



NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Fall – Winter 2019

PRESIDENT

SO many celebrations of the United Methodist Women's 150th Birthday!! Let's continue to celebrate our Legacy to women, children and youth that our foremothers began. Many of your units have sent in money to the Legacy Fund to ensure our MISSION continues for years to come. Hooray!!

As your president, I've been on the move...visiting Local Units in Gwinn, Menominee, Iron Mountain, Crystal Falls and Rockland, with another meeting scheduled for September in L'Anse. It's thrilling to see the different ways the United Methodist Women reach out to their local communities.

Also, in my capacity as your president I'll be traveling to meetings for the District UMC Church, Conference UMW, and Mission u. At some point you may want to make an effort to get to Mission u in Gaylord on October 21 and 22. It's inspiring and uplifting and, did I say inspiring?

The Spiritual Growth Retreat was a time to reflect on our Covenant with God. I challenge you to memorize the Covenant Prayer on page 607 of our United Methodist Hymnal. When we say, "God is good. All the time," we don't just mean when things are going our way or when we're healthy and happy. GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME.

I'm planning on seeing all of you at our Northern Skies District Celebration at Gwinn United Methodist Church on Tuesday, October 8. Remember now that we're ONE Conference our reports are due at the end of the year...not in September. The Local Officers report can still be mailed to Bobbie Sundquist as soon as you have your first fall meeting though.

Reminder: *Our Leadership Team will meet in Marquette at the home of Sharon Rice on August 13 at noon EST.

As always feel free to contact me (or anyone on our Leadership Team) if you have questions. You can text, email or call me!

Have a good and Godly summer and fall!

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VICE PRESIDENT

As we welcome summer (finally), we are busy at work preparing for our fall Celebration marking 150 years of the UMW. This will take place at the Gwinn United Methodist Church on Tuesday, October 8, and we hope you have this marked on your calendars.

We are excited to have Rev. Vicky (Crystal) Prewitt, former TV personality for Channel 6 News, as our guest speaker at this special milestone celebration. The registration sheet is included in this issue and includes important information such as program times and items the Gwinn UMW has requested for the ingathering project. If you are interested in overnight accommodations, call the Model Town Inn in Gwinn, phone 906-346-7901, or the Budget Host Brentwood in Marquette (about 20 miles north of Gwinn), phone 906-228-7494.

Last but not least, Barb Merlo has kindly offered to be the contact person for anyone who needs more specific directions to the Church or local information. Her e-mail is merlomom@charter.net. Wouldn't it be awesome to have representation from every UMW unit in the Northern Skies District at this 150-year celebration? Of course, it would! So, get your registration in (deadline is September 15), and mark your calendar for October 8 to take part in what we

think will be an exciting speaker with a powerful presentation and a day of fun fellowship you won't want to miss. We are looking forward to seeing YOU there!

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**NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT CELEBRATION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019
GWINN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15
(See attached registration form)**

SECRETARY

Type UMW into your Google search engine & it is amazing what you will find. We are the largest denominational, women of faith organization IN THE WORLD with 800,000 members. On March 23rd, our Annual Day of Giving, records were shattered with almost \$500,000 donated to UMW's Legacy Fund. The list of recent activities UMW has been involved in is remarkably diverse.... from providing support to Sri Lanka's war widows to assisting immigrant families at our border to providing birthday cakes to children living in poverty in Florida.

Part of the reason we can be involved in so many ways & in so many places, is organization & communication. It's mundane & boring to have to fill out forms indicating names, contact info, & number of members at the local level, but that is how we can communicate with each other which leads to meaningful change & assistance.

So, when you fill out the **contact information** found in this newsletter, be proud (...yet humble) of all we have done & will continue to do "through participation in the global ministries of the church."

Thanks!

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TREASURER

Hope you are all enjoying your summer "vacation"! Summer is a slow time for the district treasurer, as most groups do not meet during the summer, so there are very few checks being sent in to me. But since it is a slow time, it is a good time to remind you of a few important bits of information.

