



# NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Spring – Summer 2019

## PRESIDENT

Welcome to the first official newsletter of the Northern Skies District of the Michigan Conference United Methodist Women. We are doing a NEW THING! I'm part of that new thing as I'm your new President!

I encourage you to contact your District Officers for questions you may have. We are here to serve YOU and YOUR UNIT!

- Reading Program: Mary Balfour
- 5 Star Woman/5 Star Unit or your Pledge: Barb Akins
- Membership including deceased members and online reporting: Joyce Erickson
- Spiritual Growth Retreat: Jane Yaeger
- Annual Meeting: Judy Misner and Linda Maiullo
- Local Officers Report: Bobbi Sundquist
- Social Action: Moira Cowling and Beth Clark
  - Criminalization of communities of color, with a focus on disrupting the school-to-prison pipeline.
  - Maternal and child health, with a focus on ending maternal mortality in the United States and around the world.
  - Climate justice, with a focus on United Methodist Women members' personal and collective choices through the 13 Steps of Sustainability and holding corporations accountable for polluting and greenhouse gas emissions.
  - Challenging economic inequality, with a focus on securing living wages for all.
- Education and Interpretation (Mission Objectives): Moira Cowling and Beth Clark
- Newsletter: Judy Rost
- Nominations: Sharon Rice

When I attended Mission U in Gaylord I was deeply affected by a video we watched concerning Social Action. Please Google and watch the UN Climate Summit Poem, "Dear Matafele Peinem." It's only 3 minutes.

As we work together FOR women, children, and youth I urge you to make a difference for them.

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## VICE PRESIDENT

Greetings from the Eastern U.P. We hope everyone had a blessed holiday. We attended the Joint Detroit and West Michigan Conference and Leadership training in Petoskey on October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> which was full of helpful information but also maybe a little overwhelming. However, we have had wonderful support and guidance from everyone.

This year's Fall Celebration is planned for October 8<sup>th</sup> (not Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>) at the Gwinn UMC. The speaker is yet to be determined.

We would like to welcome the Levering UMW to our district and look forward to their participation. We realize it is early to start thinking of 2020 events, but we encourage all the Northern Skies District members to start thinking about hosting the 2020 fall celebration.

We look forward to serving as your new co-vice presidents and welcome any and all suggestions and/or helpful hints you might have to share.

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## SECRETARY

Greetings from your new Northern Skies District Secretary. It's not often that you take a new job and have no responsibilities for months – I like it! I have read, however, that the secretary's minutes are **NEVER** to be discarded since that is the written record of the organization.

That sounds like a very big responsibility, so I'd better use spell check and get the facts right! Luckily there is always a time for corrections and additions to those minutes before they are approved. Life is like that & I am sure the minutes I take will be also.

The important thing is that we continue to strive to fulfill the mission of UMW as we and the women before us have for 150 years. I know we all approve of that!

If you see an article about what UMW is accomplishing in your area, please send it on so we can include it in our records as we move forward into our next 150 years.

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## TREASURER

Happy New Year to all of you in the Northern Skies District! With the new year and the new district, there are several things to mention that will make our donation systems work smoothly.

First of all, of course, make all checks out to "Northern Skies District UMW." Please no checks written to me! If you are designating money for UMCOR or the UM Community House, just include those amounts in the check written to Northern Skies District. When you send in the check, please fill out and include the Remittance Form. All forms can be found on the United Methodist Women website ([www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/treasurers](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/treasurers)). If it is a problem for you to print out the form, just let me know & I will send you one you can use to make copies. When you include a donation for Special Mission Recognition (SMR), there is a separate form to be filled out for that **IN ADDITION** to the regular remittance form. I know this is a lot of paper, but it makes my job easier; and if you don't send in the form, I

end up having to fill out one for my files & I would rather not have to do that! As you probably know, we have cards available for Gift to Mission and Gift in Memory donations which I will be happy to send to you, but you have to request them—otherwise you won't get them, because the job skills required for being treasurer do not include the ability to read minds!☺

Please remember that I am always happy to answer questions or help with any concern, either by phone or by e-mail. Together we can continue to advance the cause of missions and enrich the lives of those we help while being blessed ourselves through the grace of generosity.

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## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Faith, Hope, Love – **In Action**

From the Women's Foreign Missionary Society in 1869 to present, we are celebrating our continuing spiritual growth as United Methodist Women.

We have such a legacy of Faith, Hope, and Love all because of action on the part of those eight women in that March night of 1869. Think of how much that spirit has grown since then.

Faith as in 2 Timothy 1:3-5 where Paul says: "I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also." A legacy of faith recorded in the Bible and continued through the faithful ones.

