



# CENTRAL BAY DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

## AROUND THE BAY July 2021

### Co-President

What a year we have all experienced due to COVID. I thank God that we are returning to somewhat of a normal life. After not being able to meet in person for so long it seems good to be able to attend in-person church services and to be able to visit with family and friends.



The District Leadership Team is looking forward to having our September meeting in person and praying that we will be able to have our Annual Celebration and Training in person in October at Mt. Pleasant First UMC.

We are trying to fill the open positions on the District Leadership Team. If you have ever thought about serving on the team, now is the time. We need you. There are many benefits that are provided. Just give Rene Johnson or any Officer a call or send an email and someone will contact you.

In closing I just want to say with everything that is going on in our world today, please show love and kindness to each other. We all grow best with encouragement and love. Let every word you speak, to yourself and to others, be filled with kindness. When we feel love and kindness toward others, it helps us also to develop inner happiness and peace.

Blessings,

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### Co-President

As I write this article, I am looking forward to a wonderful summer with my friends and family. I have planted a garden and am looking forward to the rewards later this summer. At my church, we have begun in-person gatherings and it is wonderful seeing everyone.

At this time, we need to build each other up and be kind and compassionate to one another. We all have been through so much in the past many months and you never know what someone has been going through privately. So please respect others and remember everyone in this community is an essential person and a child of God.

For Mission u information use this website.  
[https://www.umwmichiganconference.org/Mission\\_u\\_2021\\_More\\_Than\\_Meets\\_the\\_Eye\\_Flier-Rev.pdf](https://www.umwmichiganconference.org/Mission_u_2021_More_Than_Meets_the_Eye_Flier-Rev.pdf)

- Available Now: Finding Peace in an Anxious World, edited by Erin James-Brown and taught by Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell at:  
<https://www.umwmichiganconference.org/MissionuVideos.html>
- July 9-10, 2021 VIRTUAL: Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools by Monique Morris. (FREE) This study will be led by Sharon Appling and Rev. Dale Milford.
- August 13-14, 2021 VIRTUAL: Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living Into the Church's Moral Witness Through Radical Discipleship by Darryl W.

Stephens. (FREE) This study will be led by Rev. Kennetha Brigham-Tsai.

- October 18-19, 2021: Mission u of the North, Gaylord UMC – \$70 Payable to: Mission u. Lodging is on your own.

The Annual Celebration is to be held on October 2, 2021 at First United Methodist Church in Mount Pleasant Michigan. We will have two alternate plans available (one or the other) for that day:

- The preferred plan is an in-person event. (with maybe some internet streaming)
- The alternate plan, if we cannot meet in person, is to be presented by ZOOM.

Please consider attending any meetings that you can. All are informative and the subjects are timely.

Please continue to work safe. This pandemic is not completely over, but as believers we know God is in control. We ask for your continued PRAYERS!

Yours in Christ,  
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## Vice President

Our UMW District Celebration is being planned to be in person at Mt. Pleasant UMC on October 2, 2021. We will also have a backup plan for Zoom if the in-person meeting guidelines change by October. Our Keynote Speaker will be Rev. Anita Hahn, who pastors the Midland First UMC. You will find the registration in this publication of Around the Bay. Please join us! It truly will be a Celebration to be in person and to celebrate the work of the UMW.

Always thinking ahead... Mark your calendar for October 1, 2022 when our UMW District Celebration will be held at Midland First UMC with our DS Rev. John Kasper as our Keynote Speaker.

This is my 8<sup>th</sup> year of serving on the Saginaw Bay/Central Bay District team and I have truly enjoyed every minute of it. Our Standing Rules say I have "timed out" but they allow me to serve on Nominations where I will serve in 2022. I'd welcome any of you to join me on Nominations. You will find a fantastic team to support you, and by saying Yes, you will find some great "perks" as a gift to you.

Enjoy your summer, and I'll be looking forward to seeing you in the fall,

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## Secretary

It is rather surprising to acknowledge that 2021 is half over!! (Christmas in six months!!) At the beginning of this year I was asked to move from Social Justice Coordinator to becoming the Secretary for the District Team. This move would help complete the essential slate of needed officers. With some apprehension, I agreed. It would also mean there would be an opening for the Social Justice chairwoman. (See Social Justice article).

I still live in Clare, but I moved to a NEW home. (much smaller, downsized A LOT!!) I am loving my little blue house and living quarters.

Although I am the “new” secretary, the duties remain the same. I am to record the information, ideas and arrangements made for UMW District events, and motions passed. I am part of the “team” that works to coordinate and aid the 83 units of UMW in the Central Bay District. It is super interesting and worthwhile work.

