

THE BREEZE

UNITED WOMEN in FAITH
EAST WINDS DISTRICT



Co- Presidents

Wishing the United Women in Faith a very Happy and Blessed 2023. God has truly blessed us all to see another year. Dawn Titus and I are very excited to be Co-Presidents. We look forward to leading and serving you in the New Year. Being former Co-Vice Presidents would appear to be an easy transition, but this is a new position for us both and we're not afraid to ask for your help, input, support and especially prayers. We're all in this together as we advocate for women, children and youth whenever and wherever possible.

This year promises to be very Spirit filled as we have planned several trainings, seminars on various topics, meetings, and a host of other special activities that enhance the UWF mission.

Let us continue to pray for each other as we embark on another committed year of performing God's work.

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Vice President

I thoroughly enjoy attending many of the District Meetings and Retreats and have also attended four UMW Assemblies. I am excited to begin my new position, serving as the Vice President of the East Winds District United Women in Faith. I recently serviced as the Chair of Education and Interpretation for 2 years and prior to that, the Chair of Nominations for 2 years.

I have been a member of the Lake Orion UMC for 31 years and was a charter member of the UMW there.

I have always been focused on local and global ministries. The church has always been my "family" as we navigated through our 56 years of marriage and relocating.

Our Mission Team has many exciting events planned for 2023, which will be listed in this newsletter.

Now that many of our restrictions have been lifted, **we need you and other members of your unit** to attend as many as possible in order for them to be successful. Now, more than ever, our world needs women like all of you!

Blessings as you begin the New Year!

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TREASURER

Happy New Year East Winds District United Women in Faith Sisters! I am taking a huge step in faith this year, as I have taken on the position of East Winds District Treasurer. Besides asking for your prayers, I'm asking for your patience, because 6 months of the year I will be serving you from Florida. There may be concerns with the amount of time it might take for your communications to find me, but I'm hoping we can work together well for the good of United Women in Faith.

Every worker is important in our organization as we strive to make a difference in the lives of Women, Children and Youth at home and throughout the world. But somehow the financial part stands out as indispensable. Nothing can be done without the funds to make things happen. So, my PRAYER for you is that you will listen to God's prompting toward the 5 Channels of Mission Giving and supporting the Legacy Fund. And my PROMISE to you is to communicate with you as much as possible so that our relationship is comfortable and helpful. I will be receiving the Local Treasurer contact information from Judy Stambaugh, but, if you're a New Treasurer, it would be helpful if you reached out to me via email or phone to make sure we are connected.

May God add His blessing to our efforts to serve Him well in 2023.

Kathie Abke, Treasurer

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Secretary of Program Resources

Greetings East Winds District United Women in Faith

My name is Becky Laseke and I have been an active member of Romeo UMC for over 20 years, having served on various committees and ministries within our church. The UWF book club Romeo UMC has been active for several years, even during the pandemic. We have found the reading lists provided to us are a good mixture of subject matter.

The District PR chair is new for me so please bear with me as I gather information and get an understanding of my position. I will attempt to contact every UWF unit by email, snail mail or phone. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email is melaseke@gmail.com and my phone is 586-337-1361.

I encourage you to start a book club or reading program in your unit. You can set it up however you prefer, weekly, monthly, whatever your unit is comfortable with.

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SECRETARY

This spring you will have a wonderful opportunity to take a weekend Lay Servant course on March 3rd and 4th at Court Street United Methodist Church in Flint. The courses to choose from are: Basic Course, Preaching, Transforming Community, This Holy Mystery: Holy Communion, and Leading Public Prayer (a personal favorite of mine). Taking a class does not mean you have to speak in the pulpit. That may not be your spiritual gift. These courses are designed to help us to learn to communicate more effectively, become better leaders, to learn more about worship, prayer, Wesleyan traditions, and so much more. Please consider taking a class to learn something new. Registration information will be sent out soon from the East Winds District Lay Servant Ministries team. Hope to see you there!

Cyndy Rossman, Secretary

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READING PROGRAM

Reporting Form

Formulario de Información del Programa de Lectura

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BOOKS

PLAN I

- 5 books each year.
- 1 book from each category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of **response** magazine.

PLAN II

- 10 books each year.
- 2 books from each category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of **response** magazine.

PLAN III

- 15 books each year.
- 2 books from each category.
- PLUS 5 additional books from any category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of **response** magazine.

PLAN IV

- 20 books each year.
- 2 books from each category.
- PLUS 10 additional books from any category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of **response** magazine.