First of all, things have gone pretty well for the first six months of our new conference. Just remember to make all checks out to "Northern Skies District UMW." If you are contributing to the Legacy Fund, you need to send that money directly to the UMW New York office. The address can be found on the UMW website (www.unitedmethodistwomen.org). If you need help with the details, let me know.

Please be sure to include the proper remittance form with all money sent in. The forms are available on the website under "Treasurer's Resources." If you don't have access to the online forms, let me know & I can send you a form so you can make copies.

With the new conference comes a change in our accounting year. What this means is that you can send money in to me until Dec 31st and it will count for 2019. So, we will not be awarding 5-star unit certificates for 2019 until our annual meeting in October of 2020. To be a 5-star unit, you need to contribute money in all 5 categories (Pledge, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, and World Thank Offering). Please feel free to contact me if you are not sure of the status of your group's giving.

In this newsletter, you will find a pledge form for 2020 giving. Please fill it out and send it to me by September 1st. Together we can join with other UMW members to continue our mission of making a difference in the lives of women, youth and children in our own localities and around the world.

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Thanks to all who attended our Spiritual Growth Retreat in May! Next year's date is May 1st – 2nd. I hope you will make a note and try to attend.

Our opening prayer at the Spiritual Growth Retreat was: “Heavenly Father, we thank you for today. We want to acknowledge you created us to live in covenant with all that is holy. Help us to be aware of your covenant with us so that we will transform ourselves, our communities and even the world. Help us to model God’s covenantal community and work to bring for healing and reconciliation in the midst of pain and suffering.”

God made a covenant with Noah in Genesis 9:9-11: “I am now setting up my covenant with you, with your descendants, and with every living being with you—with the birds, with the large animals, and with all the animals of the earth, leaving the ark with you. I will set up my covenant with you so that never again will all life be cut off by floodwaters. There will never again be a flood to destroy the earth.”

The covenant includes not only God and Noah’s family, but “every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” Realizing the covenant is everlasting and is with all living creatures, we should begin to re-image who our neighbors are. Our definition of neighbor could be expanded to include plants, animals, land, soil, mountains, oceans, and streams.

To be in a covenantal relationship with all of life and also to live a life of wholeness and abundance we need to acknowledge our interconnectedness, especially now when climate change is revealing the global impact of our actions.

The Genesis 9 covenant shows the biblical basis for a theology of creation care. In the biblical view, earth’s creatures and species are to be “stewarded” because: God created them; God delights in them; we depend on them; they are part of God’s larger plan.

Human beings and the earth continue to be under His care. God is the Creator, and we and the whole earth depend upon Him. Humans are dependent on both God and the earth. On God for life and salvation; on the earth for life in all dimensions including food, oxygen, water and space. Then, the earth and all its creatures depend on humans for their wellbeing and survival.

The Genesis 9 covenant is important today because it reminds us of God’s concern for all living creatures. Earth’s life forms exist for God, not just for human use or enjoyment. The creatures have their own right to exist and flourish, because they were created by God. They are God’s, not ours.

Let us strive to exalt Jesus by honoring His covenant with us. We are called and set apart for the purpose of exalting Jesus. We need to exalt Jesus by keeping him first in our life, extend the gospel by sharing it with others, equip ourselves with the word by growing in the word, exercise our gifts for ministry by serving our church and community, and edify one another by uplifting and enlightening not tearing down.

Philippians 2:9-11: “Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

I hope your summer is filled with faith, family, & friends.

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MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE, & OUTREACH

For this year’s District meeting, our Memorial Service will only be recognizing the members who passed between our last district meeting and December 31st of 2018. Please email this info to me as soon as possible.

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NOMINATIONS

No news is good news from Nominations.

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PROGRAM RESOURCES

Remember that you have until the end of December to fulfill the requirements for this year’s reading program. This change has come about to put us in sync with the

former West Michigan UMW Reading Program calendar. When we were joined as one UMW, compromises had to be made by both groups. As a result of this change, certificates for the 2019 reading program will not be presented until our District Annual Celebration in 2020.

