



NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Spring – Summer 2020

PRESIDENT



Since the last newsletter the Northern Skies United Methodist Women have celebrated as a District at our Annual

Celebration in Gwinn, some of us celebrated at the Michigan Conference UMW in Howell, some of us participated in Mission U as we grew in our understanding of the mission of the Church, and ALL of us celebrated the Reason for our Faith, Hope and Love during the Christmas Season.

I presented our Borealis Buddies list at our Annual Celebration, at our District Church Celebration in Ishpeming, and at our District Church Leadership Team meeting. I've been in contact personally with almost all of my Buddies. If you have any questions about ANYTHING please contact your Buddy.

One of our 4 Social Action areas of emphasis this quadrennium is the School-To-Prison Pipeline. The school-to-prison pipeline is a term describing how children and youth of color are rerouted by systems and institutions and funneled away from educational success towards the criminal justice system. Please consider doing the Bible Study found on the UMW website during Lent in your local units.

(<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/school-to-prison-pipeline-bible-study>)

The part I love about visiting your local meetings is seeing how much ALIKE we are in our Mission to serve Women, Children and Youth. The UMW embodies the commandments of Jesus to: 1) Love HIM & 2) Love thy Neighbor. Keep doing what you're doing in the name of Jesus. I'll see you at our Spiritual Growth Retreat May 1 and 2 in Manistique.

Have a good and Godly rest of the winter and spring!

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Northern Skies President Patti Steinberg & Northern Waters President Susan Wirgau celebrating 150 years of UMW at the Michigan Conference UMW Celebration in Howell, MI



VICE PRESIDENTS

Greetings from the Eastern UP.
Since this is the first newsletter of

2020, we want to be sure that you have marked your calendar for October 6 so you will not miss the 2020 Northern Skies District UMW fall celebration. This year we will meet in Menominee and hope everyone from one end of the UP to the other will come together to "meet in the middle" for a day of happy fellowship and to hear our scheduled speaker, Beth Galbreath. You will not want to miss the unique way she delivers her message through storytelling. Watch for the fall/winter newsletter that will include more information and the registration form. We would like to extend a special note of thanks to the ladies of Gwinn UMW for the wonderful job they did hosting the 2019 celebration. They were so organized and helpful!

Oh, and did we mention the matching purple T-shirts they all wore which made it so easy to find "help" when it was needed? The program was well-attended and



Gwinn UMW in their purple T-Shirts

included a delicious luncheon, special talent and an inspiring spotlight speaker, to name a few. It was a fun learning experience for us as we planned our first event, and

we appreciate all of the helpful suggestions we received along the way.

It is never too early to ask each UMW unit to prayerfully consider hosting the 2021 fall celebration. If you would like to know more about being a host Church, please call Judy or Linda for further information. We also would like to hear from you if you ever have any questions, suggestions or comments regarding the Northern Skies District UMW fall celebration.

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SECRETARY

Do you like a challenge? Me neither. At 73, I'm not very computer literate; my mind wanders, and word retrieval can be a real issue. So, when I

agreed to the UMW District Secretary position, my sister commented that it was surprising I had agreed to it! Lucky for me, she has also offered to help with the computer charting required for recording the local UMW officer information. Patti, our president & former secretary, has also done some rescuing in the "remember what happened" department. A challenge is easier to handle when you get lots of support!

I appreciate the UMW units that sent me their Local Unit Officers forms. That ensures that newsletters & other information are sent to the right people at the right address. Getting current e-mail addresses is very helpful as well. If you forgot or misplaced the 2020 Local Unit Officers form or if any information has changed, please get in touch with me at 906-864-9337 or e-mail me at bobbinnolsen@aol.com.

Putting things in perspective, our beloved church and fragile world are facing REAL CHALLENGES in the year ahead. There is the recognition that many of our local units face challenges. We continue to work supporting missions here at home & around the world, even when our personal lives present their own set of challenges. As individuals we can feel powerless. Sharing information, keeping communication open and providing support to one another can help make these challenges just a little more manageable. Congratulations in all that you are doing, despite the challenges!

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TREASURER

As we begin our second year as the Michigan Conference of UMW, there are a few things I want to mention to unit treasurers. First of all, a "Thank you!" for doing this important job for your local unit. Some of you were new to the job this year, and I am glad you called or e-mailed me when you had questions.

If you have not been using the Remittance form each time you send in money, please be sure to start doing so. The form can be downloaded from the UMW website as follows:
<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/treasurers>.

If you send in Special Mission Recognition funds, you need to send an additional form for that as well. That form can also be downloaded from the UMW website. If you aren't able to download and print the forms, I will be happy to send you a copy so that you can make copies for your use.