Books can be purchased directly from the retailer of your choice or borrowed from your local public library.

For books on previous reading lists, go to:
uwfaith.org/read

REPORT OF COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

(Send completed form to your secretary of program resources or equivalent according to your conference's schedules.)

NAME:

PLAN CHOSEN:

I

II

III

IV

CURRENT YEAR:

Education for Mission

Leadership Development

Nurturing for Community

Social Action

Spiritual Growth

MISSION EMPHASES

I have completed the required reading for PLAN _____. The books I have read are listed on this form.

LOCAL UNIT

DISTRICT

CONFERENCE

PRINT NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

I have also read **response** regularly.

response Check off the issues you have read!

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2023 Mission Today Unit Objectives

United Women in Faith - 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 District 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

- ___ 33. *Unit or circle conducted at least one *Mission Study*.
- ___ 34. *Two members completed a *Reading Program Plan* and reported on one of the books.
- ___ 35. Participated in but did not complete the *Reading Program*.
- ___ 36. *Used two programs from the *Program Book*.
- ___ 37. *Used the *Prayer Calendar* regularly in the unit meetings.
- ___ 38. Communicated with five persons listed in the *Prayer Calendar*, one from Michigan Conference.
- ___ 39. *Unit had two members reading ***response*** each month.
- ___ 40. *Unit included a *response Moment* during its meeting using an article to tell our mission story.
- ___ 41. Unit had one *Social Action* program.

Mission Action

- ___ 42. *Participated in a District or Conference ingathering project.
- ___ 43. Had a member of United Methodist Women present a mission program for youth or children in the church.
- ___ 44. Had at least one member visit a United Methodist Mission Project and report to the unit.
- ___ 45. *Had at least one person receive and respond to legislative information from the United Methodist Women’s Action Network.

- ___ 46. Unit or member participated in a workshop, seminar, or book study related to social concerns that stimulated and enriched the total community.

- ___ 47. *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.

- ___ 48. Made a pledge to care for God’s creation and worked to become a “green” United Methodist Unit.

- ___ 49. *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, 2023.

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:

East Winds: Sandy Kitts, 5047 N Seymour Rd, Flushing MI 48433

810-625-2124 sbkitts1@gmail.com

2023 Local Elected (or) Nominated Officers East Winds District, United Women in Faith

Please Print in black or type

Name of Church _____ UMW Membership Count _____

Church Address _____

City & Zip Code _____

UMW Meeting Day & Time _____

Please List all officers. Return to your District Co-President no later than December 1, 2020. This information is needed for communication with your UMW unit and church.

President _____ Telephone () _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City & Zip _____

Vice-President _____ Telephone () _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

City & Zip _____

Secretary _____ Telephone () _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

City & Zip _____

Treasurer _____ Telephone () _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

City & Zip _____

Any other officer you may have list below

Officer _____ Telephone () _____

Address _____ E Mail _____

City & Zip _____

If there are other leaders in your unit, please list on separate paper with same information as above.

Please return by December 1, 2023 Linda Moore, 327 Allendale Place, Flint MI 49503 810-233-5070

Thank You for your time and cooperation!

A Letter from your Shepherds

Greetings to all the UWF Units in the East Winds District,

Happy New Year! This is to let you know that your United Women in Faith District Officers are your Shepherds. While our name has changed, our Mission and Vision has not changed, and our ministry for Women, children and youth all over the world is still happening mightily. We all need each other – perhaps more now than ever before, as a “creative, supportive fellowship”. Your District Shepherds are here for you!

Here is some information to help you continue to be the dynamic group of women that you are called to be while connecting with your District for encouragement and assistance.

Our East Winds District Treasurer for 2023 is Kathie Abke. Beginning in January this year, all money (5-Star unit categories, supplementary funds, or other monies that you collect and send to the District) needs to be sent to Kathie. As you all know, each district relies on these funds to continue to do the mission work that is so vital to United Women in Faith. We want to make sure this prayerful commitment to giving continues through 2023.

Upcoming events for our East Winds District are: **April 1 ?** - Keep Making Peace Day in East Lansing, **April 29 – Prayer & Spiritual Growth Breakfast, Burton Christ UMC**, and, of course, our **East Winds District Annual Meeting on October 14th at Port Huron First UMC**. The MI Conference Annual Celebration is October 28th at Holt UMC. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for information and updates.

