celebration last October, here are the statistics for 2019 & 2020 Reading Programs: In 2019, 7 units reported, with 36 readers reading 402 books. In 2020, 4 units reported, with 15 readers reading 139 books. That's good for having limited accessibility to books, and units not meeting! Please send your Reading Program Reports for 2021 to me by March 15. The certificates will be presented at our Annual Celebration on May 3rd.

Have you been accessing the Faith Talk Podcasts? Remember that three of these equal two Spiritual Growth books.

The Prayer Calendar has a new name and format. Though you can still order a Prayer Calendar book, you can also find it on Face Book. Its new name is Daily Prayer Guide. (Open Face Book, type Daily Prayer Guide in the search bar, and after you have looked it over hit "Like" if it something you would find useful.)

Book Review: Gum Moon: A Novel of San Francisco Chinatown, by Jeffery Staley. This novel (based on a true story) begins in 1898 when a three year old Chinese American girl,

Mei Chun Lai, is sold to a cruel brothel keeper, where a sympathetic prostitute befriends her. After she was rescued by a young Methodist woman, she was placed in a home for abused and trafficked girls. To add to this story, the Nov/Dec 2021 Response has an article about this same Methodist shelter that has evolved to serve its San Francisco neighborhood as Gum Moon (meaning golden door) Women's Residence.

We are using the same book list as last year, and it can be found on the UMW site. Eligible books are from 2015-2022.

UMW site for the above resources:  
[unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org).

If you order books from Amazon, their Giving Page is [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/donations). Select United Methodist Women as your charity and UMW will receive 0.5%.

Hope to see all of you May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Annual Celebration in St. Ignace.

Mary Balfour  
[mjbalf@gmail.com](mailto:mjbalf@gmail.com)  
906-298-0487



## NOMINATIONS

We still need a Chair of Nominations. Is anybody out there good at recruiting women to fill positions? You would have the help of the nominations committee. Get in touch with Patti Steinberg to volunteer!



## NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR

If your church or UMW unit is doing anything unusual and/or noteworthy during the pandemic, please submit pictures with a short caption so they can be included in future newsletters. Perhaps a member of your unit is celebrating a milestone you'd like included; such as, 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, etc.

As always, if you're receiving this newsletter by snail-mail and you now have an e-mail address, please contact me with your info so I can start sending the newsletters by e-mail. This will help save District postage costs. Thank you!

Judy Rost  
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## WEB PAGES OF INTEREST

Northern Skies United Methodist Women  
<https://www.umwmichiganconference.org/nsd/html>

Michigan United Methodist Women  
<https://www.umwmichiganconference.org/>

## PURPOSE

### 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 fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.



## 2021 NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT CELEBRATION IN MENOMINEE



*Judy & Linda at Registration*



*YUMMMMM--Lunch is Served!*



*Morning Treats*



*Patti & Barb take center stage*

*Mary Balfour mans the book table while hubby Jim & Kathleen Kewley check out the books*



*Northern Skies District Leadership Team*



*Guest Speaker Rev. Beth Galbreath*

## **A Thank you letter from the United Methodist Community House:**

Dear members of the Northern Skies District UMW,

You have planted a seed that will change lives for generations and we couldn't be more thankful. Thank you for your gift of \$759.50 to United Methodist Community House!

Things are starting to look livelier around the UMCH facility as we continue to expand safe, in-person services—and receiving your gift of support only added to our excitement.

Your support will help return our child development center to our pre-COVID-19 capacity and continue to grow from there. You will help implement innovative and creative childcare solutions such as drop-in care and family engagement services. And you'll make it possible to provide year-round engagement and support to youth, to serve the physical and emotional needs of older adults, and make fresh food available to families of all income levels in our new Fresh Market.

Through your partnership you are helping to turn challenge into opportunity. You are helping our community envision a future that is better than the "normal" we left behind—and together, we are bringing that future to life. There is a lot to look forward to—and because of your partnership, we know good things are coming.

In so many ways your partnership is a remarkable gift. Thank you all so much!

