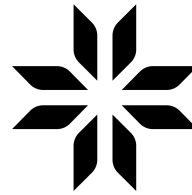


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The Newsletter of the Heritage District
United Women in Faith
February 2023



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President's Note

Joy Coyle

Hello special ladies! This newsletter is the first of 2023 from the Heritage District team. We are excited to start the first full year as United Women in Faith. God is with us as we move ahead.

We will start out next month with a local officer training held on Saturday, February 11th. This will be a Zoom meeting from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. We will have a short program together followed by about an hour or so of training with your district counterpart. A couple of conference officers are joining us as well, so we are grateful to have them adding to the conversation.

The second exciting thing to happen this year will be a retreat for all of us this spring. Scheduled for March 10-11 at the Howell Retreat Center, it will be a time of being together, worshipping God, and finding out more of what He wants us to do. (We are still finalizing arrangements for the retreat. More information will follow.)

Soon after is the Methodist Conference June 2-4 in Traverse City. We will be well represented (I'm sure) at *Mission u*, which is in Mount Pleasant this year, trying to be more centrally located. The dates are July 13-15. I hope to see you at both!

Our fall Celebration is also in the works. There will be some slight boundary changes to our district, so we will be discussing this and how it will affect Heritage District.

Remember, our UWF is open to all, not just Methodists! The only woman who needs to be a Methodist is president. So, invite all of your friends! You can join, even if there isn't a local unit nearby, by joining at the District or even National levels. As long as you have a heart for missions with women, children, and youth, you are in!

There are wonderful resources available as usual, including the Reading Program, the 2023 Program Book, and the Prayer Calendar. If you pray for each item in the Calendar, you will have prayed for each area in the world that our church and faith reaches.

I will be joining the Ypsilanti UWF ladies at 1:00 on Thursday, Feb 9 to share about the name change. I am looking forward to that.

I will see many of you by Zoom on Feb 11th. I am praying for each of you, for a God-filled peace and love for 2023.



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Committee on Nominations

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Dear Sisters in Christ

I am back again serving my last year on the Heritage District Team. Not only have I reached my term limit (plus), but I will be joining the Greater Detroit District and that is exciting! Over the years I have made so many friends in the Conference and many have been a part of that district. My heart will always be centered in the Heritage District (former Ann Arbor District) but change can be good. I can't begin to express how joyful it makes me to think of all the wonderful friends I have made through the years with UMW now UWF.



I would like to welcome the members of the new Nominations Team that will be serving you in 2023!

Shirley Carpenter – Hudson First UMC

Peggy Fuller – Springville UMC

Pamela Meyers – Manchester First UMC

Kay Ross – Springville UMC

We look forward to meeting all of you in the months to come and hope you might consider joining the Heritage District Leadership Team for 2024!

Blessings,

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Treasurer



My name is Jayne Worthy-Howlett and I am the new Treasurer for the Heritage District. A few facts about me:

My home church is Dixboro UMC in Ann Arbor.

I am a retired Public Health Nurse (30+ years at Washtenaw County Health Department). I am an avid reader-I love cozy mysteries but am exploring the works of Jane Austen currently. I also love to bake.

I look forward to learning the ropes as District Treasurer.

My first announcement is:

Due to new banking rules, all checks sent to the District Treasurer should be made out as follows: MI Conf UMW or MI Conf UWF and include Heritage District in the Memo line.

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Donna Williams



Taking Inventory

When I was in my early teens, **many** decades ago, I was delighted to participate in the annual inventory at the large-for-the-time auto supply company where my dad was employed as a jobber salesman. Most of the employees and family members were enlisted to do the yearly count of the contents of many aisles of the parts department. I was fascinated by the nuts, bolts, screws, washers, cables, belts, sparkplugs, wrenches, screwdrivers, tires, caps, tire irons, tubes, patches, bulbs, batteries, cleaners, waxes, lubricants, wipers, filters, covers, cushions, mirrors, *etc.*

We worked in pairs; one person often on a ladder to reach and count the shelved containers and the other standing below to record the number of items on paper tablets. I understood it was important to do this annual tally. (Nowadays, I am likely to observe a single grocery employee taking inventory with a barcode reader. How efficient, but so lonely!)

United Women in Faith has an annual “inventory” of sorts. It is the Mission Today Objectives report form. It is found on the Michigan Conference UWF website. (Which is still at <https://www.umwmichiganconference.org/>)

So far I have received only four unit reports for 2022. (Thank you!) We honored seven units for their accomplishments in 2021 at our 2022 UWF Heritage District Annual Meeting in October. There must be more units who have accomplished the goals for at least a “Faith” award. There is still time to “take inventory”! Do send your report by February 1st. If you do not want to look backward, use the form to jump-start 2023 programs, set goals, create some new projects, attend Mission u, plan a trip to United Methodist Community House, read *response* magazine, or start a book group using titles from the Reading Program. (Did you know that you can get reading credit for participating in “Faith Talks” on line?)