Some recommendations for good reading:

Threading My Prayer Rug; One Woman's Journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim by Sabeeha Rehman

This is a fascinating first-person account of a woman who made what she thought was a temporary move to the US with her medical-student husband and ended up making a home here. This is well written and it gives a view of arranged marriage that is new for most of us. (Education and Mission)

Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography; The Faith of the 20th Century's Most Influential Woman by Harold Ivan Smith

I thought I knew about Eleanor Roosevelt, but I discovered I knew nothing about how her life and decisions were driven by her spiritual life. "Her personal faith was focused on Jesus and fueled her commitment to civil rights, women's rights and the rights of all people marginalized in American society." (Leadership Development)

The next two recommendations are Youth Books, but still count!

Ahimsa by Supriya Kelkar (Fiction)

Did you know that during India's struggle to gain independence from Great Britain, Mahatma Gandhi asked each Indian family to give one family member to the freedom movement? This is the story of Anjali and the dramatic changes in her life when her mother decides to volunteer. In the course of this story Anjali is forced to make dramatic changes in her own life, for instance learning to accept the "untouchables" as just other humans. (Missions)

Step to the Plate, Maria Singh by Uma Krishnaswami

This is a story of a determined girl's dream to play softball in California during World War II, a time when Indian immigrants could not become citizens or own land. (Her mother is Mexican and her father is from India). Did you know this was a chapter in our history?

I didn't! Maria is a scrappy girl who knows what she wants and works hard to get it, despite numerous obstacles in her way. (Leadership Development)

I enjoy the UMW Reading Program because I learn so much from the books I read; and being required to read books from all categories, I experience books I wouldn't naturally read. Remember, you can try getting these books from your local library (which has interlibrary loan), our own District Library, downloaded on Kindle, or from other books sources.

Next on my reading list is Born on Third Base by Chuck Collins (Social Action) that comes highly recommended by Menominee UMW readers! This book is from last year's list.

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"I Get by With A Little Help from My Friends" The Beatles

What do you do when a friend has to have cancer treatment?

Four friends of mine from the Menominee church came to Cancer Care in two-hour shifts during my chemo treatments. We talked, laughed, and had snacks. My treatments lasted all day and the friend on the last shift drove me home. This gave my husband a well-deserved break and some time to do errands or whatever he needed to do. What would have otherwise seemed like an endless day became something I ALMOST looked forward to! Not everyone may want to have a chemo cadre like I had, but if this is something you can see yourself doing, make the offer.

Mary Balfour

DISTRICT REPORTING DEADLINES CHANGED AT THE CONFERENCE LEVEL

The Michigan Conference changed the Mission Today, 5 Star Giving and the Reading Program to report on a calendar year, January 1 to December 31. The change took effect on January 1, 2019.

What that means for the Northern Skies District is that you will have the whole year to read, work on your Mission Objectives, and 5 Star Women & Units.

Submissions will be due January 15, 2020; and the awards will be handed out at the 2020 Annual Meeting. We won't have any awards at our meeting in Gwinn because we'll still be in the 2019 calendar year.

Attached is the 2019 Mission Today Unit Objectives for you to use in your 2019 planning.

WEB PAGES OF INTEREST

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

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

If you're on Facebook, there are many pages pertaining to UMW that might be of interest, such as:

- United Methodist Women
- Michigan Area United Methodist Women
- Detroit Area United Methodist Women
- Michigan Conference, Heritage District UMW
- Midwest District United Methodist Women

It's not too late

--to sign up for a Mission u event,
For details go to the conference website
(www.umwmichiganconference.org).

If you have never attended a Mission u event, you don't know what you are missing!! I am confident that if you come you will truly feel that it was money well spent.

It is an expectation that ALL district officers WILL attend Mission u -- if you haven't registered yet, please do so as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing ALL of you at one of these locations. May your summer be filled with rest and sunshine.

