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# THE MESSENGER

News from the Mid-Michigan District  
United Methodist Women

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## HOUSE OF PROMISE

The Lansing area House of Promise is a new residential facility for women and girls who have escaped from human trafficking.

### BACKGROUND

100,000 girls are taken in the USA a year and it's the fastest growing crime in the world.

Michigan is one of the top 2 states in Human Trafficking.

115-150 young Michigan girls are taken or seduced into sex slavery every month.

The average age is 12 years of age--these are young children.

Shari Montgomery, Director of The House of Promise will speak with us at our September 19, 2018, District meeting. We are asking for financial contributions to support this new resource.

## 2018 ASSEMBLY

300 Michigan women traveled to Columbus, Ohio in May to attend the Quadrennial United Methodist Women Assembly. Those from the Mid-Michigan District who attended are available to provide a program for churches in our district. Please contact Donna Kleiver, President if you would like to learn more about this energizing and meaningful experience. You may also find information from the many breakout sessions held during assembly at: [unitedmethodistwomen.org/assembly](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/assembly).

## MISSION DAY

Mason First UMW is hosting a Mission Day to learn more about Climate Justice. Linda Schramm, a United Methodist layperson from the former Detroit Conference will lead us in a day of study on October 11, 2018 from 9 - 2. There is no cost for the program but a free-will offering will be taken for lunch. Please save the day and call the church office at 517-676-9449 to make a reservation. Mrs. Schramm is an excellent presenter and you won't want to miss this opportunity.



In order to deepen our understanding, we need to learn not only about climate change, but also about the justice concerns raised by the drivers of climate change and the communities affected by it.

## NEW NEWSLETTER NAME

Change is everywhere...and with the change in church alignment into new districts, and new district names, comes a new newsletter name. We've become the Mid-Michigan District and the new district's newsletter is The Messenger.

We're updating our mailing lists and want to do so annually. In the October issue there will be a Leadership form for each unit to update their officers for 2019. Please be certain to complete and submit that information so we can start 2019 with correct mailing information.

Wherever possible we prefer to email the newsletter to you. It saves the district printing and postage charges and the email version is in color!

## MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT PLANNING

Greetings sisters of the Mid-Michigan District:

Where has the past six months gone? I am sure you have been just as busy as I have and the time is flying. So much has happened in 2018 with the merge of the two Michigan Conferences and setting up the new Districts. As United Methodist Women, we have also enjoyed Spring Renewal, Assembly, and Mission u will be here in a few weeks. On June 13, 2018, the first team meeting with women from the old districts that make up the new Mid-Michigan District of UMW, met to begin planning for our future programs, directions and activities. I found this meeting to be promising and enjoyed working with all of the women.

This meeting was a challenge: looking at what we will call the newsletter, how will we reach out to our units in the district, standing rules, planning the September 19, 2018 Mid-Michigan District UMW Organizational Meeting and Celebration and looking at plans and programs for 2019. So many items to consider in the creating of a new District and still remain focused on our purpose for women, children and youth is difficult; however, as long as we listen, respect and accept each other, we will become better women doing the work our Lord and Savior requires of us.

As we develop and organize the new Mid-Michigan District we need all of you for your recommendations, ideas, and assistance. Please consider being on the team at this exciting time as we move into 2019 with changes to our standing rules, how we will reach out to each UMW unit in Mid-Michigan and program planning. Your suggestions and input are very important to have a District that you are proud of.

I am always amazed at the work and dedication you give to help women, children and youth have a better life out of love. I look forward to seeing you at Mission u July 11-14, 2018, in Albion, and then on September 19, 2018 at our Mid-Michigan District UMW Organizational Meeting and Celebration.

Donna Kleiver  
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“Changes are inevitable; just look at the weather from day to day.”  
By Donna Kleiver

# MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT UMW ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND CELEBRATION

**WHEN:** Wednesday, September 19, 2019  
Registration at 9:00 a.m. We begin promptly at 9:30 and end by 3:00 p.m.

**FREE WILL OFFERING:** House of Promise, Lansing  
Residential services for those escaping human trafficking.

**WHERE:** Holt United Methodist Church  
2321 N Aurelius Rd, Holt, MI

**REMINDER:** Bring your pop can tabs. This program is ending but may be reinstated in the future.

Church is Accessible

This UMW event is fragrance free.

