



THE ANCHOR

News from the Midwest District
United Methodist Women

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

WOW! Summer is almost over and the heat we craved for last winter has come and gone. We are now the Midwest District of the Michigan Conference. Your UMW Midwest Team is busy working on events for our district. We are thrilled to add Judy Huynh from the former Heartland District to our team as our Education and Interpretation representative. Judy's many years of service to UMW will be a great addition. We are hard at work planning events for 2018 and looking ahead to 2019.

The next event is our District Annual Meeting on September 20 at Georgetown UMC in Jenison. Our speakers will be Sir Arthur Treadwell and Lisa Williams. We will learn how to be a force for stopping human trafficking and abuse of women and children. Many of our ladies have asked for more information on this heartbreaking topic. The details of human trafficking can be hard to hear but UMW is committed to fight this horrible injustice against women and young girls. Our speakers are passionate about their subject and you will be, too, when you hear the stories of the women who are caught in this sinister web of pain and heartache. It will be an emotional evening but we, as United Methodist Women, are in the fight to eradicate this evil from our world. Come and see how you can help raise awareness and take action for this important cause. A registration form is on page 7. The ladies of Georgetown UMW are preparing a tasty meal for us and we will have a business meeting following dinner. Come and meet your 2019 Midwest District team officers.

Don't miss the first annual meeting of the Michigan Conference on October 27 at Petoskey UMC. Our theme is "Have Courage! Embrace Change and Grow". We've been asked to show our "Hatitude" by wearing our favorite hats. Our keynote speaker is our North Central Jurisdiction UMW President Rita Smith. She is a hoot and you will enjoy her presentation very much. Conference information and registration form can be found on pages 8-9. A bus trip has also been organized. Trip details and reservation forms are on pages 10-11.

Our last event for 2018 will be November 8th at Welsey Park UMC for an evening of fun and fellowship. We always enjoy this end-of-the-year time. Our theme is "Growing Friends". Come and enjoy the evening and get a sneak peak of the events our Midwest Team has in the works for next year. Don't miss a moment!

In His name, Sue Rietman, President, Susan.rietman@sbcglobal.net

A NOTE FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

I just attended the West Michigan Conference Mission U at Albion College. We had a good time. If you could not attend, we missed you. You can still attend the Mission U of the North on October 15-16 at Gaylord. Also, Detroit Conference has a one-day class on August 16 or a two-day event on August 17-18. These are both held at Lake Huron Retreat Center. For more information, visit our Michigan UMW Conference website (www.umwmichiganconference.org).

Our Midwest District Annual meeting is Thursday, September 20. We will be meeting at Georgetown UMC on the west side of Grand Rapids. Please join us for this great evening.

As your vice-president, I am in charge of suggesting and planning some of our major district events. We look for topics of interest to you. If you have suggestions for events please let me know. Also, if your church is interested in hosting an event please let me know.

Look forward to meeting old friends and making new friends. I may even bring caramel corn with me.

Jean Sherman, District Vice Chairman, sherdairy@att.net

GREETINGS FROM YOUR DISTRICT SOCIAL ACTION COORDINATOR

Middleville UMC is starting a women's liturgical dance group that will perform the end of September. We are all shapes and sizes with different degrees of mobility, but FUN is the key word! Music will be the song "Warrior" by Hannah Kerr. Notice these wonderful lyrics:

*Staring down the face of fear
Gotta keep breathing
When the negative is all you hear
Gotta keep believing
cause in the dark there is a light
Your truth it keeps on burning bright
Brave enough to fight the fight
and shout the battle cry...*

As we prepare for sharing there will be some battles, negative words and reminders to keep breathing. As I read the emails that come about the negativity and battles being fought over the world, I see the similarities in the music and real life. As a UMW unit, or individually, what have you done to be a light or share a truth?

Social Action information comes through your local church emails, speakers, United Methodist News service, the district newsletters, or simply seeing a need or truth that must be told. Let's be warriors and "tell the truth" in our actions and words as United Methodist Women.