Linda Darrow
President - Michigan Conference United Methodist Women

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Mary & Jim Balfour who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June. Cake & punch were served after Church to the delight of all sweet tooths! Mary is the current District Program Resources Coordinator.



Jim gives a "thumbs up" to 50 years of wedded bliss!



150-YEAR CELEBRATIONS & UMW SUNDAYS AROUND THE DISTRICT

CRYSTAL FALLS UMW



*Patti Steinberg, District President, &
Cheryl Peterson, Crystal Falls UMW President*

GWINN UMW



*Patti Steinberg, District President,
& Barbara Merlo, Gwinn UMW President.
Patti spoke on the history of UMW at their
celebration.*

IRON MOUNTAIN TRINITY



*Joyce Erickson, Iron Mountain Trinity UMW President,
& Patti Steinberg, District President*



Iron Mountain Trinity's 150-yr Celebration in June

MANISTIQUE UMW



*Manistique First had quite a turnout
of women for their UMW Sunday*

MENOMINEE UMW

The Menominee unit celebrated UMW's 150-year-old birthday by holding a super-hero party on May 21st. Members participated in traditional birthday party games including dropping clothes pins in a milk bottle, egg relay races, swinging at a pinata, and unwrap-the-present musical chairs. Our special guest was Patti Steinberg. Bobbi Sundquist made capes for each of us, and members colored their own masks. We're reminded that UMW members are truly super heroes for all the service we do for women, children & youth.

- ❖ We say **BAM** to Human Trafficking!
- ❖ We say **POW** to Economic Inequality!
- ❖ We say **ZING** to Domestic Violence!



Menominee UMW sporting their super-hero poses!



*Katrina Marzian & Barb Akins try their skills
at getting the clothes pins in the milk bottle*



*Patti Steinberg visits shut-in
Dorothy Johnson in Menominee*

ONTONOGON & ROCKLAND

The United Methodist Women of Ontonagon and Rockland recognized women who had been members 50 years or more.



*Caryl Miilu, Rockland 50 yrs; Carole Walters, Rockland UMW
President; Bev Clave, Ontonagon UMW President; Helen Manninen,
Ontonagon 50+ yrs; Erma Millard, Ontonagon 50+ yrs*



ROCKLAND

*Patti Steinberg, District
President, & Carole
Walters, Rockland UMW
President*



Rockland's Celebration in June

Items requested for ingathering project at District Celebration in Gwinn on October 8th are for children of the Gwinn elementary schools who have accidents at school, and include boys' and girls' underwear, loose fitting sweat pants or leggings, and socks for boys and girls of all ages. Sizes for kindergarten through 5th grade: Small to 12/14; and Early-On Program: 3T.



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



2019 SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

Covenantal Living



Jane Yeager introduces Bobbie Clift



*Bobbi Clift presenting
"The Mirror of our Soul"*



*Kathy Mallory & Lea Varda
finishing up their quilt*



*Bobbi Sundquist & Norma
Johnson working on their quilt*



*Linda Moon & Kerry Billings
scrutinize their quilt*



*Jane Yeager & Barb Akins present
the Wesley Covenant Service*



*Rev. Chris Bergquist was surprised
her group was almost finished!*



*Patti leads her first board
meeting before the retreat*



Patti plays the piano during the hymns

FOR 2020 LOCAL UMW UNIT PLEDGE FORM

Name of Unit: _____ Amount of Pledge to Mission: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return by September 1, 2019 to:

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Menominee, MI 49858
vlnpno@gmail.com

2019 Mission Today Unit Objectives

United Methodist Women - Michigan Conference

Please print clearly!

Name of Unit _____ District _____

Name Telephone

City State Zip

Email _____

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 the following October. 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. Send this completed form to your District Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation by **deadline date of January 15, 2020.**

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:

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or

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United Methodist Women Michigan Conference Annual Celebration



Saturday, October 26, 2019

**Howell First UMC
1230 Bower St., Howell, Michigan.
Phone: 517-546-2730**

**Theme: CELEBRATING 150 YEARS:
TOGETHER TOWARDS TOMORROW**

Registration Cost - \$16 before Oct. 14, \$20 after Oct. 14

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Program 10 AM to 3 PM

SPEAKER:

Rev. Dr. Jill Zundel

Senior pastor at Central United Methodist Church in downtown Detroit.