One other reminder—if you want cards for Gift to Mission or Gift in Memory, you must request them. (Gift to Mission: one card for every \$5 contributed; Gift in Memory: one card per person honored)

This year also marked a transition to a Jan-Dec recording period, and that proved to have some hitches. I received several checks later in December for 2019 contributions. Because this was the first year on the new schedule, I am crediting those contributions to

2019 if they were necessary for your 5-star unit giving. Because we had to have all of our year-end reports and remittances to our conference treasurer by Dec 5, I was not able to deposit the checks until January of 2020. So please remember for this year to send all remittances to me by November 30 in order for them to be credited for 2020. I won't be making allowances for late checks as I did this year.

If you are a brand-new unit treasurer in 2020, please be sure to contact me so I have your contact information. As always, any of you are encouraged to contact me by phone or e-mail anytime you have questions about any aspect of your job. I am including all of my contact info below in case you don't have it.

Keep up the good work in 2020!

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH



"Peace"

As the world is now, I'm sure we all think we will never have peace! We have wars and rumors of wars, divisions both near (maybe within our family) and far (almost the whole world). And, to further point out the bad news, it has been that way since time began.

The good news (Gospel) is God has given us His word in the Bible on how we can have peace. Peace isn't the absence of conflict and peace doesn't just happen – we have to strive for it.

Peace by focusing on God's promise as in Genesis when he promises Abraham a son.

Peace takes priority over conflict as in Numbers when the Israelites turned from Edom (instead of fighting) when the Edomites refused passage through their territory. Or in Joshua when Phinehas was prepared to negotiate rather than fight when the tribes of Reuben, Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh built an altar at the Jordan River. Instead of doing battle right away, he led a delegation to learn the truth and found instead of an altar for heathen sacrifice it was a memorial only.

Making peace can be harder work than waging war but it results not in death but in life and happiness.

Peace through obedience as in Asa's reign told in 2 Chronicles as Asa obeyed God and broke down the foreign idols and high places and did what was right in the sight of the Lord.

Peace from hard work. David explains in Psalm 34:14 to depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. David said we are to seek and pursue peace since a person who wants peace cannot be argumentative and contentious. Peaceful relationships come from our efforts at peacemaking.

Peace made quickly as Jesus taught when he said when you are offering your gift to the altar and remember your brother has something against you to first be reconciled to them before you bring your gift to the altar; come to terms quickly with your accuser.

Peace within ourselves with confident assurance. Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Peace comes from faith in God because He alone embodies all the characteristics of peace. To find peace of mind and peace with others, you must find peace with God.

Could following these things bring peace to the world? Could it bring peace within a broken family? Could it bring peace to a church facing division?

Sure, these things would! And it would bring peace because it is God's word to us. If peace doesn't happen in the world, we can at least explore these things so we can have peace within ourselves and peace with God. Blessings and peace to you.

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August, 2019, District Meeting at Sharon Rice's

SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT
MAY 1 – 2, 2020
MANISTIQUE COMFORT INN
REGISTRATION DUE APRIL 25, 2020
(See Registration Form Enclosed)

The 2020 Spiritual Growth Retreat registration form is found in this newsletter. Please get it to a person who would circulate it to make sure all ladies are aware of the time and place. It will be in Manistique on May 1st & 2nd and promises to be a great experience. Presenters Dorothy Fredrickson & Rev. Carolin Spragg use first person characterizations of Biblical women and personal stories of call-to-mission and ministry, that invite us to consider how God may be calling each one of us to serve. Dorothy founded and led the Soaring Unlimited project in Haiti for 20+ years and currently works to promote Baby Boxes to meet safety and supply needs for Haitian mothers and babies. Carolin responded to God's call to ministry at mid-life and brings Biblical women to life in dramatic presentation. Real women saying yes to God invite us to discover our call at this time in our life.

Please consider attending the retreat for a great time of faith, fun and fellowship.

Finally, does your UMW group have need of a program for your meetings? You could expand on a subject from the Response magazine or Upper Room or get a program from the program book on the UMW website. Lots of information out there. Hope to see you in May.



**SOCIAL ACTION/EDUCATION
& INTERPRETATION**

Greetings in the New Year. We hope you are staying warm. As we begin the new year, we want to remind you about the UMW's Social Actions Campaign. For the years 2017-2020, those issues are: Just Energy for All, Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline, A Living Wage for All, and End Maternal Mortality. These important issues concern us all, and we as the UMW need to be aware of these. We encourage each unit to explore these issues through your programs. Invite speakers to

speak to your group. More information is available at unitedmethodistwomen.org.

We hope that you are staying focused on Mission giving. Remember to encourage your members to participate in mission study.

Please send in your 2019 Mission Today Objectives, if you have not already done so. This form is available on the website as well. Please get these to us as soon as possible.

