

Heritage News

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President's Note

Dear Sisters in Christ,

As I sit outside on the first day of summer, I see the colors of the summer shining so brightly. It reminds me of the covenant God made with Noah, when he promised to never bring a flood to destroy the earth again and he put a bow in the sky to remind us of the promise. Today we call that a rainbow. (Genesis 9:11 -17)

As we across Michigan are moving into new districts and working to create a new covenant with our Heritage District UMW sisters, we are reminded of how our Sisters in Christ have gone before us to develop the covenant of women working for God to support Women, Youth and Children across the world. We are a covenant of believers of the United Methodist Church and follow John Wesley's traditions. For him what it meant to be a mature disciple of Christ was the joining of believers in a covenant "to serve God with all our heart and with all our soul." He urged his Methodist followers to renew "at every point, our covenant, that the Lord should be our God." That we are one with God and to serve God as thru believers and then we will have grace. 150 year of believers have established the UMW and we are here to help to continue the leadership.

As a member of the New Heritage District and as the District UMW President, it is very important to me that we continue to build on the covenant our Sisters who have come before us built. To build our new district into an even stronger community of United Methodist Women!

I would like to share briefly about my experience at the 2018 Assembly in Columbus! ***The Power of Bold*** was amazing! First day, the Ubuntu Day of Service and Rally at the Capital Building for fair wages. Next was opening worship, a workshop about *Telling Your Story*, and then I had a one on one meeting with Harriet Jane Olsen, CEO of UMW National. That was an amazing 15 minutes and the question I asked was; "How Did You Get Here"! Then that evening I had the opportunity to meet Nobel Peace Prize winner Lehmah Gbowee. Her story was amazing. Then the rest of the weekend continued to be inspiring in more ways that I can tell you in this article. I was so blessed to be with 6000 women from all over the world, and so many from our great state of Michigan!

PLEASE plan on attending the Heritage District Annual Leadership Training and Celebration on September 29th at Jackson First UMC. This great day has been planned by ladies from our combined districts and will be a day you won't want to miss! Check in starts at 8:30 so don't be late. We have more information for you in this newsletter.

It is not too late to register for *mission u!*! The programs are great this year and you won't want to miss it. See flyer in the newsletter!



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www.umwmichiganconference.org/aad.html

Vice President

Wow!! It's already July! Like many of you, the first 6 months of my 2018 have been packed full of meetings, events, and everyday life.

I want to let everyone know a little about our Annual Training and Meeting coming this September 29th at Jackson First UMC (yes, the location has changed). This year's theme is *Finding Your Place in a New Space*.

We will have a full program September 29 at Jackson First. Check in will begin at 8:30AM, with the opening of the program at 9:00AM. At the check in table there will be a basket for you to place prayer requests in, and a clipboard that you may add members of your local UMW units or family that have passed this past year. We will read the names of those that have passed during our Time of Remembering and lift the basket of prayer requests (without reading them) during the prayer. If you have any UMW or family members you want to remember during the Time of Remembering you may contact either of the Registrars (Wendy Everett or Kay Lambright) or me prior to the Annual Training & Meeting; contact information is on the registration form.

During the training section those that are not and are not going to be an Officer may choose to attend an Officer Training class of their choice or the Haiti Update with Gail Girback during that time.

Our Guest Speaker is John Drake, founder and President of The Lingap Children's Foundation and the Lingap Children's Development Center, Inc in Toledo City, Cebu, Philippines.

The Ingathering will go to support *Community Resources Sharing* in Highland, Michigan. We will collect new underwear and socks for children, women, and men in all sizes. We are continuing with aluminum pop tabs and clean aluminum pans collection, if you been saving them keep saving and if not start saving – let's bring as much aluminum tabs and clean aluminum pans as we can. There will be more, so plan now to attend. Please see the insert to register.

I attended my first UMW Assembly in Columbus Ohio this past May. I attended classes and learned many new ways to be in contact with young women, how to do things maybe a little differently in other areas. I believe I'll be able to use these skills to enable us to have better communication with each other and to expand our missions together. The Speakers were inspiring and bold and encouraged us to be bold. That when we join in unison we are strong, and we can make a difference.

I also attended the Annual UMC Conference in Traverse City (also in May). The theme this year was based on The United Methodist Church initiative called *With* a campaign to raise awareness, educate, and inspire people around Ministry with the poor. *With* includes learning, mobilizing, connecting, and engaging with ministries and people to eradicate poverty. We had 10 different TOM talks (TOM stands for Transformational Outreach and Ministry), each TOM talk demonstrated how to engage youth, schools, the poor, neighbors, and even your church in mission; these talks were educational. My husband and I attended one of the special dinner offerings at Northport Indian Mission. We had a large group attend and we ate a nice dinner together and learned how they are trying to learn their native language that only very few of the older generations know. The Mission shared beautiful music and stories with us and nobody wanted to leave – it was just that inspiring.

Right now, I am preparing for VBS, as I am sure many of you are. We are going to be *Shipwrecked* at North Lake UMC and learn how Jesus Rescues.

The last item I want to share is *mission u*, one of my favorite UMW events. This year at both the One-Day and the Two-Day *mission u* sessions we will have **Study Leader Charissa Shawcross** - *Counting the Geographic Mission Study*; **Study Leader Rev. Faith Fowler** - *What About Our Money?*; and **Study Leader Rev. Jan Brown** - *Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living*. Plan on attending – you will not be disappointed. See the insert to register.

Please contact me with any questions, just remember I work Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm, so during that time please leave your name, number and your message ,I'll get back with you; you can also email me at anytime.

I leave you with the reason we are in mission together:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. John 3:16 Common English Bible (CEB)

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"And as the spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him." 2 Corinthians 3:18

The Mission Team is now gearing up for the annual meeting for the new District 8, Heritage District, to be held on September 29, 2018, at Jackson First United Methodist Church. The ingathering for this event will benefit Community Resource Sharing located in Highland, Michigan. They will gladly accept *new* children's, women's, and men's underwear and socks, all sizes. We encourage your units to bring clean aluminum foil, aluminum pans, and pop/soup tabs as well.

Also this is just a gentle reminder to complete your Mission Today Objectives and submit them to me by September 1, 2018. I have already received one in the mail. This will be the last newsletter published before the submission date.

If your unit would like a visit from a Mission Team member, please contact anyone of us listed in this publication.

God is good ALL the TIME!

Ephesians 3:20-21, "I pray that Christ and the church will forever bring praise to God. His power at work in us can do far more than we dare ask or imagine."

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Nominations

Hello everyone, I sure hope you have been enjoying the summer, even the very high temps we have endured.

I have the "Joy-Joy-Joy-Joy" down in my heart as we have a full slate of officers for the 2019 Heritage District UMW Missions Team. We have some wonderful women from the former Albion District joining the new Heritage District Mission Team. I can't wait to meet them in person at the District Annual meeting September 29th, at Jackson First UMC. I do hope many of you will be attending – make your registrations now and be the supportive fellowship that we are as United Methodist Women.

We are always looking for women who may be willing to try something new and serve on the District Mission Team. If you are interested give me a call.

Matthew 20:26-27 tells us that the measure of greatness is not position, power or prestige; it is service, so we serve.

God's love and mine

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Spiritual Growth

Our Greatest Celebration

Summer has arrived and with it many opportunities to celebrate God's beautiful world. As we travel from place to place we may see, hear, smell, touch, and sometimes taste God's bounty that surrounds us. Invitations to attend birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, graduations, reunions, and retirement gatherings often find their way into our mailboxes. These special invitations often bring together friends and family who may only see each other at such times. There is also another celebration that we often attend, that of a loved one who has passed on to their eternal home. As we gather to celebrate the life of this person who has blessed us with their presence in our lives here on earth, we remember the promise that God made to each of us to make this possible, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16, KJV). May we remember and share this promise each and every day with all those we meet on our earthly travels.

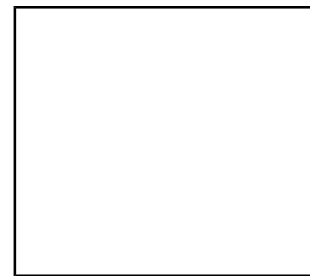
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Heritage District 2018 Calendar

August 16	<i>mission u</i> One Day and H.O.M.E.	Lake Huron Retreat Center
August 17 & 18	<i>mission u</i> (Detroit Conference)	Lake Huron Retreat Center
September 1	Reports due to Mission Team Leaders (5 Star, Reading Program, Mission Today, Unit Officers)	
September 8	Mission Team Meeting (9 AM)	Jackson First
September 29	Heritage (new District 8) Celebration & Organizational Meeting	Jackson First
October 15-16	<i>mission u</i> of the North	Gaylord UMC
October 26 & 27	Joint Detroit & West Michigan Conference Training & Meetings	Petoskey
November 10	Mission Team Meeting (9 AM)	North Lake UMC