**Leadership Training for all District officers will be held Friday afternoon with
a Legacy Celebration on Friday night in addition to the Organizational
Meeting on Saturday. Be watching in *The Voice* for more details!**

Registration Form

- Early Bird Registration **Cost is \$16.00.** Early Bird Deadline is October 14, 2019
Registration postmarked after October 15th and walk-in cost is \$20.00. 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 under the District and the name of the person ordering.** Please list all attendees on the registration form. PRINT name clearly.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM SO IT IS READABLE. THANKS

Name and information for person ordering: _____ Unit _____

District: _____ Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Number of Attendees: x 16/ x\$20 (Circle one) = _____ Amount Enclosed

Make Check payable to **Michigan Conference United Methodist Women**; send check and form (Keep a copy for yourself) to registrar: **Betty Thomas 3339 Moore Street., Inkster, MI 48141 Phone 313-561-4792 Cell 313-929-7920 Email: bthomas610@sbcglobal.net**; **Shirley Chappell, 719 S. Griffin, Grand Haven, MI 49417, Phone (616)846-4197 E-mail: shirley2billchapel@att.net or Dorie Litchfield (2018) 61470 CR 657, Lawton, MI 49065 Phone (269)436-0023 E-mail: creator.dorie@gmail.com**

NAME	CHURCH	UNIT
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_____	_____	_____

Overnight Stay:

- Two hotels – book your own! Ask for Michigan Conference UMW Rate**
- 1. Baymont Wyndham, 4120 Lambert Drive, Howell, Michigan,
Phone 517-546-0712 (free breakfast)**
 - 2. Courtyard Marriott, Brighton-7799 Conference Drive, Brighton,
Michigan Phone - 810-225-9200**

2019 Mission U of the North

United Methodist Women

FAITH – HOPE – LOVE IN ACTION



Making disciples requires living out God's truth in love, so others can see Christ in you!

Date: Oct. 21—22, 2019

Speaker: Pastor Melene Wilsey

WORKSHOPS

Pastor Melene Wilsey, Intentional Discipleship

Randy Hildebrant – God's Country Coop. Parish, Dorothy Frederickson – Baby Boxes

Eric Williams – Methodist Community House

STUDY LEADERS

Rev. Neil Davis: Everyone Attends This Study

Nichea VerVeer Guy: What About Our Money?

Diana Miller: Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission

Location: Gaylord MI, First UMC

For more information or to register, please view brochure \$65.00

Intentional Discipleship...Connect people to relevant Biblical truth of faith, hope and love, through the transforming power of Jesus Christ in word and deed. Explore ways your community, neighborhood, church & your local U.M.W. unit sees, experiences & receives Jesus Christ in this world!

Pastor Melene Wilsey serves New Heart United Methodist Church, an inner city outreach ministry of Saginaw, Michigan. She is a visionary leader that does not let challenges of inner city ministry discourage her passion in creating opportunities and seeing God at work in the lives of others.



Speaker –
Pastor Melene Wilsey

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Celebrating 40 Years of Mission Learning!

EVERYTHING you ever wanted to know about **Mission u of the North** without even asking!

(Attendance at Mission u is by pre-registration.)

WHERE: First United Methodist Church, Gaylord, MI – 215 S. Center St., Gaylord, MI, 49735

989-732-5380 – The church is handicap accessible.

TIME: Registration at 9:00 am on Monday, October 21, 2019 - gathering at 9:30 in sanctuary

Conclusion at 3:30 pm on Tuesday, October 22, 2019

LODGING: The Baymont Hotel has a block of rooms reserved for us with a special price of \$67.99 + tax if register before October 1st using the group ID number of **1015MN**. This is the best price in the area!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **October 6, 2019** Make checks payable to: **Mission u of the North**

(There are no refunds after that date, but substitutions will be accepted.)