## CHANGE AND EXPECTATION



Change happens! Often we make changes to benefit ourselves or those around us. But often change is not quite what we expect. How do we deal with times when change doesn't turn out the way we expect? Pastor Kathleen Groff will share her thoughtful and inspirational message with us at the Mid-Michigan District meeting at Holt UMC in September. Given all the changes we face in our daily lives as well as within the United Methodist Church Michigan Conferences, this is a program you won't want to miss!

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**Registration Deadline: September 12, 2018.** \$10.00 registration fee includes lunch. Send a check payable to Mid-Michigan District UMW with this form to: Joyce Plumhoff, 1858 W. Columbia, Mason, MI 48854. Please use one form for each person registering and print clearly.

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

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Local Church:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Breakout Session:** Officer Training for current or future unit officers. Only those who do not have an interest in an officer's position should attend the Book Chat. Please check which of the following you will attend:

\_\_\_\_ President    \_\_\_\_ Vice President    \_\_\_\_ Treasurer    \_\_\_\_ Secretary    \_\_\_\_ Social Action

\_\_\_\_ Spiritual Growth    \_\_\_\_ Membership Nurture & Outreach    \_\_\_\_ Education & Interpretation

\_\_\_\_ Nominations    \_\_\_\_ Book Chat

**Special Needs/Diet:** Please Specify \_\_\_\_\_

**Child Care:** Provided if needed. Please provide sack lunch for each child. Names and ages of children:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

## The Red Zone



Lansing Grace United Methodist Women wore red at one of their unit meetings in support of the illumination of Human Trafficking and the betterment of women, children and youth.

If you are familiar with football you have heard the term “Red Zone”. This is when the offensive team is within the last 10 yards before scoring a touchdown. The United Methodist Women urged women to wear red in February 2018 to mark our “Red Zone” accomplishment of informing and eliminating Human Trafficking. United Methodist Women have worked hard at educating the world about the selling of humans of all ages, sexes, and ethnicities, around the world, to others for their profit and pleasure.



### PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organized unit of 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 fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

**United Methodist Women**  
**Leadership Training**  
**Joint Detroit and West Michigan Annual Meeting**  
**And Michigan Conference Organizational Meeting**

**Friday, Oct. 26, 2018**  
**Leadership Training**

**Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018**  
**Annual Meeting & Organizational Meeting**  
**Petoskey UMC**  
**1804 E. Mitchell Rd.**  
**Petoskey, MI 49770**  
**Phone – (231) 347-2733**

**Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.**  
**Program 10 AM to 3 PM**

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

**SPEAKER: Rita Smith, North Central**  
**Jurisdiction President**



**In-Gathering Project- Petoskey Nehemiah Project (helping the homeless)**  
**Toilet Paper, Paper Towel, Kleenex (tissue) and Napkins**

# United Methodist Women Michigan Conference Organizational Annual Meeting

## Registration Form

- Early Bird Registration Cost is \$ 16.00. Early Bird Deadline is October 7, 2018  
Registration postmarked after October 8th and walk-in cost is \$20.00. 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 under the District and the name of the person ordering. Please list all attendees on the registration form. PRINT name clearly.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM SO IT IS READABLE. THANKS**

Name and information for person ordering: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Attendees: x 16/ x\$20 (Circle one) = \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed

Make Check payable to West Michigan Conference United Methodist Women; send check and form (Keep a copy for yourself) to registrar: Sue Emmons, 2226 Anderson Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506 Phone – 616-308-3802, E-mail srepeace@yahoo.com

NAME	CHURCH	UNIT
_____	_____	_____
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**Bus Trip Available – please see additional flier for prices and contact information.**

- Overnight Stay: 2 choices – Mention United Methodist Women**
1. Michigan Inn 1420 S. US 131, Petoskey, MI – 231-348-3900
  2. Hampton Inn 919 Spring St., Petoskey, MI - 231-348-9555

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN JOINT DETROIT  
& WEST MICHIGAN ANNUAL MEETING  
and  
MICHIGAN CONFERENCE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 26-27, 2018  
PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

**Price Per Person:**

\$149.00 Double  
\$139.00 Triple/Quad  
\$199.00 Single

**Trip price includes:**

Round trip transportation on deluxe motor coach,  
2 meals\* (1 lunch, 1 breakfast), 1 night accommodation  
and transfers, escort, Christian fellowship, & fall beauty!

*Join the fun and fellowship as we travel by charter coach to Petoskey, Michigan for this very special first annual joint annual 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.*

**Day I, Friday October 26:** We depart this morning and enjoy the splendors of our Creator as we travel northward. We will enjoy Lunch\* arriving in time for leadership training this afternoon.

**Day II, Saturday October 27:** Enjoy breakfast\* before we transfer to the church for the Joint Detroit and Michigan Conference Annual Meeting. (Lunch is included in your conference registration, which should be sent to Betty Thomas or Sue Emmons by October 7, 2018.) We will leave for home immediately after the meeting.

*Accommodations: Michigan Inn Lodge (231-348-3900)--October 26<sup>th</sup>*

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION ASAP TO HELP US MAKE NECESSARY DETAILS**

**Reservations: Your full payment confirms your reservation and must be received by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Mail to and check payable to: **Sally J. Andrews, coordinator, 423 W. Todd Ave., Reed City, MI 49677 Call (810)444-4823 for details**

**Departure Points:**

**Bus I**—Southfield, Auburn Hills, Lapeer---**Bus II**—Ann Arbor, Flint, Bay City, Clare.

**Bus III**—Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, Big Rapids. (Times/details sent with receipt.)

**In-Gathering Project- Petoskey Nehemiah Project (helping the homeless)  
Toilet Paper, Paper Towel, Kleenex (tissue) and Napkins**

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<b>RESERVATION FORM</b>	<b>ANNUAL MEETING</b>	<b>OCTOBER 26-27, 2018</b>
Name _____	Cell Phone _____	Departure City _____
Address _____	Roommate _____	C
ell _____		
City _____	Zip _____	City _____ Zip _____
Church _____	<b>Handicapped Yes No (circle)</b>	
<b>Occupancy: Sgl, Dbl, Tpl, Quad (circle)</b>		

**United Methodist Women  
Proposed Mid-Michigan District 2019**

Revised 6/1/2018

**PLEDGE TO MISSION** \$40,000.00

**ADMINISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (A&MD)**

**OFFICER EXPENSES:**

(Those not associated with District or Conference Events)

100	Postage	<u>100.00</u>	
101	Office Supplies	<u>300.00</u>	
103	Travel (Including visitation to local	<u>1,400.00</u>	
104	units) Meals	<u>50.00</u>	
105	Printing	<u>50.00</u>	
106	Bank Expenses	<u>75.00</u>	
107	Audit	<u>100.00</u>	
108	Dependent Care	<u>50.00</u>	
109	Officer Resources/Literature		
	<b>TOTAL OFFICER EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 2,125.00</b>

**CONFERENCE EVENT EXPENSES: (Those associated with events, including travel, meals, dependent care, scholarships, when not covered by Conference)**

200	Conference Annual Meeting	<u>          </u>	
201	Keep Making Peace Day	<u>          </u>	
202	Mission u	<u>2,500.00</u>	
203	Other Conference Events		
			<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>

**DISTRICT EVENT EXPENSES: (Those associated with events, including travel, meals, supplies, printing, dependent care, honoraria, scholarships for local women)**

300	District Annual Meeting	400.00	100.0
301	Local Unit Leadership Training	100.00	
302	District Spiritual Growth Retreat	<u>1,200.00</u>	
303	Shepherds/Unit Visitation	<u>          </u>	
304	Other District Events:	<u>          </u>	

**TOTAL DISTRICT EVENTS** **\$ 1,700.00**

400	Newsletter/Directory (including printing & postage)	<u>1,400.00</u>	
401	Program Resources (including sales tax)	<u>500.00</u>	
402	District SMR, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, etc.	<u>300.00</u>	
403	Church Women United	<u>          </u>	
409	Miscellaneous	<u>          </u>	
			<b>\$ 2,200.00</b>

**TOTAL BUDGETED A&MD** **\$ 8,525.00**



## BUDGET FORMAT CHANGE

The proposed 2019 budget on the previous page is in a new format from what you have seen in the past. This revised form will be used by all nine of the UMW districts as we reorganize into the Michigan Conference.

Essentially, we are expecting income from the 5 channels of giving to equal \$40,000 in the Mid-Michigan District in 2019. We are proposing that \$8,525.00 of that will be used for District expenditures, including District events and this newsletter.

This budget will be voted on at our September 19<sup>th</sup> District meeting.

Please be sure to complete the Pledge to Mission card and submit it at the District meeting, or directly to me before September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Also, please note that my address has changed so that all future remittances must be sent to:

Jackie Ricketts  
4827 Marian Hills  
Pleasant Lake MI 49272

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Jackie Ricketts, Treasurer  
jricketts657@gmail.com  
517-812-5107

## 2019 PLEDGE CARD

### MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT UMW PLEDGE TO MISSION CARD

Unit Name

Full Name of Church

Church Address

City, State, Zip

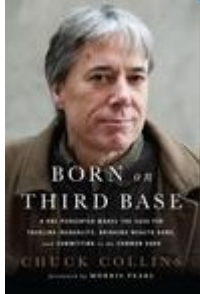
**For 2019 our unit pledges:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Unit President or Treasurer's signature

Contact number

## **BORN ON THIRD BASE**



It is summertime! A time when many choose to read one or more good books and UMW Missions has offered us many to choose from. I've just about finished *Born on Third Base: A One Percenter Makes the Case for Tackling Inequality, Bringing Wealth Home, and Committing to the Common Good* by Chuck Collins.

The author, Chuck Collins, was raised in Michigan and is an heir to the Oscar Mayer fortune. He and Bill Gates, Senior (father of Microsoft's founder) join together to help their wealthy friends realize the advantages of education and connections that they have received. They also seek to lessen the effects of economic inequality by encouraging one percenters to join in their communities to be part of the solution to the problems caused by the growing disparity in wealth in this country.

This book is a must read wherever readers fall on the economic scale.

Karol Fry  
Program Resources

## **RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Soaring Unlimited Haiti is having a Rummage/Bake sale to support work in Haiti. The proceeds from this event will support the Medical Clinic and the Baby Box Program. The Baby Box will provide a safe place for babies in Haiti to sleep.

**Plumber's Union Hall, 5404 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing.**

**Thursday, August 9.....9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.**

**Friday, August 10.....9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.**

**Saturday, August 11.....9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

Clean gently used items can be brought to the Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the sale from 9:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. Baked items can be brought in on both Wednesday and Thursday. Baked items should be packaged and ready for sale if possible.

We need both men and women to help carry donated items into the hall. We also need help to unpack and arrange the clothing and items on the tables on both Tuesday and Wednesday. Of course, we need lots of bakers. We also need men and women on sale day to help carry purchased items out.

This is an excellent opportunity to work beside people of other churches in fellowship to help those in Haiti.

**Please help us by announcing this sale in your church's newsletter and your church bulletins a few weeks before the sale. We need items to sell, volunteers and buyers.**

**Thank you so much for your continued help.**

*For more information please call Dorothy Frederickson at (517) 882-4609 or Tom Hanna at (517) 256-3580*

## PROPOSED 2019 MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT OFFICERS

Proposed slate of elected officers for 2019 as submitted by the Committee on Nominations

**President:** Donna Kleiver (2018)  
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**Secretary:** Rita Baird (2017)  
2031 W. Olds Road, Leslie, MI 49251  
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**Treasurer:** Jackie Ricketts (2016)  
4827 Marian Hills, Pleasant Lake MI 49272  
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### Mission Coordinators

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**Program Resources:** Karol Fry (2017)  
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Helen Miller (2017)  
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Open \_\_\_\_\_ 2018  
(3 yr. term expires 12-31-2022)

Open \_\_\_\_\_ 2019  
(4 yr. term expires 12-31-2023)

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**The Messenger Editor:** Open \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **Deadlines**

September 10, 2018..... *The Messenger* Articles for October Issue Due

September 12, 2018.....Registration for District Meeting Due

September 15, 2018.....Registration for Conference Meeting Due

### **Events**

September 19, 2018.....Mid-Michigan District Meeting, Holt UMC

October 27, 2018.....Joint Conference Annual Meeting, Petoskey UMC