

# The Compass

Newsletter of the Greater Southwest District United Methodist Women

**August 2022 Edition**

## ***A note from your President***

It is midsummer almost and my calendar is filling up. When you receive this newsletter summer will almost be over. Time flies when you are having fun or staying busy. We just had our district team meeting to plan for our annual meeting celebration on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Otsego UMC and it looks like an exciting day. We will keep the business time as short as possible, hear from United Methodist Community House on what is happening there, sing some songs, and get fired up to move into action as United Women in Faith. Our key note speaker this year is Ellen Harbin. She spoke last year at several district annual meetings and her goal is to make it to all the remaining districts. Her heart is for United Women in Faith and our PURPOSE. Our purpose as United Methodist Women did not change when our name changed to United Women in Faith. We are still a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a create supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. Everything we do as United Women in Faith is because we believe love in action can change the world. Isn't it exciting to think that we belong to a bold sisterhood that can and is changing the world for the better? What we do in our local units, when combined with our districts, our conferences throughout the world, is showing love in action changing the world. God is definitely working through us, each and every one of us, to make a difference and we need YOU. See you at Otsego!

In Service to Christ

***Linda Burton-Collier***

Greater Southwest United Women in Faith President

## ***A Note from the Coordinator for Program Resources...***

Would you like to read a couple of books that fill you with the hope of God and what it can do in someone's life?

*Tattoos on the Heart* by Gregory Boyle is about a priest in Los Angeles who works to help gang members re-engage with society in a meaningful way. He helps them find jobs and supports them in leaving their gang lifestyle and becoming model citizens in their neighborhood. There are uplifting stories, and unfortunately some that will bring tears to your eyes but through it all you can feel God's presence in Greg's life and how that presence guides the path that he takes with these gang members. I enjoyed the book so much that I bought another one written by him.

I read *Rewired* by Ajay K. Seth in just a couple of days! This orthopedic surgeon was led by God to medically support a woman (who was bitten by a raccoon and lost her arm) to become an amputee that made medical history. Dr. Seth thoroughly believed that God was watching over the entire process of his patient's remarkable, faith-filled recovery. There were times when I was reading that I had shivers considering how our omnipotent God's power impacted both doctor and patient in this amazing story!

Both of these books are on the 2022 list for the UMF Reading Program. Enjoy!!

We will be recognizing members who submitted their logs for 2021 at our District Annual Gathering in October.

Submitted by Laura Marlowe

Coordinator for Program Resources

### ***Addition to the Greater Southwest District 2022 Directory:***

#### **Pokagon United Women in Faith**

Pokagon Bible Church  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

[pumcprayerlist@gmail.com](mailto:pumcprayerlist@gmail.com)  
(269) 683-8515

**President/Treasurer:** Bev Bennett, 2656 White Street, Niles 49120  
[bevben01@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bevben01@sbcglobal.net)

(269) 684-8121

**Vice President/Secretary:** Betty Van Lue, 2635 Korn St., Niles 49120  
[Bvanlue3@comcast.net](mailto:Bvanlue3@comcast.net)

(269) 683-6858

**Missions:** Eleanor Martin, 30485 Pokagon Hwy., Dowagiac 49047

(269) 783-9029

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(269) 683-8902



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# One Handle Cloth Bag Instructions Updated 1/2020

Please use NEW Denim, Corduroy, Sailcloth, Med-Heavy Drapery and Light Upholstery fabric.

Please do NOT use Double-knit fabric.

Please do NOT use fabric with the following designs :

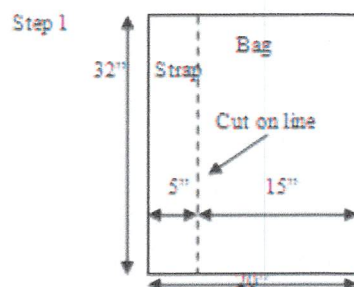
Camouflage, hand prints, foot prints, or paw prints.

## Step 1: Cut the fabric:

Use one piece of fabric 20" wide by 32" long and cut a 5" strip off of the long side for the handle (strap)

OR

Cut a piece 15" wide by 32" long for the bag, then cut a coordinating piece 5" wide and 32" long for the handle (strap).



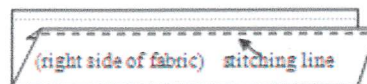
## Step 2: Make the Handle (strap):

Press under 1/2" on each long side of the narrow 5" piece.

Fold in half lengthwise with the right side out. Press.

Sew along the long open edge of the handle.