SCHOLARSHIPS: Limited scholarships of \$35.00 each are available for first time attendees. Contact the registrar for details. Please also see if your local UMW unit will help defray costs.

DEPENDENT CARE: For the sixth year, dependent care reimbursement is being offered @ \$20.00/day – contact the registrar for details. (Includes children & dependent adults)

RESOURCE TABLE: UMW Reading Program & Mission u study books will be for sale during Mission u. However, it is recommended that study books be purchased (and read!) prior to Mission u, either from District Annual UMW Celebrations or from the Service Center: 1-800-305-9857 or www.missionresources.org

SPECIAL OFFERING: Given to: Outreach Youth Program at New Heart UMC in Saginaw.
Make checks payable to “Mission u of the North”.

WORKSHOPS: Additional learning opportunities include: Rev. Melene Wilsey – “Intentional Discipleship”; Dorothy Fredrickson – missionary from Haiti on the “Baby Box” mission; Randy Hildebrant - God's Country Cooperative Parish in Eastern U.P.; Eric Williams - UM Community House in Grand Rapids;

MONDAY NIGHT PROGRAM: Rev. Melene Wilsey, pastor of New Heart UMC in Saginaw – “Intentional Discipleship”: Creating a relevant message of words and deeds that transforms people. This program will be open to anyone who wants to attend “free of charge”.

IN-GATHERING: Baby items for a community “baby shower” hosted by New Heart UMC in Saginaw.

Bibs, blankets, socks, diapers, infant clothing, wipes

PURPOSE STATEMENT:

To serve United Methodist – MEN and WOMEN – in the Michigan area;

To challenge, involve and commit us ALL in the area of global responsibility.

NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT UMW ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Gwinn United Methodist Church, 341 W. Jasper St., Gwinn, MI 49841

Guest Speaker: Pastor Vicky Prewitt

The cost of this 150th UMW birthday celebration is \$10 per person including lunch; \$3 without lunch. Reservations are required in order to have an accurate count for lunch. Registration deadline is September 15. Please send registration form with payment to Judy Misner at W2573 Association Rd., St. Ignace, MI 49781 and make check payable to Northern Skies District UMW. Suggestions for those who might need overnight accommodations include: Model Town Inn in Gwinn (phone 906-346-7901) or Budget Host Brentwood in Marquette (phone 906-228-7494). For directions to the Church, contact Barb Merlo at merlomom@charter.net.

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

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****REGISTRATION FORM****

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CHURCH: _____

REQUEST DAYCARE: Yes _____ No _____ E-MAIL: _____

****LEADERSHIP MEETING****

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019 at 2 P.M.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

DINNER: Number Attending: _____ LODGING: Yes/Number to a Room: _____

Roommate(s): _____

Five Star Person - 2019

[The 5 Channels of Giving are represented by the 5 points of the 5-Star Pin.]

Give this form and your donations to your UNIT TREASURER. She will send it to the District Treasurer. You will receive a 5 Star pin, which will be presented to you at the District Annual Celebration meeting in September, 2020 (or delivered to your Unit).

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Unit: _____

1. Pledge to Mission - An individual member's pledge to mission is the amount she/he decides is her/his share of the local unit's budget. (A unit Pledge to Mission is the portion of its budget which is set as a goal to send through district and conference treasurers to the National United Methodist Women for support of mission programs beyond its community. The decision about the amount to be pledged is the responsibility of the unit. The remainder of the unit's funds are used for administration and membership development expenses, and for local missions supported by the unit.)