Here’s a list of Reports for 2023, when they are due and to whom they are sent:

**** Forms found on: UMWMichiganconference.org and The Breeze newsletter**

| Report | Due Date | Send to |
|---|-----------------|---|
| 1. Mission Today Objectives (1/1/23-12/31/23) | Feb.1, 2024 | District E&I Chairperson |
| 2. Reading Program Form (2023) | Feb.1, 2024 | District Program Resources Chair. |
| 3. 5-Star Giving | Nov.15, 2023 | Local Unit Treasurer to send to District Treasurer |
| 4. 2024 Officers | Dec. 1, 2023 | District President |
| 5. 2024 Pledge | Nov. 1, 2023 | District Treasurer |
| 6. 2023 Monies | Nov. 1, 2023 | District Treasurer |

This information is on each form. It helps to have all the forms printed and in order of Due Date.

Your Shepherd would love to come and visit your unit whenever it’s possible or meet together with a group of churches in your Shepherd’s area, to get to know you better, answer questions and encourage you to continue in the great things you already do!

Your Shepherd is listed in this issue of *The Breeze*. Again, we are here for you! Please get to know us, and help us to get to know you.

**EAST WINDS DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
SHEPHERDS LIST – 2023**

#1 Flint Area – Mary Ann Grace – Burton: Open Door, Flint: Asbury, Flint: Bethel, Flint: Court Street, Flint: Bristol/Burton: Christ, Grand Blanc

#2 West Zone – Doris Huntoon and Sandy Kitts – Byron: First/Gaines, Durand: First, Flushing, Lennon, Swartz Creek

#3 Southwest Zone – Sandy Weaver – Clarkston, Goodrich, Holly: Mt Bethel, Lake Orion, Ortonville, Oxford, Seymour Lake, Thomas

#4 Fenton Area – Linda Moore – Fenton, Halsey/South Mundy, Holly: Calvary, Lake Fenton, Linden, and Flint: Calvary and Hope

#5 Clio Area – Mary Allen – Clio: Bethany/Otisville, Genesee/Thetford Center, Montrose, Mt. Morris: First, West Forest/West Vienna

#6 Lapeer Area – Cyndy Rossman – Columbiaville, Davison, Oregon/Elba, Fostoria/West Deerfield, Lapeer: Trinity, Richfield

#7 North Thumb – Judy Chasney and Kathie Abke – Bad Axe: First, Forester/Port Sanilac, Harbor Beach/Port Hope, McGregor, Sandusky: First (Deckerville), Snover: Heritage

#8 Central Thumb – Dawn Titus – Attica, Brown City, Buel/Omard, Capac, Cole/Melvin, Imlay City, Marlette: First, North Branch: First/Silverwood, Yale

#9 Lakeshore – Kay Fuller and Sandy Kress - Applegate/Avoca, Croswell: First, Worth Twp: Bethel/Jeddo, Lexington, Marysville (Central Lakeport), North Street, Port Huron: First, Port Huron: Gratiot Park



United
Women
in Faith

East Winds District United Women in Faith
Prayer Breakfast and Spiritual Growth Event

“A Tour of the Holy Land”

Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Pastor Julia Cramer, will be taking us on a visual tour of the Holy Land. Come and enjoy a wonderful program, breakfast, fellowship, and pick a prayer partner.

Christ United Methodist Church

4428 Columbine Ave., Burton, MI 48529

Please send reservations by April 24, 2023, to: Cyndy Rossman

4273 Grant St., Brown City, MI 48416, Phone # (586)757-5146

Email address: cynrosjam@hotmail.com

Name _____

Church _____

If you are responding for your local unit, how many in your group?

Phone number _____

Email _____

Dietary Restrictions? (Gluten Free?) _____

2023 East Winds District UMW

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CURRENT RESIDENT OR

2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

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| April 1, 2023 | MI Conf Keep Making Peace Day, East Lansing ????? |
| April 29, 2023 | EWD Prayer & Spiritual Growth Breakfast, Burton First UMC |
| May 31-June 3 | Michigan Conference Annual Conference Traverse City |
| August 10-12, 202132 | Mission u of the South East, Lake Huron Retreat Center |
| September 13, 2023 | EWD Team Meeting, Port Huron First |
| October 14, 2023 | District Annual Meeting, Port Huron First |
| October 16-17, 2023 | Mission u of the North, Gaylord UMC |
| October 27-28, 2023 | Annual MI Conf UMW Celebration, Holt UMC |
| November 11, 2023 | EWD Team Meeting |