Jody Pratt, Grand Rapids District UMW Social Action Coordinator
Middleville UMC Social Action Team
Peru Mission Trip 2018

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT LAY SERVANT CLASSES

Fall Classes – Tuesdays 7-9 p.m.:

October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

Church of the Dunes, Grand Haven, \$25 registration fee.

Class offerings:

Basic Class, Storytelling, Worship Design/Planning

Registration is open. Email Jody Pratt at prattgji09@gmail.com

Winter Classes – January 12 and 26, 2019, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Cedar Springs UMC. \$25 registration fee (includes lunch).

Class offerings:

Basic Class, Polity, Personal Prayer, Come to the Table

Watch for details.

Questions?

Contact Jody Pratt at prattgji09@gmail.com



Team Peru 2018 thanks all the units and individuals who donated to our trip in June. Nine participants (age 15-71 years) completed a modular building for use at Los Politios (outreach location) of the Ica UMC. In the Wisconsin conference a UMC family sent a donation which allowed us to finish a kitchen (appliances, walls, utensils) for the Independencia UMC which serves community meals. We also continue to provide youth programming, bras, and basic health kits. One of my special times was at the Independencia UMC when

afternoons are usually very full with activities. Picture a long table of women (bras in piles all around) coloring the adult stress relief books, totally oblivious to the commotion around them! Peace in the midst of the storm. Plans are underway for a Peruvian youth leadership trip in 2019 with teams returning in 2020 for two mission experiences.

Special thanks to the Michigan area participants: Pat Cornelisse (Genesis UMC), Bernice Natoli (Lansing First), Cheryl Cravero and Jody Pratt (Middleville UMC) and Lynnette Jordan, Destiny Prahl, Corina Jordan, Steve Blake and Meg Peneflor from the Wisconsin conference.

Jody Pratt, VIM

Mission Team Peru 2018

Important reminders and deadlines to remember:

NAMES NEEDED FOR MEMORIALS AND NEW MEMBERS

Please submit the names of anyone from your local unit who shall to be included as part of the Memorial Service or will be recognized as new members at our District Annual meeting on September 20th. Names can be emailed to saraw1104@gmail.com or you can call Sara at (231) 830-4092. Submit all names *by August 31, 2018* for inclusion in the District Annual program booklet.



2018 READING LOGS DUE BY AUGUST 31ST



As we near the end of 2018 it is time to send me a copy of your reading log. During the District Annual on September 20th, I will have certificates for you celebrating the plan you have completed. Please send your reading logs (copies can be found at www.umwmissionresources.org) to me at the address listed below.

I will have a fine selection of sale books that are still counted towards the plan requirements at District Annual meeting. Prices of these books range from \$2.00 and up, real bargains! I hope to have new books from the 2019 Reading Program list too. Looking forward to presenting each of you with your certificates at our annual meeting.

Sara Wolfsen, Secretary of Program Resources, 7476 Orchard Circle, Fremont, MI 49412
saraw1104@gmail.com.

ATTENTION: UNIT TREASURERS

Just a reminder to all the unit treasurers to have their remittances to me *by November 30th*.

Betty VanderWal, District Treasurer, 11644 Townsquare Blvd., Rockford, MI 49341, bettyvwal@gmail.com



UNIT PLEDGE CARD

The _____ UMW Unit has prayerfully considered and would like to commit \$_____ as our annual pledge for 20_____.

Unit Treasurer/President

2018 MISSION TODAY RECORD

Please return this completed form *by August 31, 2018* to:
Sue Rietman, 15 Market Street, Middleville, MI 49333

UMW Unit Name: _____ Location: _____

Record of Mission Today activities from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Please record the date and how your unit completed each of the Mission Today events on the lines below. Attach additional pages if necessary.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

HOMESPUN CHRISTMAS-THEMED HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Friday, November 9, 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Holland First UMC, 57 West 10th Street, Holland



Mark your calendar for this special date when the women of First United Methodist Church of Holland open the church doors for their 57th annual Holiday Bazaar. Admission is free and all rooms are handicap-accessible. Join us for a homespun Christmas bazaar that offers thousands of homemade cookies, dozens of pig-in-the-blanket, gifts and crafts, a Kids' Corner of items for babies and children up to age five, Country Store, Attic Specials, Bargain Boutique, tree and table decorations, and much more. Some \$18,000 was raised at the 2017 bazaar, which United Methodist Women

donated to local, state, national and international missions, especially those serving women and children. Join us!