Your Pledge amount _____ (_____ enclosed _____ already given to unit)

2. Special Mission Recognition ("SMR" - minimum \$40) - A gift to mission in honor of any person in amounts of \$40, \$60, \$100, \$200, \$500, \$1000, and \$2000. For each gift an oval gold pin with a cross and a certificate with the name of the honoree and the giver are provided by the National UMW Mission Resource through the District Treasurer. Your local treasurer will fill out a Special Mission Recognition Form with the following information:

Amount of Gift _____ (\$40 minimum) *(Gifts may also be*
Name of Honoree: _____ *made in honor of a*
Send pin to: _____ *group or without an*
_____ *honoree's name.)*

3. Gift to Mission (minimum \$5) - A gift of \$5 or more for mission may be made in honor of any individual, and a card will be provided for you to send to the honoree. Cards available are: Baby, Special Day, Thank You, Thinking of You, Happy Birthday, Christmas, Congratulations, In the Service of Christ, and Peace. You need not provide the name of the individual honored.

Amount of Gift _____ Type of Card Requested _____

4. Gift in Memory (minimum \$5) - Gifts may be made in memory of any individual, in the amount of \$5 or more. Gift in Memory cards, available free, will be provided to send to the family of the deceased. You need not provide the name of the individual or the family.

Amount of Gift _____

5. World Thank Offering - Spontaneous additional gifts can be given in gratitude for God's abundance and in celebration of the joys of life. This is an opportunity to respond to God's grace one time or collect coins throughout the year.

Amount of Gift _____ (_____ enclosed _____ already given to unit)

YOU ARE A FIVE STAR PERSON!

***Don't forget to give your completed form and donations to your unit treasurer—Barb Akins, 717-14th Ave, Menominee, MI 49858

NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

2020 Local Unit Officers

Due: October 31, 2019

Name of Church & Location _____

Number of Members as of September 1, 2019 _____

***PLEASE INCLUDE AS MANY EMAIL ADDRESSES AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID POSTAGE COSTS.**

President:

Name _____ phone: _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email (for newsletter) _____

Vice President:

Name _____ phone: _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email (for newsletter) _____

Treasurer:

Name _____ phone: _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email (for newsletter) _____

Secretary:

Name _____ phone: _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email (for newsletter) _____

Nominations:

Name _____ phone: _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email (for newsletter) _____

Program Resources:

Name _____ phone: _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email (for newsletter) _____

Mission Coordinators

Spiritual Growth:

Name _____ phone: _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email (for newsletter) _____

Social Action:

Name _____ phone: _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email (for newsletter) _____

Education and Interpretation:

Name _____ phone: _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email (for newsletter) _____

Membership Nurture & Outreach:

Name _____ phone: _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email (for newsletter) _____

Please return by October 31, 2019 (or after your first Fall Meeting)

to:

Bobbi Sundquist

N2708 State Hwy M-35

Menominee, MI 49858

bobbiannolsen@aol.com

Thank you so much for taking the time to fill this out!

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2019 Northern Lights UMW District Officers



Northern Skies District

c/o Judy Rost
W4768 14.5 Lane
Wallace, MI 49893

2019 NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT UMW CALENDAR

August 13	District Leadership Team meeting in Marquette, MI, at the home of Sharon Rice, Nominations Chairperson, 12 noon, EST
September 1	2020 Local Unit Pledge Form due to Barb Akins
September 15	Registration deadline for Northern Skies District Celebration
October 6	Registration deadline for Mission U of the North in Gaylord
October 7	District Leadership Team meeting, Gwinn UMC, 2 p.m. EST
October 8	Northern Skies District Celebration, Gwinn UMC, 10:30 a.m. EST
October 14	Early-bird registration deadline for UMW Michigan Conference Annual Celebration
October 21 – 22	Mission U of the North, Gaylord UMC
October 26	UMW Michigan Conference Annual Celebration
October 31	Local unit officers' information form due to Bobbi Sundquist
January 15, 2020	Spring/Summer Newsletter Deadline to Judy Rost
January 15, 2020	Report Mission Today Unit Objectives to Beth Clark or Moira Cowling
January 15, 2020	Report Reading Program Participants to Mary Balfour
January 15, 2020	Report 5-Star Unit/Person to Barb Akins
January 15, 2020	Report In-Remembrance names to Joyce Erickson
May 1-2, 2020	Spiritual Growth Retreat in Manistique