Aren't you glad we don't have to literally climb ladders to take inventory? We have tools to communicate, hands to lighten the load when we join with others, hearts that love and care, heads that can think new thoughts, and souls that are joined in Christ who strengthens us.

Counting on you,

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Seeking UWF Leaders!

United Women in Faith! The move to UWF is refreshing our organization. Some of that includes a new logo and an array of new and improved programs to nurture current members and welcome new women to join to put their love in action on behalf of women, children, and youth. We invite all to join us and expand our concepts of mission in the world.

Heritage District United Women in Faith is seeking women to fill our Leadership team positions! As you know, some of our district boundaries have changed, and some of our current officers will be in other districts. So, we need women reaching out to serve and we are hoping that as you read this today you will feel the call to refresh and continue to serve this vital organization. For more than 153 years women have reached out to serve and fulfill the needs of many. WE have faced many changes during this time. WE are open to **all** women and are working to make this team accessible for everyone. Please take a look at the positions available and contact Sherry Wagenknecht to discuss. ***We can't go on without you!***

**Meetings are primarily on Zoom and are approximately every 3 months

Program Coordinator/Vice President – Develops the calendar for the coming year and serves as program chair for the committee to plan the Spring Retreat or Prayer Brunch

Spiritual Growth – Plans and shares devotions for meetings, Spring Retreat/Prayer Brunch

Social Action – Gathers information on Social Issues to share with the Leadership team, the districts and at events. Shares information on Faith talks

Secretary of Program Resources – Shares information on UWF Reading program resources. Promotes books at in person events

Membership, Nurture & Outreach - Work with the local units to collect membership data in collaboration with the Michigan Conference committee on membership and the UMW National Office. Actively promote registering local units with the UMW Membership Census from the previous year. (Supply the information on how to log into the website. If a unit does not have access to the internet, offer to assist that unit with registering the local unit.)

Committee on Nominations Chair and Members – Fills the roles on the leadership team each year

Benefits: Meet people from all over the state who have the same passion as you do! Mission u, North Central Jurisdiction, UWF Assembly and more. Mileage for in person events. Good feeling of love!

We will also welcome women who are willing to work on various projects such as program planning or audits. We are FLEXIBLE! Please let us know what you can do! Sharing a position with a friend is also great! Please contact us for more information by March 1st, 2023

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Mission Coordinator for Program Resources

Diane Tandy

As we begin a New Year, let us remember Philippians 4:13

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

No matter the challenge or the task at hand, God is with us.



At present, the Heritage District Leadership Team needs to fill several positions, one of which is Mission Coordinator for Program Resources. (This will be my final entry for the district newsletter in this area.) If interested in filling this position, please contact our President Joy Coyle or Sherry Wagenknacht (who is our new Chair of Nominations). We will be having a leadership training on February 11, 2023 via Zoom. Ruth Sutton (Michigan Conference Secretary of Program Resources) and I will be providing training for a mission coordinator for the Heritage District Leadership Team.

The Reading Program provides the opportunity for us to be life long learners as we explore enlightening subjects in diverse genres found in the following categories:

Education for Mission,
Leadership Development,
Nurturing for Community,
Social Action, and
Spiritual Growth.

Several units have sent information on their members who have completed 2022 Reading Programs (information includes: Name of Reader, Plan completed for 2022, the Unit name, and Church). I am still accepting this information for 2022. Send it to me (Diane Tandy) via email or to my cell (734) 660-8875. Certificates for 2022 Readers will be sent to the local units to be distributed to Readers later in the spring. These Readers will be recognized and celebrated at the UWF Fall Meeting in 2023.

May God continue to bless you and your families.

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Heritage District 2023 Calendar

Feb 11	9:30 am	Zoom Training for Local Unit Officers
March 10-11	5 pm – noon	District Retreat, Howell Retreat Center
March 16	3 pm	Leadership Team Meeting
June 2-4		Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church Grand Traverse Resort, Traverse City, MI
June 8	3 pm	Leadership Team Meeting
July 13-15		Mission u Mt Pleasant First UMC
September 7		Leadership Team Meeting
September (??)		Heritage District UWF Annual Celebration – date and location to be determined
October 27		Michigan Conference UWF Leadership Training, Holt UMC
October 28		Michigan Conference UWF Annual Celebration, Holt UMC
November 30	4 pm	Leadership Team Meeting

Important Dates and Deadlines:

Deadline for Pledge to Mission	September 1 to Jayne
Deadline for Updated (2024) Officers List	December 1 to Wendy
Deadline for Five Star Person & Unit 2023	December 15 to Jayne
Deadline for Reading Program 2023	December 15 to MC for Program Resources
Deadline for 2023 Mission Today Unit Objectives	December 15 to Donna Williams

Save the Date!

The Heritage District UWF Spring Retreat for 2023 will be held March 10-11 at the Howell Retreat Center (part of the Howell Nature Center). Check-in will begin at 5pm, dinner and breakfast provided. More information (costs, lodging and food options) will follow – watch for the flyer, check the District website, or check with your Unit officers.