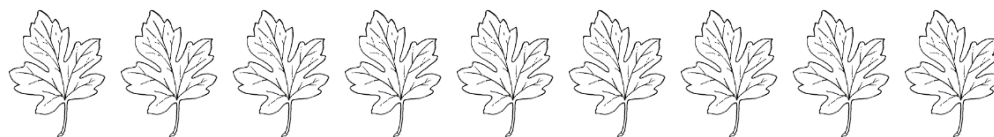
**Grand Rapids District United Methodist Women
2018 Budget vs. Actual as of July 31, 2018**

<u>MISSION GIVING (Five Lanes)</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>2018 Actual</u>
Gift in Memory	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Gift to Mission	500.00	100.00
Pledge	40,000.00	22,480.00
Special Mission Recognition	500.00	440.00
World Thank Offering	1,500.00	296.34
Total Five Lanes	\$ 43,100.00	\$ 23,916.34
<u>SUPPLEMENTARY GIFTS</u>		
Legacy Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,770.25
Prayer and Self-Denial	-	277.00
UM Community House	-	1,550.00
Total Supplementary Gifts	-	3,597.25
MISSION GRAND TOTAL	\$ 43,100.00	\$ 27,513.59
<u>ADMINISTRATION & MEMBER DEVELOPMENT</u>		
Audit	115.00	115.00
Bank Charges	40.00	-
Books/Literature/Resources	125.00	141.24
<u>Events (meals, supplies, program, a/v):</u>		
District Annual	1,000.00	-
Epiphany Breakfast	40.00	293.00
Evening/Day Apart	100.00	-
Mission Day	200.00	-
Mission U	100.00	-
Spring Fling	500.00	430.00
Spring Retreat	100.00	-
IRS/State of Michigan Fees	20.00	-
Mileage	800.00	415.20
Miscellaneous	100.00	-
Newsletter (Anchor)	1,900.00	1,053.54
Postage/Shipping	50.00	-
<u>Registration Fees (non-district):</u>		
Conference Annual	100.00	-
Mission U	1,250.00	750.00
Spring Retreat	700.00	765.00
<u>Scholarships:</u>		
2018 Assembly	100.00	-
Mission U	200.00	-
Special Mission Recognition – pins	160.00	120.00
Supplies/Printing	200.00	68.22
T-Shirts (UMW 150 years – cost of goods paid by sales)	100.00	0.00
Total A & MD	8,000.00	4,151.20
BUDGET GRAND TOTAL	\$ 51,100.00	\$ 31,664.79

Checkbook balance at 12/31/17: \$583.60

A & MD Income:	\$6,746.00	Expense:	\$4,151.20	Available:	\$3,178.40
Mission Income:	\$27,513.59	Expense:	\$27,513.59	Available:	-

CHECKBOOK BALANCE AT 7/31/18: \$3,178.40



Midwest District United Methodist Women Presents...

Annual Dinner and Gathering

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Georgetown United Methodist Church • 2766 Baldwin Street, Jenison, MI 49428

5:30 p.m. Registration • 6:00 p.m. Dinner and Program

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Dr. Treadwell received his PhD from Oxford University in England. He has spent the last five years volunteering for the Kent County Human Trafficking Task Force. Dr. Treadwell is dedicated to putting a stop to human trafficking, not just in West Michigan but wherever it exists.

Lisa Williams received a Bachelor's Degree from Cornerstone University and is working for Lakeshore Regional Entity, a public behavioural health plan for people with mental illness, developmental disability and substance use disorders. As a Customer Services Specialist, Lisa ensures recipients get access to services with prompt assistance in addressing their complaints and needs. She is passionate in her pursuit to serve vulnerable populations.