Step 2



## Step 3: Make the body of the Bag:

Fold the large piece in half with the wrong side out making a 15"x16" bag.

Stitch up the side seams with a 1/2" seam then stitch again for strength.

If the fabric ravels, please zig-zag or serge the edge of the seam.

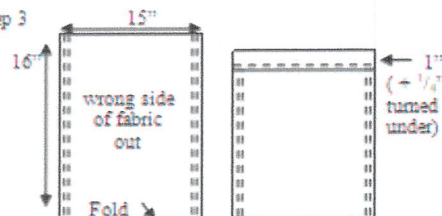
Fold down the top of the bag 1/4" toward the wrong side of the fabric.

Press in place.

Fold it down another 1" and press. Stitch near the edge as shown.

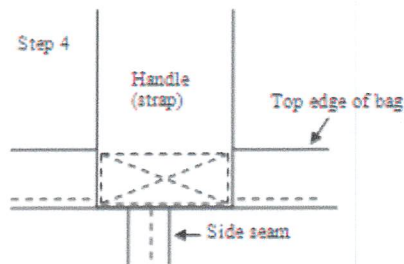
Turn the bag right side out and press.

Step 3



## Step 4: Attach the Handle (strap):

Center the ends of the strap over the side seams on the inside of the bag. Pin in place. Stitch a box around the edges of the strap. Sew an X to the corners of the box as shown.



For questions regarding these directions, call 217-483-7911 or email [office@midwestmission.org](mailto:office@midwestmission.org).





# *4<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Southwest District United Women in Faith Celebration*

*Saturday, October 1, 2022*

*9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

*Otsego United Methodist Church*

*223 E. Allegan Street*

*Otsego, MI 49078*

*Registration and coffee begins at 8:30 a.m.*

**“Be the One – Jeremiah 5:1” by Ellen Harbin**

**Our Keynote Speaker, Ellen Harbin, is a gifted Bible teacher and conference speaker, creatively applying the truth of God’s Word to all of life’s triumphs and challenges. She’s engaging, inspiring and fun!**

*Child care is available, please bring a sack lunch for your child*

**Cost is \$15 per person**

**FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN TO BE DIVIDED  
BETWEEN UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY HOUSE  
AND OUR DISTRICT PLEDGE TO MISSIONS**

## **Memorials**

## **COMMUNION**

***A time for Singing – Celebrating – Reacquainting***



# Memorials for United Women in Faith

Church name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Women's names:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## 2023 UWF Unit Pledge to Missions

Pledge Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## Registration for Annual Meeting Celebration

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Free childcare provided, please bring a sack lunch. Child must be pre-registered.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Register by mail with Cheryl Proctor, 104 Tuttle Park Drive, Sherwood, MI 49089  
Include your \$15 registration fee payable to: Greater Southwest District UWF  
OR

E-mail registration(s) to seldominn\_1@juno.com. Enter "District Annual" in subject line. You may pay at the registration table upon arrival.

If you have questions, please phone Cheryl at 517-741-3125



United  
Women  
in Faith

# Michigan Conference

4th Annual Celebration - October 22, 2022

Westwood UMC

538 Nichols Rd. Kalamazoo, MI

Registration starts @ 8:30 am (EDT)



Keynote  
Speakers from  
Kalamazoo



**Celebrate our accomplishments  
and learn how we fulfill this verse**

**Hebrews 13:2 NIV**

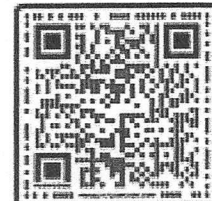
<sup>2</sup>Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

Register online at: <https://my-site-102740-102533.square.site/> or scan the QR Code:

In Gathering:

Personal & Feminine hygiene items:

(pads, tampons, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste,  
Toothbrush, etc.)



## MICHIGAN CONFERENCE 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CELEBRATION

### Registration Form

Send to: Mrs. Donna Blair, 2470 Quail Run, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

dblair@hotmail.com or 269-270-6096

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Officer \_\_\_\_\_ District Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Conference Officer

District \_\_\_\_\_ Office Held \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church and City \_\_\_\_\_

Please check Event(s) attending:

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday Officer Training/Leadership Development, starts promptly at 4 pm, \$6.00 per person

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Celebration, \$18.00 per person

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL DUE

Dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Care Needed? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Name and age of child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Michigan Conference UMW

Send registration and payment no later than October 7, 2022 to:  
Donna Blair, 2470 Quail Run, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Hotel for Friday (Responsible for obtaining own room)