Eric J Williams (Co-Chief Executive Officer)

Carla Moore (Co-Chief Executive Officer)

Kristin Rahn-Tiemeyer (Development Director)

# 2021 Mission Today Unit Objectives

## United Methodist Women - Michigan Conference

A unit will receive a Certificate of Achievement upon completion of one of the following categories between *January 1 through December 31, to be presented at their Annual Meeting at the following Celebration. Check the numbers completed.*

- Units completing any 8 or more objectives will be a “FAITH” unit.
- Units completing 9 or more objectives, with 8 asterisks (\*) will be a “FAITH” “HOPE” unit.
- Units completing 17 or more objectives, with 10 asterisks (\*) will be a “FAITH” “HOPE” “JOY” unit.
- Units completing 25 or more objectives, with 12 asterisks (\*) will be a “FAITH” “HOPE” “JOY” “LOVE” unit.

### Mission Giving

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. \*Made and met its Pledge to Mission.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \*Became a 5-Star Unit by contributing to all 5 channels of undesignated giving.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Donated to local women’s shelter or children’s/youth program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Offered scholarships to *Mission u* and/or other United Methodist Women activities.

### Spiritual Growth

- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Observed a Call to Prayer and Self Denial.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Participated locally in a retreat, prayer vigil or Bible study.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Attended a District Retreat, Spiritual Day Apart, or Prayer Breakfast/Brunch.

### Membership

- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \*Added one new member from women who have joined the church in the current year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. \*Added one new member not included in above.

### Attendance

- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Invited a District or Conference officer (other than a member of the unit) to one meeting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Had a combined meeting with another United Methodist Women’s unit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Attended Church Women United or other ecumenical group activity.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. \*At least one member (other than conference or district officer) attended a conference *Mission u*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. \*At least two members (other than conference or district officer) attended the conference or district annual meeting/celebration.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. \*At least one member (other than conference or district officer) attended the *District Elected Leadership Training*.

### Mission Education

- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. \*Unit or circle conducted at least one *Mission Study*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. \*Two members completed a *Reading Program Plan* and reported on one of the books.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Participated in but did not complete the *Reading Program*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. \*Used two programs from the *Program Book*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. \*Used the *Prayer Calendar* regularly in the unit meetings.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. Communicated with five persons listed in the *Prayer Calendar*, one from Michigan Conference.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. \*Unit had two members reading **Response** each month.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. \*Unit included a *Response Moment* during its meeting using an article to tell our mission story.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. Unit had one *Social Action* program.

## Mission Action

- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. \*Participated in a District or Conference ingathering project.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. Had a member of United Methodist Women present a mission program for youth or children in the church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27. Had at least one member visit a United Methodist Mission Project and report to the unit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28. \*Had at least one person receive and respond to legislative information from the United Methodist Women's Action Network.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29. Unit or member participated in a workshop, seminar, or book study related to social concerns that stimulated and enriched the total community.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30. \*Unit participated in the *Campaign for Children* in at least two ways. Possibilities are:
- Co-sponsored with the local church, a Children's Sabbath.
  - Involved with mentoring, tutoring or "big sisters" programs.
  - Communicated with representatives advocating for children issues.
  - Attended a school board meeting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31. Made a pledge to care for God's creation and worked to become a "green" United Methodist Unit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32. \*Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice policies in at least one way during the year. Possibilities include:
- Read books and articles about another race or culture.
  - Sponsor an inter-ethnic event between two or more units.
  - Recruit women of color to be members or officers of the unit.
  - Correspond with elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, civil rights, and programs for low-income persons, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33. Sent this completed form to your District Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation by ***deadline date: March 15, 2022.***

This year our Unit qualified as a Mission Today FAITH HOPE JOY LOVE unit. (Circle all that apply)



***Send to your District Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation:***

Beth Clark, 446 Lake Anna Rd., Florence, WI 54121  
clarkbb616@gmail.com

or

Moira Cowling, W8321 Spring Lake Lane, Iron Mountain, MI 49801  
moira5130@hotmail.com



# NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT UMW ANNUAL CELEBRATION

*"BRING LOVE, LEAVE BLESSINGS"*

**Tuesday, May 3, 2022**

**St. Ignace United Methodist Church, 615 US 2, St. Ignace**

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Faith Fowler**

The cost of this UMW District Celebration is \$15 per person including lunch. Reservations are required in order to have an accurate count for lunch. Registration deadline is April 4. Please send ***one registration form for each person attending*** along with payment to Judy Misner at W2573 Association Rd., St. Ignace, MI 49781 and make check payable to Northern Skies District UMW. Suggestion for those who want overnight accommodations is Quality Inn in St. Ignace, phone 906-643-9700. If you need directions to the Church, contact Linda Maiullo at 313-580-1271.