INGATHERING: \$5 or \$10 gas and food gift cards (Wesco, Speedway, Meijer, McDonalds, Burger King, etc.) to be given to the victims who testify against their perpetrators in the courtroom. An offering will also be taken for the Kent County Human Trafficking Task Force.

Registration Cost: \$10 by September 10th, \$12 walk-in registration.

Use one form per person. Please print.

Name: _____ Church: _____

Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____

City, Zip: _____ Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Special Dietary Needs: _____

Daycare needed? _____ If yes, # of children and ages: _____

Make checks payable to: *Grand Rapids District UMW* and mail with registration form to:
Sue Van Portfliet, 1333 Ravanna Drive SE, Grand Rapids MI 49508

CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

United Methodist Women
Joint Detroit and West Michigan Annual Meeting
and Michigan Conference Organizational Meeting

Saturday, October 27, 2018

Petoskey UMC
1804 E. Mitchell Rd.
Petoskey, MI 49770
Phone: (231) 347-2733

Registration: 8:30 a.m.
Program: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

THEME: “HAVE COURAGE! EMBRACE CHANGE AND GROW”
Show your “Hatitude” and bring a hat to wear!

SPEAKER: Rita Smith,
North Central Jurisdiction President



INGATHERING: toilet paper, paper towel, Kleenex (tissues) or napkins for The Nehemiah Project, a faith-based non-profit shelter serving homeless men, women and children in Northern Michigan.

Conference Annual Registration Form is on page 9.

Petoskey Bus Trip Details and Reservation Form is on pages 10-11.

CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

**United Methodist Women
Michigan Conference Organizational Annual Meeting
Registration Form**

- Early Bird Registration **Cost is \$16 by October 7, 2018**. Registrations postmarked after October 8th and walk-in cost is \$20. Seating for lunch is limited; we cannot guarantee lunch for walk-ins.
- **Child Care** is available at no cost but must be requested in advance.
- **Tickets will not be mailed**; they will be picked up at the Registration Table under the district and the name of the person ordering. Please list all attendees on the registration form.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. THANK YOU.

Name of person ordering: _____ Unit _____

District: _____ Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Number of Attendees: ____ x \$16 or ____ x \$20 (circle one) = \$_____ Amount Enclosed

Make checks payable to *West Michigan Conference United Methodist Women*. Make a copy of this form and send check with form to Registrar: Sue Emmons, 2226 Anderson Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506, Phone: (616) 308-3802, E-mail: srepeace@yahoo.com.

NAME	CHURCH	UNIT
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Bus Trip Available – see flyer (next page) for prices and contact information.

For overnight accomodations (choose one): – Mention United Methodist Women

1. @Michigan Inn and Lodge, 1420 S. US 131, Petoskey, MI – (231) 348-3900
2. Hampton Inn, 919 Spring St., Petoskey, MI – (231) 348-9555

CONFERENCE ANNUAL BUS TRIP INFORMATION**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING**

(Detroit and West Michigan Conferences are merging!)

OCTOBER 26-27, 2018

PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

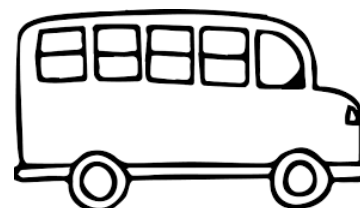
Join the fun and fellowship as we travel by charter coach to Petoskey, Michigan for this very special first annual joint meeting of Detroit and West Michigan Conferences and the Michigan Conference Organizational Meeting. The 2018 Theme is: **Have Courage—Embrace Change & Grow.** Our speaker will be *Rita Smith, North Central Jurisdiction UMW President.*

Price Per Person (Bus trip only):

\$149.00 Double

\$139.00 Triple/Quad

\$199.00 Single

**Trip price includes:**

- Round trip transportation on a deluxe motor coach
- Two meals (Friday lunch and Saturday breakfast)
- One night's accommodation and transfers, escort, Christian fellowship and Fall beauty!

Departure Points:

Bus I—Southfield, Auburn Hills, Lapeer

Bus II—Ann Arbor, Flint, Bay City, Clare

Bus III—Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, Big Rapids

Times and details will be sent with receipt.