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**MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE,
& OUTREACH**

Greetings from Iron

Mountain. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. My favorite part was the big storm and power outage the day before Thanksgiving. I could not fix Thanksgiving dinner the day before. Two of my grandkids could not watch TV or play on their devices so they had to interact with the human beings in their area. There was sledding, snowman making, visiting the horses and cooking on the grill in the snow. What a joy! God gave us horrible weather and a frustrating situation—I loved it!

It is hard getting used to all the deadlines but here they are! I would like all the UMW units to have their membership info updated at the web site by March 30, 2020. If you do not have access to a computer, please mail the information to me at W8021 Oakridge, Iron Mountain, MI 49801 by March 15, 2020.

For reporting the passing of our members in 2019, there is a form enclosed with this newsletter. Please e-mail or mail by postal service to me by **February 15, 2020**. Also included is a form for 2020 reporting due February 15, 2021, for ongoing use during the year.

If you have any questions please call me at 906-774-9279 or e-mail me at erickson64@hotmail.com.

I hope everyone has a great spring. See you in Manistique!!!!

Joyce Erickson
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 906-774-9279



PROGRAM RESOURCES

Reminders for the new year:

1. There are several significant changes to the Reading Program. The UMW will not provide booklets from which to choose books and in which to record what we have read. The last newsletter had a list of the 2020 books, but had no synopsis of their content. If you would like to read a description to help you make a better choice, go to unitedmethodistwomen.org. You will also find a list of the books from 2015-2019, which you can read to fulfill the Reading Program requirements.
2. If you want to wait until the Spiritual Growth Retreat to begin your reading, the District UMW library will be there. However, the District Library will have most, but not all, of the books from the Reading Program. You may also find them at public libraries, local bookstores, or larger bookstore chains. They are also available for your electronic devices, such as Kindle. You might also get them free in eBook format through your public library. Someone did remind me that physical books are easier to share with other members of your unit! (Remember that UMW Mission Resources no longer stock books on the Reading Program lists.)
3. Your Reading Program is over for 2019; and your reading log should be turned in to your local Program Resources person, who then will send it to me. I would like to have local 2019 reports by March 1st. Send to either address listed below. You will receive your certificates for both 2019 and 2020 at the Fall Celebration. I have looked over many of the 2020 books, it looks like some good reading ahead!

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NOMINATIONS

Blessings for the new year from your nomination chair. Let this be a reminder to be asking about and seriously recruiting new potential members for UMW Northern Skies District Leadership Team. The past couple years have been fulfilling but We Need to Recruit. We are still one person short for committee on nominations plus we have some people with terms expiring. Please bring a list of names and numbers of potential team members to our May meeting. Thanks!

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NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR

Welcome to 2020! And, no, I'm not Barbara Walters (or BaBa WaWa for you SNL fans). In order to make our Northern Skies District Newsletter interesting, we need entries from your local UMW units with pictures if possible. If you've had any activity in your unit (150-yr birthday celebration, UMW Sunday, rummage sale, group bungee jumping, etc.) please submit articles and pictures to me. We'd love to share in your fun.

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!

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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/>



Bobbi Sundquist as Super Hero

2019 NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT CELEBRATION IN GWINN



Rev. Vicky Prewitt was the Keynote Speaker



Barb Akins as Super Hero



District President Patti Steinberg



*Conference Officers Linda Darrow, Simmie Proctor & Diana Miller
Displaying UMW Michigan Conference Banner*



Jane Yaeger as Super Hero



Barb Akins sharing her talents



Northern Skies UMW District Officers



*Judy Misner & Linda Maiullo
whose hard work paid off with a
successful 2019 Celebration!*



*Beautiful Northern Skies UMW District Banner
Designed by Sharon Rice*



Patti, Judy & Linda at Registration Table



Gwinn's Beautiful Alter



Rev. Vicky, Mary Balfour & Kathy Mallory



Rev. Vicky Prewitt & Rev. Ronald Fike



Gwinn's Great Bulletin Board honoring UMW's 150 years

2019 UMW NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT BOARD

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Conference Nominating Committee: Patti Steinberg (see info above)



2020 Northern Skies UMW District Officers

2020 NORTHERN SKIES UMW DISTRICT BOREALIS BUDDIES



Local UMW units have been assigned a **Borealis Buddy** to inform them of activities and meetings within the District. Please contact your buddy with any questions.

CHURCH/UNIT	BOREALIS BUDDY	BUDDY'S PHONE NUMBER	BUDDY'S e-mail ADDRESS
Calumet, Germfask, Gwinn, L'Anse, Lake Linden, McMillan	Barb Akins	906-863-7387	vlnpno@gmail.com
Gladstone Memorial	Deb Cavalieri	906-228-7711	madrecav@gmail.com
Bergland, Ewen, Hulbert Tahquamenon, Paradise, Wakefield	Beth Clark	715-696-3773	clarkbb616@gmail.com
Iron Mountain First, Iron Mountain Trinity, Quinnesec	Moira Cowling	906-774-5130	moira5130@hotmail.com
Bark River, Hermansville First, Norway Grace, Republic, Woodland	Joyce Erickson	906-774-9279	erickson64@hotmail.com
Emmett County New Hope, Mackinaw City/Straits, St. Ignace	Linda Maiullo	313-580-1271	maiullol@aol.com
Algonquin, Cheboygan St. Paul's, Sault Ste. Marie Central	Judy Misner	906-643-7191	auxchenes2@gmail.com
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Greenland, Ontonagon, Rockland St. Paul's	Bonnie Picotte	906-884-4523	yogibo@charter.com
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Escanaba Central, Painesdale Albert Paine, Stephenson	Judy Rost	906-788-4771	jrost@alphacomm.net
Amasa Grace, Crystal Falls Grace, Grand Marais, Ironwood Wesley, Manistique First, Pickford, Sidnaw, White Pine, Zeba	Patti Steinberg	906-367-2128	pattisteinberg@gmail.com
Engadine, Escanaba First	Bobbi Sundquist	906-864-9337	bobbiannolsen@aol.com
Menominee First, Mohawk- Ahmeek, Munising, Newberry, Trenary	Jane Yaeger	906-290-1884	jyaeger210@gmail.com

NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT UMW 2019 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Please return the names of new and deceased members no later than February 15, 2020 to:

Joyce Erickson, Membership/Nurture and Outreach Coordinator

W8021 Oakridge

Iron Mountain, MI 49801

906-774-9279

Name of Local Unit: _____

City: _____

Person Submitting Information: _____

Members deceased between January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

Name	
Name	
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New members acquired between January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

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Spiritual Growth Retreat May 1-2, 2020

Comfort Inn, Manistique, MI

“God Calls Real Women”

Presenters: Dorothy Fredrickson & Rev. Carolin Spragg

Using first person characterizations of Biblical women and personal stories of call to mission and ministry, Dorothy and Carolin invite us to consider how God may be calling each one of us to serve. Dorothy founded and led the Soaring Unlimited project in Haiti for 20+ years and currently works to promote Baby Boxes to meet safety and supply needs for Haitian mothers and babies. Carolin responded to God's call to ministry at mid-life and brings Biblical women to life in dramatic presentation. Real women saying yes to God invite us to discover our call at this time in our life.

Please make copies of this registration form for each person attending, and send a check payable to Northern Skies District UMW by Sat. April 25th to:

Jane Yaeger, 1610 36th Ave. Apt. 6, Menominee MI 49858

Questions? - call Jane at 906-290-1884 or email: jyaeger210@gmail.com

Friday, May 1st, Registration: 5:00 p.m. EST

****Again, if you are attending for the first time, you get one half off!!****

Name _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Full Address _____

Church You Attend _____

Amount Enclosed* _____

*First time attendees get one half off

Persons to a room: ☐ one person = \$100 ☐ two persons = \$70 each

☐ three persons = \$65 each ☐ four persons = \$60 each

Please choose your Friday night meal (served at 6 p.m. EST): ☐ Fish, rice pilaf, vegetable OR ☐ Chef salad, bread

Roommate(s) _____

☐ handicap accessible room = first floor

☐ no lodging needed: meals only = \$33

2020 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. Sent this completed form to your District Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation by ***deadline date: February 1, 2021.***

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

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Northern Skies District
c/o Judy Rost
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Wallace, MI 49893

2020 NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT UMW CALENDAR

February 15	Deceased Member Form Deadline to Joyce Erickson
February 26	Ash Wednesday
March 1	2019 Reading Program data to Mary Balfour
March 8	Daylight Savings Time Begins!
March 15	Membership info to Joyce Erickson if no access to website
March 30	Membership info updated on website
April 12	Easter Sunday—Rejoice!
April 25	Registration Deadline for Spiritual Growth Retreat to Jane Yaeger
May 1	District Leadership Team Meeting at the Comfort Inn, Manistique, MI, 2:30 p.m. EST
May 1 – 2	Spiritual Growth Retreat at the Comfort Inn, Manistique, MI
July 15	Newsletter Deadline to Judy Rost
August	District Leadership Team meeting—Date, Time & Place TBD
October 5	District Leadership Team meeting, Menominee UMC
October 6	Northern Skies District Celebration, Menominee UMC
October 19 – 20	Mission U of the North, Gaylord UMC