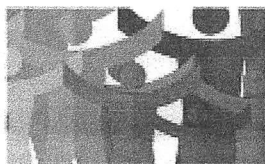
Hampton Inn & Suites  
5059 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kalamazoo, MI 49006  
269-372-1010





**Of the East**  
**Lake Huron Retreat Center, Burtchville**  
 H.O.M.E. August 11 8:00 am  
 August 11-13 (Thursday-Saturday)  
 3:00 pm Registration (EDT)

**Of the North**  
**First United Methodist Church, Gaylord**  
 October 17-18 (Monday-Tuesday)  
 9 am Registration (EDT)



## Who Can We Be Together?

Building Communities  
 of Hope and Joy

### EVERYONE ATTENDS THIS STUDY

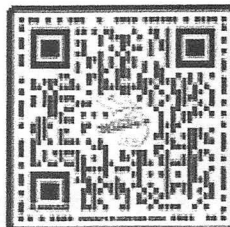


*Who Can We Be Together? A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13*, the 2022 adult curriculum by Candace Simpson brings participants deeper into Jesus' teachings in this chapter of Luke to explore what it means to be in community. As the author notes, "For followers of Christ 2,000 years later, it's important for us to sit with the range of emotions we have in response to these words. It's not easy to build and sustain communities, especially when there are forces that drain us, exhaust us, and even push us to act uncharacteristically. And yet, we are called to act on the most ethical principles of our faith so we can witness the kin-dom of God on earth."

This book is available at: [https://www.umwmissionresources.org/shopping\\_product\\_detail.asp?pid=53516](https://www.umwmissionresources.org/shopping_product_detail.asp?pid=53516)

If you prefer, you can order one to be picked up at the Mission u event that you attend. Please indicate this in the Mission u merchandise section of the order form.

You can register for Mission u online at: <https://michiganconferencemissionu.square.site/> or scan the QR Code



### Study Leaders:



Tiffany Newsom



Ethel Gill



Ruth Sutton



# MISSION U REGISTRATION FORM

This form **MUST** be filled out for Mission u **NO OTHER FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Request: \_\_\_\_\_

## Check all that apply:

### Information:

- ☐ First time attending
- ☐ Conference Officer
- ☐ District Officer

☐ Paid online

- ☐ Study Leader
- ☐ Missionary
- ☐ Laity
- ☐ Clergy

☐ Financial Assistance Applicant

### Special needs:

- ☐ First floor housing
- ☐ Minimal stairs
- ☐ Minimal walking
- ☐ Help moving around campus
- ☐ Sign language interpreters
- ☐ Special dietary needs (specify)

**HOME (Hands On Mission Experience) will take place At Mid City Nutrition Soup Kitchen at 805 Chestnut Street, Port Huron from 8:00 AM-12:30 PM. If you want to arrive the night before, lodging is on your own.**

## Mission u of the North, 1st UMC, Gaylord

☐ October 17-18 (Lodging on your own) \$70

**TOTAL DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Child Care Age: \_\_\_\_\_

This form can be found on the Michigan UMW Website, registration can be paid by check payable to: Mission u or online at: <https://michiganconferencemissionu.square.site/> This link is also found on the website.

<b>Mission u of the East Lake Huron Retreat Center</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> HOME ~ August 11, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM EDT	FREE
<input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> August 11-13 ~ Commute/ Six Meals	\$95
<input type="checkbox"/> August 11-13 ~ 2 Nights/6 Meals ~ 1 per Room	\$277
<input type="checkbox"/> August 11-13 ~ 2 Nights/6 Meals ~ 2 per Room	\$227
<input type="checkbox"/> August 11-13 ~ 2 Nights/6 Meals ~ 3 per Room	\$205
<input type="checkbox"/> August 11-13 ~ 2 Nights/6 Meals ~ 4 per Room	\$183
ALL PRICES ARE PER PERSON	
<b>TOTAL DUE:</b> _____	
Registration due July 31	

## Mission u Merchandise

☐ Study Book Who Can We Be Together? \$11 each

**TOTAL DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Send registrations to: Sally Messner, 124 Boyd Street, Fife Lake, MI 49633,

[mimissionu@gmail.com](mailto:mimissionu@gmail.com)

## **PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR GREATER SOUTHWEST DISTRICT - 2023**

**President: Linda Burton-Collier (2019)**

(269) 793-7340

[lindaburtoncollier@gmail.com](mailto:lindaburtoncollier@gmail.com)

2574 127<sup>th</sup> Ave., Allegan, MI 49010

**Vice President: Laura Smith (2022)**

(269) 330-4640

[smithlaura743@gmail.com](mailto:smithlaura743@gmail.com)

9608 36th St., South, Scotts, MI 49088

**Secretary: OPEN**

**Treasurer: Mary Howard (2021)**

(269) 757-3011

[maryhowa@att.net](mailto:maryhowa@att.net)

PO Box 114, 209 Grant Street, Hopkins, MI 49328

**Spiritual Growth Coordinator: Mary Blashill (2020)**

(269) 767-6060

[maryblashill@gmail.com](mailto:maryblashill@gmail.com)

07509 M-43, South Haven, MI 49090

**Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator: OPEN**

**Social Action Coordinator: OPEN**

**Program Resources / Education & Interpretation: Laura Marlowe (2021)**

(269) 929-7393

[mmarlowe33@att.net](mailto:mmarlowe33@att.net)

8018 Fawn Meadow Trail, Galesburg, MI 49053

**Communications Coordinator: Beth Mitchell (2020)**

(269) 343-6806

[barmitch55@gmail.com](mailto:barmitch55@gmail.com)

3813 Rockwood Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49004

**Committee on Nominations: Cheryl Proctor**

(517) 741-3125

[seldominn\\_1@juno.com](mailto:seldominn_1@juno.com)

104 Tuttle Park Drive, Sherwood, MI 49089

**Nominations Committee: 4 open positions**

***We elect our 2023 Slate of Officers at the October 1, 2022 District Annual Meeting. If you are interested in serving on the District Team, we have openings for Secretary, Membership, Nurture & Outreach, Social Action and Nominations. You can try any of these positions for 1 year and continue the rest of the term if it's agreeable to you. Give Cheryl Proctor a call to be added to the ballot. Her number is (517) 741-3125.***

# GREATER SOUTHWEST DISTRICT UWF PROPOSED BUDGET - 2023

GREATER SOUTHWEST DISTRICT		2023 Proposed
		Budget
<b>PLEDGE TO MISSION</b>		<b>\$35,000.00</b>
<b>ADMIN &amp; MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (A&amp;MD)</b>		<b>\$8,000.00</b>
<b>OFFICER EXPENSES:</b>		
	(Those not associated with District or Conference Events)	
100	Postage	\$100.00
101	Office Supplies	\$100.00
103	Travel (Including visitation to local units)	\$500.00
104	Meals	\$50.00
105	Printing	\$100.00
106	Bank Expenses	\$0.00
107	Audit	\$200.00
108	Dependent Care	\$0.00
109	Officer Resources/Literature	\$50.00
	<b>TOTAL OFFICER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,100.00</b>
<b>CONFERENCE EVENT EXPENSES: (Those associated with events</b>		
	<b>including travel, meals, dependent care, scholarships,</b>	
	<b>when not covered by Conference)</b>	
200	Conference Annual Meeting	\$200.00
201	Keep Making Peace Day	\$0.00
202	Mission U	\$2,700.00
203	Other Conference Events	\$0.00
	<b>TOTAL CONFERENCE EVENTS</b>	<b>\$2,900.00</b>
<b>DISTRICT EVENT EXPENSES: (Those associated with events,</b>		
	<b>including travel, meals, supplies, printing, dependent</b>	
	<b>care, honoraria, scholarships for local women)</b>	
300	District Annual Meeting	\$1,500.00
301	Local Unit Leadership Training	\$0.00
302	District Spiritual Growth Retreat	\$50.00
303	Shepherds/Unit Visitation	\$0.00
304	Other District Events: Mission Night/Spring Fling	\$200.00
	<b>TOTAL DISTRICT EVENTS</b>	<b>\$1,750.00</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>		
400	Newsletter/Directory (including printing & postage)	\$2,000.00
401	Program Resources (including sales tax)	\$50.00
402	District SMR, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, etc.	\$200.00
403	Church Women United	\$0.00
409	Miscellaneous - Assembly	\$0.00
	<b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,250.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL BUDGETED A&amp;MD EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>
	<b>AMOUNT RETURNED TO CONFERENCE TREASURER</b>	

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Kalamazoo, MI 49004

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**The PURPOSE of United Women in Faith:**

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**IMPORTANT 2022 DATES**

**\*\*Greater Southwest District UWF Annual Celebration**

**October 1 at Otsego UMC**

**\*\*Mission u of the North - Oct. 17-18<sup>th</sup> at Grayling 1<sup>st</sup> UMC**

**\*\*Conference Leadership Training for District Officers**

**October 21 at Westwood UMC in Kalamazoo**

**\*\*Conference UWF Annual Celebration**

**October 22 at Westwood UMC in Kalamazoo**