Itinerary:

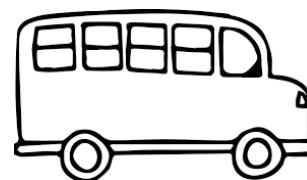
Day I, Friday, October 26: Enjoy the splendors of our Creator as we depart in the morning and travel northward. We will enjoy lunch together and arrive in time for the officer training (if required) or enjoy dinner and evening activities on your own.

Day II, Saturday October 27: Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we arrive at the church for the *Joint Detroit and Michigan Conference Annual Meeting.* We will leave for home immediately after the meeting.

NOTE: lunch is included in your conference registration, **which must be completed separately** and sent to Sue Emmons by October 7, 2018. See separate registration form on page 9.

CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING BUS TRIP RESERVATION FORM

**BUS TRIP RESERVATION FORM
CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 26-27, 2018
PETOSKY, MICHIGAN**



Your Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Departure City _____ Address _____

Roommate request _____ Roommate's Cell _____

Address _____ City, Zip _____

Church _____

Are handicapped accommodations needed (circle one)? Yes No

Occupancy (circle one): Single Double Triple Quad

Your full payment confirms your reservation and must be received by September 15th.
Mail registration form and check payable to Trip Coordinator: Sally J. Andrews, 423 W.
Todd Ave., Reed City, MI 49677

Questions? Call Sally at (810) 444-4823

IMPORTANT NOTE: this bus trip reservation **does not include** your Conference
Annual Event Registration. Please complete and mail your event registration (page 9)
separately.

Midwest District United Methodist Women

Evening Apart

Thursday, November 8, 2018

7 p.m.

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

1150 32nd St.

Wyoming, MI 49509



**Growing
Friendships**

Come enjoy a relaxing and fun program around making and maintaining friendships. A craft project and door prizes, too!

No advance registration needed.

Just pay \$3 at the door.

Coffee, Tea and Desserts included.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT UMW 2018 LEADERSHIP TEAM

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(616) 813-5684, bettyvwal@gmail.com

REGISTRAR:

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MISSION COORDINATORS**SECRETARY OF PROGRAM****RESOURCES (reading program):**

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7476 Orchard Circle, Fremont, MI 49412
(231) 830-4092, saraw1104@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP NURTURE &**OUTREACH: Open Position****SOCIAL ACTION:**

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH: Open Position**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

Chairperson: Julie Riemersma,
Wesley Park UMC and Supportive Sisters
(616) 656-0155, julu4208@yahoo.com

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Two Open Positions – Maybe YOU!

HELP WANTED:

We would like to fill the following important leadership roles on the district team: *Membership Nurture & Outreach, Spiritual Growth, Committee on Nominations (two positions available)*. Please prayerfully consider serving on this fun team, and pray we find ladies with heart and skills to lead our district. If you are interested in serving or learning more about a role, or would like to nominate a friend, please contact me. I hope to meet you at one of our great upcoming programs we have planned for 2018 and 2019.



Julie Riemersma, Chairperson
Committee on Nominations
(616) 656-0155 or julu4208@yahoo.com

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The PURPOSE of United Methodist Women:

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose *purpose* is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive community; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in global ministries of the church.



IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE (details inside this issue):

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- **Friday, August 31**, deadline to submit names for Memorials, New Members, Reading Logs and Mission Today Records.
- **Monday, September 10**, Early Bird Registration Deadline for District Annual Meeting
- **Saturday, September 15**, Deadline for Petoskey Bus Trip Reservations
- **Thursday, September 20**, District Annual Meeting, Georgetown UMC (Jenison)
- **Sunday, October 7**, Early Bird Registration Deadline for Conference Annual Meeting
- **Saturday, October 27**, Conference Annual Meeting, Petoskey UMC (bus trip available)
- **Thursday, November 8**, Evening Apart, Wesley Park UMC (Wyoming)
- **Friday, November 30**, Unit finance reports due to Treasurer Betty
- **Saturday, March 16, 2019**, Spring Fling, Fremont UMC
- **May 3-4, 2019**, Spring Retreat, St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI