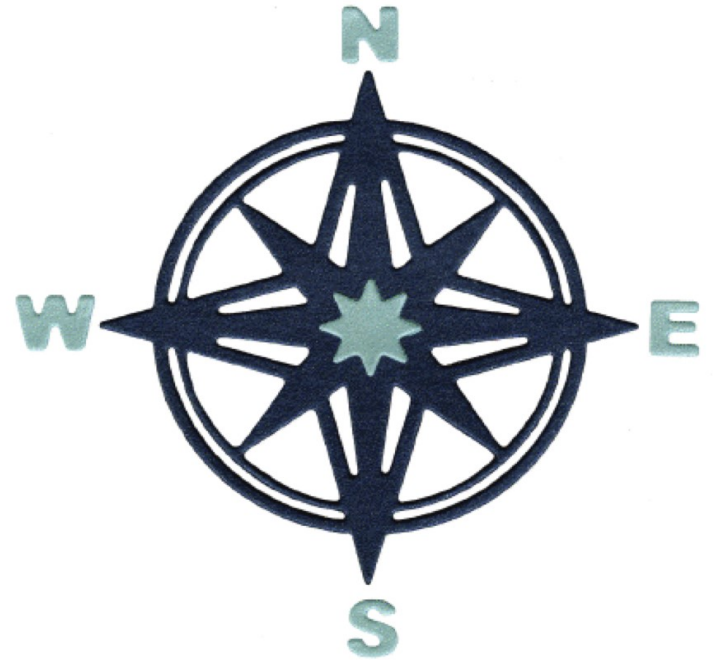
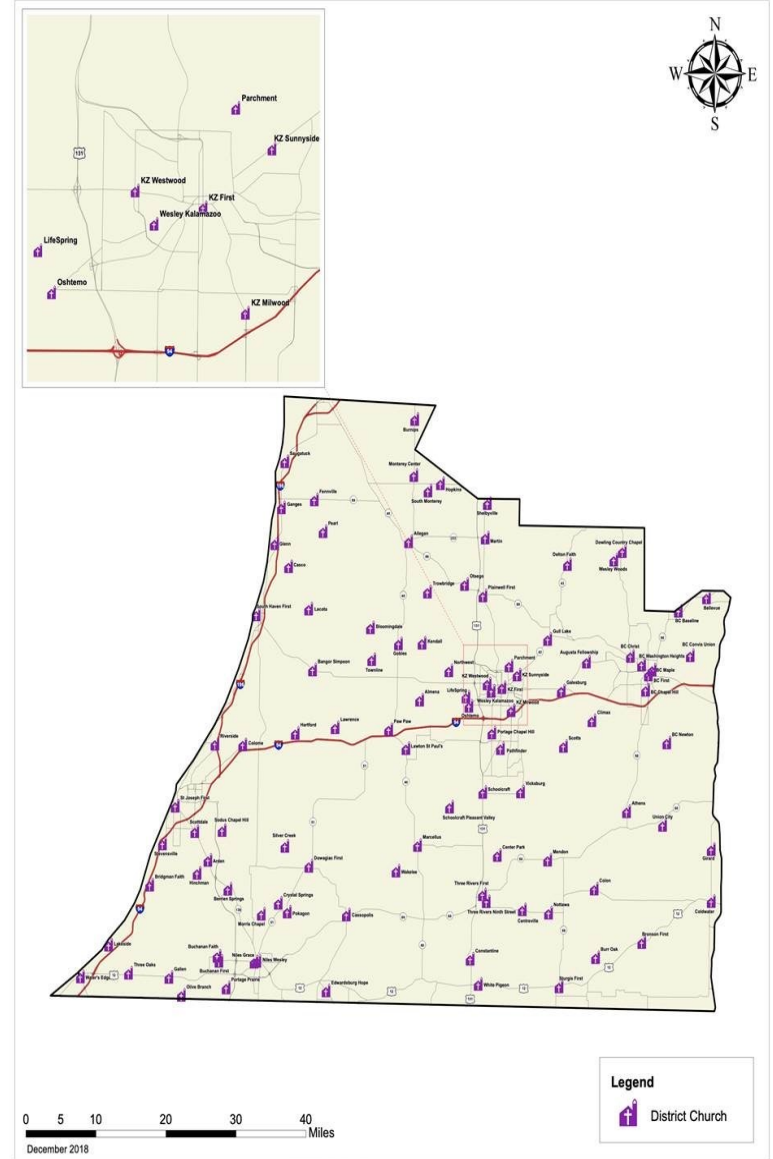


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Notes

The PURPOSE of United Women in Faith

The Purpose is adopted by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church as the official mission statement of United Women in Faith.

United Women in Faith 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.

Out of the Purpose are four mission foci that relate to the mission initiatives and priorities of United Women in Faith.

- To be a community of women
- To know God
- To develop a creative and supportive fellowship
- To expand concepts of mission



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Our New Logo

Our new logo features our new name of United Women in Faith next to a Christian cross in muted yellow, blue, orange and green to **reflect our forward-looking faith and the diversity of the organization and God’s world.**

Our New Mission Statement

United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

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As 2023 moves along we are once again looking at change. Our Greater Southwest District will get even larger geographically as we move from 9 districts down to 7. We will welcome the new churches and United Women in Faith units who will be joining us. We will also be saying good-bye to those churches who are leaving our denomination and any units that decide also to leave. Remember any woman can belong to United Women in Faith, your unit can continue with us or you can contact the district team and be part of a district unit. We will continue “to be a community of women whose purpose is to know God 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.”

Linda Burton Collier, President

Greater Southwest District
United Women in Faith

Calendar of Events 2023

*Details of events will be published in the district newsletter "The Compass" and conference newsletter "The VOICE."
Watch for them!*

March 25 - 9:30- Noon Saturday	Spring Fling—Hopkins UMC
June 22 - 6:30- 8:00 Thursday	Evening of Mission—Union City UMC
July 13-15 Thursday- Saturday	Mission u Retreat at Mt. Pleasant First UMC
September 30 Saturday	District Annual, 9:30-2:30 p.m. South Haven First UMC
October 28 Saturday	Conference Annual Holt UMC

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Members raise up to \$20 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world.

United Women in Faith's principles and values include:

- Promoting the empowerment of women, children and youth.
- Promoting anti-racism and multiculturalism.
- Promoting inclusion and equity.
- Promoting fair labor practices.
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Each year, United Women in Faith members prepare for faithful living and action by engaging in transformative educational experiences at Mission u events. These events are centered around Mission u curricula that are designed to motivate, inform, and enrich our commitment to global ministry.

Join us at Mission u as we explore the good news and what it means for our lives!

Jesus' teachings in the Gospels proclaim the good news of the kin-dom or reign (basileia) of God. In fact, Jesus mentions the kin-dom 90 times in the Synoptic Gospels! What does the Bible tell us about God's basileia and why do we call it the kin-dom? For Jesus, the kin-dom was not simply something to talk about but something we could live and experience. From the Lord's Prayer to the beatitudes to the parables, this good news is at the heart of Jesus' preaching, teaching and ministry.

Come! Let's explore together the heart of Jesus' good news and what fresh vision it offers us as we seek to be in mission today.

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