I also am in charge of the Directory for all the active units of the UMW in Central Bay. To this end, I will need the secretary of each unit to send me their undated list of officers, including zip codes with zip code extensions, emails when available, and write (NC) in front of officers’ names if there is no change. You can send this information to me. You can download this form from your email.

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Communication between local units and district is VITAL!! Your knowledge of retreats, meetings, book program, magazines, and conferences (so many opportunities) can be the way you grow in your Christian learning and understanding.

Now, as I finish, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage YOU to prayerfully consider becoming a UMW District team member. I first joined District work when I was a part of the Heartland District, and continued as a member when I became a part of the Central Bay District. I believe I have become a more inspired, thoughtful, and certainly better informed Christian woman because of my involvement at the District level. Maybe this is God’s way of inviting you?

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## Treasurer

I am so pleased to be a member of the Central Bay District for they are so generous in their giving. Even though we were not meeting in person for the Brunch or the Retreat, your offerings for God’s Country Co-op Parish and The Springs still came in. I am pleased to let you know that we sent \$640 to God’s Country Co-op Parish and an offering of \$605 was sent to The Springs Retreat Center. WELL DONE CENTRAL BAY WOMEN!!!

If you are sending a donation to the Legacy Fund in New York, you may send it directly to them at this address:

United Methodist Women  
Office of the Treasurer  
475 Riverside Dr. 15<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10115

If you wish to contribute a recurring amount on a monthly basis, that is possible too. I have a recurring amount of \$18.65 that is taken out of my credit card each month. It is a wonderful way to support UMW for the future.

Whenever you are sending a payment to me, please send paperwork with your check. If you don’t have the proper paperwork, call me and I will send you what you need.

I have one more item to share with you, and I hope it’s not too confusing. It is concerning any SMR (special mission recognition) payments which you will be sending to me. As you know you send me a check for \$40 along with a form which asks whom you are honoring and who is honoring that person. In return you receive a pin and certificate with all that information on the certificate. THAT IS CHANGING!!! I now have to send you a blank certificate by e-mail which you in turn print and

then fill in the information. I've done it ONCE. This is new for all of us. It's going to take time and patience to get use to the new way.

If your unit is back to meeting again now as mine has for the past two months, please consider becoming a 5 star unit by giving \$40 for SMR and \$5 or more in each of the other four categories, which are: Pledge, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, and World Thank Offering. So it only takes \$60 to become a five star unit or an individual may give \$60 and become a 5 star person.

Finally if you, as treasurer of your unit, have any questions concerning what your responsibilities are, please write or call me at the numbers below and I will do my best to speak to your concerns.

Yours in Christ

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## Mission Coordinators for Spiritual Growth

God's Shalom to each of you. Moving forward in the shadow of Covid 19 has presented a number of challenges, but as usual our strong and resourceful United Methodist Women have stepped forward to accept each new challenge and managed to overcome them, one by one.

We held a successful Spiritual Enrichment Brunch in February, featuring our guest speaker Fawn Glassford, who shared her faith walk with sixty women on Zoom.

March still kept us separated. Thus we returned to Zoom to host our Spiritual Life Retreat with forty-four women participating. Our guest speaker for that event was Pastor Debbie Line-Yencer. She wove a great story about her walk with God and then drew us all into the program by having us weave in bits and pieces of our lives with threads of blue, white, black, red and green. We also had a fun scavenger hunt that rewarded five ladies with a fun prize.

We look back on these days with thanks and gratitude for all that we have accomplished (remembering for us that "zoom" was a reference for going too fast). As the year moves forward. We encourage everyone to remain strong in God.

Shalom

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## Mission Coordinator for Social Action



Social Action with Justice! Just those first two words probably can provoke twenty topics leading to twenty more, and when they are followed by "with justice" more aspects and more points of view emerge! Many people feel overwhelmed when bombarded with the social problems of today's world.

The organization of the United Methodist Women came to recognize this dilemma when a plan for addressing social action issues was first developed. ALL issues could not be addressed. Focusing on a few current compelling issues seemed the solution. Even

then the issues themselves may lead to other issues.

From 2020 to 2024 the focus selected for social action issues are: 1. Climate Justice and 2. Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration with a Campaign to Interrupt the School to Prison Pipeline. An abundance of information on both topics can be found at:

*United Methodist Women - United Methodist Women Social Action Campaigns*

At the present time the Central Bay District United Methodist Women team really needs an interested and caring woman to become a part of this committee. These issues are important and have fascinating components. It only takes a small step to help.

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## **Secretary of Program Resources**

Books will be available for purchase at the 2021 District Celebration at Mount Pleasant First UMC on October 2, 2021. Last time I offered Prayer Calendars. I underestimated how many to buy ahead of time. If you would like to insure that you receive a copy, please contact me so I can make a list. I can order Program books as well. I will hold them for those on my list until noon the day of the District Meeting

I also have three copies of "Finding Peace in an Anxious World" available. This was last year's Mission u study book. You can find the virtual Mission u study of this book at [www.umwmichiganconference.org/MissionuVideos.html](http://www.umwmichiganconference.org/MissionuVideos.html) Contact me and we can arrange to

get you a copy. They are \$10 plus shipping if necessary.

Many of you have sent me your Reading Reports for the calendar year, January 1-December 31, 2020. Thank You! Anyone who has not yet mailed this report, this is, as they say, "your last call" to have them included in the 2021 District Celebration Program. Please mail them by August 1, 2021.

Currently your reading log should be from January 1-December 31 2021 and be reported to the "New" District Program Resources person whom is yet to be elected. Until someone is named, I will continue to collect the data.

If you remember, in the past you received in the mail a booklet that gave you the titles and a brief description of the books for the new and upcoming year. You still can find that on the UMW Website. National is looking for ways to conserve mission resources, so they do not print and mail but provide it on website. The website contains a great deal of helpful information in many areas related to UMW. Check it out. The address is <https://unitedmethodistwomen.org>

A change from previous years is that this year's books are the titles for two years, 2021 and 2022. Books still remain current for six years. If you haven't checked the new list of 2021-2022 books lately, it has been updated and more titles available. Check your local library as many books are available and FREE to you.

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## Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach

Greeting to my fellow United Methodist Women members. This has been an exciting year for us all.

I attended the 'Spiritual Life Retreat' via Zoom and the speaker was enjoyable and heartwarming. The music provided by Gena Amos from Ames UMC was nice and refreshing. Everyone did a good job. It is nice to see the outstanding job that the United Methodist Women are doing. The churches and community are being blessed with the good work of our organization.

The Annual Conference this year was also held by ZOOM. All the participants did a nice job, and it was a breath of fresh air to be able to participate. The Bishop delivered an inspiring message as usual, and offered us all some encouraging words.

I received a report from the MN&O Coordinator of the Michigan Conference. She mentioned the book 'Finding Peace in an Anxious World', seems to be interesting food for thought and a good read.

I'm hoping that this pandemic will soon fade away and we can get back to doing things as normal. Judy Gerken will be teaming with me on the D-Zone assignments as Nancy Cline has resigned. I tried contacting Burt and Birch Run UMW but got no response and it seems as though they have disbanded.

*Blessings to you all,*

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## Communication Coordinator

We have managed to be very creative during this pandemic. But we are also hoping to get back to normal. Our Celebration and Leadership Training meeting will be in person this year, hopefully. But, if it is not, our plan B is to have it on Zoom. If that is the case, anyone who registers will be receiving the program booklet by email

In this newsletter we have included the proposed slate of officers. We will be voting on it at our Celebration meeting. We will also be voting on the Central Bay District Standing Rules. They have been updated and are available to review on the CBD section of the UMW Conference website. Check them out at <https://www.umwmichiganconference.org>

We are sending the newsletter by email to those who have given us their addresses. For those without email, we will continue to send you the newsletter by regular U.S. Mail. If you prefer to get it by email and have not given us your address, please send it to me at the email address below.

For those who get this by email, you will notice that many forms are listed separately for you to download and print out. Be sure to select those you need.

Officers please look at the forms that need to be filled out and try to get them in by the deadline, so that your group is recognized for **their great achievements at our next Celebration!!**

Blessings,  
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As chair of Nominations for the Central Bay District UMW, I need help finding women to serve on the District Nominations Committee. My goal is to recruit six fresh faces to our leadership team for 2022 and beyond.

Further, my hope is that those six women will come from every corner of our district. Your voices are important. We need a mix of women who represent racial diversity, a range of ages, who come from rural churches as well as urban churches. We need six women with a heart to serve Christ.

I'd love to see at least one team member from each of our District Zones. So, what do you say, Caseville? How about you, Vassar? Who could serve from Birch Run? Farwell, we could use your input. Coleman, who could you nominate? Tawas, who could you send? You get the idea.

So, what do members of Nominations do?

1. Keep their eyes and ears open around the district to encourage other women to step out beyond their local units.
2. Assist the registrar to check in participants at district events (when we return to in-person events).
3. Assist with taking the offering as needed at district events.
4. Attend leadership team meetings (five Saturdays per year, in-person and by Zoom).
5. Attend district events (Brunch, Retreat and Annual Celebration).

6. Attend Mission and Conference UMW annual celebration.

In return, your travel and registration fees are paid for you by the district. We don't want any woman to feel that she can't volunteer because she can't afford to for financial reasons. We even pay child care costs if needed.

Besides the fellowship and spiritual growth opportunities you are afforded, being on the district team provides you with training and exposure to other wonderful United Methodist Women around the district and conference.

Have questions? Know someone who could serve? Contact me! I'm only a phone call or email away!

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## UMW CONFERENCE ANNUAL CELEBRATION

October 23, 2021  
Westwood UMC, Kalamazoo

The flyer and registration form for this event is not yet available. If you are interested in attending, please continue to check the Conference website at

<https://www.umwmichiganconference.org>  
to get a flyer and registration form.

# ***In Remembrance***



## ***Women Who Have Passed Away in Your Unit***

As a district we would like to take this time to remember the women who have passed away from your unit in 2020. They will be listed in our 2021 program bulletin of the Central Bay District Celebration and Leadership Training event.

**NOTE!** **Submit only names of those who passed away in 2020.** Please submit the names, church and date of death to:

**Judy Gerken by**

**September 5, 2021**

***E-mail [jrgerk@yahoo.com](mailto:jrgerk@yahoo.com)***

Or Mail to: 3300 Sunnyview Drive  
Saginaw, MI 48604

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

I have already received names from these churches:

Auburn UMW	Caro UMW
Cass City UMW	Hayes UMW
Mio UMW	Midland First UMW
Reese UMW	Saginaw First UMW

If your church is not on this list, I will be expecting to hear from you.

2022 PLEDGE FORM  
January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

Unit Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Pledge Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out this form and have it mailed to the District Treasurer, by  
November 20, 2021

Bonnie Dunstan, 5760 Pine Drive, Caseville, MI 48725

*Serving is Loving the Lord*

We are always in need of  
women like you to be on the  
District Leadership Team.

If you would like to serve the  
United Methodist Women by  
being a District officer,  
please let someone on the  
Nominations Committee or a  
current team member know.

We would love to have you on  
the Team!

## PROPOSED Financial Budget Central Bay District UMW 2022

	Budgeted	2020	2021	49,500 2022
Pledge to Mission				
<b>OFFICER EXPENSES:</b>				
100 Postage	500	150	85	500
101 Office Supplies	350	70		350
103 Travel	2500	700		2500
104 Meals	300			300
<u>105 Printing</u>	<u>200</u>			<u>200</u>
107 Audit	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>
TOTAL OFFICER EXPENSES	4000	1070	235	4000
<b>CONFERENCE EVENT EXPENSES</b>				
200 Conference Annual Mtg	500	_____	_____	500
201 Conference Social Action	100	_____	_____	100
202 Mission U	<u>1500</u>	_____	_____	<u>1500</u>
TOTAL CONFERENCE EVENTS	2100			2100
<b>DISTRICT EVENT EXPENSES:</b>				
300 District Annual Mtg	750	100	_____	750
301 Leadership Training	150	_____	_____	150
302 Spiritual Life Retreat	1200	_____	190	1200
303 Shepherds/Visits/DZone	100	_____	_____	100
304 Prayer Brunch	500	<u>1000</u>	140	500
305 Other	<u>50</u>	_____	_____	<u>50</u>
TOTAL DISTRICT EXPENSES	2750	1100	330	2750
<b>OTHER EXPENSES:</b>				
400 Newsletter/publicity (including printing,postage)	1200	380	160	1200
401 Resources: Response & Sampler	2000	1176	768	2000
402 SMR,GTM,GIM	400	_____	200	400
403 Church Women United	100	_____	_____	100
404 Misc	<u>50</u>	_____	_____	<u>50</u>
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	3750	1556	1128	3750
TOTAL A&MD EXPENSES	12600	3726	1693	12600
Contingency	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	13100	4226	2193	13,100

**Proposed Slate for 2022  
Central Bay District Leadership Team**

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## *AROUND THE BAY*

*July 2021*

### **Dates to Remember!**

**Fri. & Sat. July 9-10**  
Mission u (Virtual)

**Fri. & Sat. August 13-14**  
Mission u (Virtual)

**Sat. October 2**  
Central Bay District UMW Annual Celebration  
Mt Pleasant UMC

**Mon. & Tues. October 18-19**  
Mission u of the North  
Gaylord First UMC

**Sat. October 23**  
Conference Annual Celebration  
Westwood UMC, Kalamazoo