Registration and refreshments: 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Praise music: 10:15 Meeting: 10:30 Lunch: 12 noon

Program, Memorial Service, and Communion: 1 p.m.

**\*\*All times are Eastern Daylight Savings Time\*\***

Suggested ingathering items for God's County Cooperative Parish: Socks, underwear, sweatshirts and sweatpants – all sizes, kids and adults.

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**\*\*REGISTRATION FORM (ONE PER PERSON, PLEASE)\*\***

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MY CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUEST DAYCARE: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*DISTRICT LEADERSHIP MEETING\*\***

**MONDAY, May 2, 2022 at 6 p.m.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

DINNER: Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ LODGING: Yes/No: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT UMW 2021 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Please return the names of new and deceased members no later than March 15, 2022 to:

Wendy Mulka, Membership/Nurture and Outreach Coordinator  
580 N Riverhills Rd  
Kingsford, MI 49802  
906-774-8387

Name of Local Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Person Submitting Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Members deceased between January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

Name	
Name	
Name	
Name	
Name	
Name	

New members acquired between January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

Name	
Name	
Name	
Name	
Name	
Name	

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN GREATER DETROIT DISTRICT



**Mission Workshop**  
**Saturday, March 12, 2022**  
**9:30 AM\***



**Ms. Laura Witkowski**

Associate Director for Lay Leadership Development  
Michigan Conference  
The United Methodist Church

### **“Identifying Your Spiritual Gifts To Lead”**

\*We are to starting a little earlier. This will be an interactive session so be prepared to break out into small groups and have a notebook handy!

**This gathering will be online.** Once registered, you will receive a Zoom link to participate. **ONLY THOSE REGISTERED WILL RECEIVE THE LINK.** The program will be sent with the link.

To register, send the following information to Kristine Miranne: [kristine.miranne1921@gmail.com](mailto:kristine.miranne1921@gmail.com) by March 9, 2022:

1. Name
2. Church affiliation, if any
3. Email address

Please note, there is **NO** charge for this event, but a \$15.00 donation is requested. Funds will be used to support the Greater Detroit District mission pledge. Remittances by check can be made to:

Greater Detroit District United Methodist Women  
c/o Mrs. Viola Jones, Treasurer  
3975 Cornerstone Dr.  
Canton, MI 48188

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We also accept:

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Any questions? Contact Jeanette Harris at [jharris48@yahoo.com](mailto:jharris48@yahoo.com)

## UPCOMING EVENT

**April 1-2, 2022**

**Spiritual Life Retreat**

**Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Bernie W. Daniels**



Core Leadership Team at [Shekinah](#), Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Founder, Senior Leader at [Soterios Ministries, Inc.](#)

Registration Information will be sent out once arrangements are complete with the Lake Huron Conference Center

## 2022 UMW NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Honorary President:** Bron Harmon, cell 906-420-2943, dfebron@gmail.com

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**President:** Patti Steinberg, 142 Indian Lake Dr, Crystal Falls, MI 49920, 906-367-2128, pattisteinberg@gmail.com

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**Newsletter:** Judy Rost, W4768 No. 14.5 Lane, Wallace, MI 49893, 906-788-4771, jrost@alphacomm.net

**Nominations Chairperson:** OPEN

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**Conference Nominating Committee:** Patti Steinberg, 142 Indian Lake Dr, Crystal Falls, MI 49920, 906-367-2128,  
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## **2022 NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT UMW CALENDAR**

March 2	Ash Wednesday
March 13	Daylight Savings Time begins
March 15	Local Reading Lists due to Mary Balfour
March 15	Deceased and New Member form due to Wendy Mulka
April 4	Registration deadline for May Celebration in St. Ignace
April 4	Deadline for items to be included in 2022 Celebration Booklet to Judy M. & Linda M.
April 4	District Leadership Team meeting via Zoom, 11 am EDT/10 am CDT
April 15	Good Friday
April 17	Easter
May 2	District Leadership Team meeting in St. Ignace, 6 pm EDT/5 pm CDT
May 3	Annual Celebration in St. Ignace, registration @ 9:30 am EDT/8:30 am CDT
May 8	Mother's Day
May 30	Memorial Day
June 19	Father's Day
July 4	Independence Day
July 15	Newsletter deadline to Judy Rost
August 31	District Leadership Team meeting via Zoom TBA
October 7	District Leadership Team meeting in Manistique TBA
October 7-8	Spiritual Growth Retreat in Manistique