Hope as in Lamentations 3:24 "'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I hope in Him!'" Hope in the dictionary says: to cherish a desire with *anticipation*; to want something to happen or be true. For the Christian, hope is desire combined with the *expectation* of the event. Hope in Greek is 'elpis' which means expectation of good. Hope = Expectation, Trust, Confidence. We can continue to have the expectation

of good through our mission work that was begun with the eight hopeful ladies in 1869.

Love as in 1 John 3:16-18 "We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." Love as in the UMW mission initiatives to:

- Provide opportunities to grow spiritually
- Equip women & girls to be leaders
- Provide transformative educational experiences
- Organize for growth & flexibility
- Work for justice through service & advocacy

As we continue to grow spiritually this year, let's remember the "ACTION" part of our faith, hope and love! (A bell is not a bell until you ring it, a song is not a song until you sing it. Love was not put in the heart to stay, love isn't love until you give it away.)

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**SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT  
MAY 3-4, 2019  
MANISTIQUE COMFORT INN  
REGISTRATION DUE APRIL 27, 2019  
(See Registration Form Enclosed)**

## **MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE, & OUTREACH**

Unfortunately, four deceased members from the Stephenson UMW unit were not recognized at the 2018 District Celebration at Zeba. They are:

- ❖ Marion Gruenstern
- ❖ Jan Poisson
- ❖ Fay Menke
- ❖ Joyce Peterson

Our apologies. They will be recognized at the 2019 District Celebration. Please send me the names of deceased members in your unit who passed between October and December 31, 2018, for recognition at the 2019 District Celebration. Due to the restructuring to calendar year reporting, UMW members who pass during 2019 will not be recognized until the 2020 District Celebration.

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## **PROGRAM RESOURCES**

Many of you have met me already in the last 8 years in my roles as Secretary and Newsletter Editor. I have now taken on a new job, as Secretary of Program Resources. If you have books from our collection that you don't want to hang onto until spring retreat, return them to: Mary Balfour, N7014 Kay Dr., K-1, Stephenson MI 49887.

The Reading Plan is constructed the same as previous years with Plans 1-4. The list includes books from the 2014 list until the present. However, there are several significant changes to The Reading Program as follows:

1. The UMW will not provide booklets from which to choose books and in which to record what we have read. I will give you the name, author, and publishing information in this newsletter and provide a booklet with a full description of each book at our spring Spiritual Growth Retreat (thus, saving on expensive postage).
2. Beginning in January 2019, United Methodist Women Mission Resources will no longer stock books on the Reading Program lists. You will have to obtain them from Cokesbury, Amazon, or your public library. Some you will be able to borrow through the District Library.

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## **NOMINATIONS**

I'm happy to report that all positions are filled except one additional member on the nominations committee. Please contact me for more information, and prayerfully consider joining us.

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## **DISTRICT REPORTING DEADLINES CHANGED AT THE CONFERENCE LEVEL**

The Michigan Conference changed the Mission Today, 5 Star Giving and the Reading Program to report on a calendar year, January 1 to December 31. The change took effect on January 1, 2019.

What that means for the Northern Skies District is that you will have the whole year to read, work on your Mission Objectives, and 5 Star Women & Units. Submissions will be due January 15, 2020; and the awards will be handed out at the 2020 Annual Meeting. We won't have any awards at our meeting in Gwinn because we'll still be in the 2019 calendar year.

Attached is the 2019 Mission Today Unit Objectives for you to use in your 2019 planning.

## **GETTING THE WORD OUT**

Are each of your units holding a United Methodist Women Sunday? It is a great opportunity to let the congregation know a little more about us and spread the word about the mission we are all about. This year, Menominee's unit combined our Special Mission Recognition with the UMW Sunday service. Our ladies take care of the entire service and most of the time we have a chili lunch or salad lunch after. Last year we had a "style show" with fashions from designer Paul for the women of Ephesus, such as the breastplate of righteousness, helmet of salvation, etc. We had fun with the costumes and hamming it up with the narratives and, of course, the serious message woven in. This year we had three short skits with a humorous take on faith, then hope, then love in action. After each skit we had a short message about each. For instance, after the faith skit, we talked from 2 Timothy 1:3-7 and said there are many assets we have to pass on and what about passing on faith.

What we haven't thought up ourselves, we have found resources on line to work with. There is a lot of info, ideas and pictures on the UMW website and online. Our projectionist was able to get some nice UMW pictures for the screen on the wall with the resources available.

Have some fun with it! While you will want to get some facts out, it doesn't have to be a lecture on United Methodist Women.

If you have been holding a UMW Sunday, e-mail information and pictures to Judy Rost at [jrost@alphacomm.net](mailto:jrost@alphacomm.net) so we can share in another newsletter.

## **WANTED**

Pictures and articles of your local unit's 150-year UMW celebration. Whether you have cake & party hats, caviar & champagne, or skits depicting our foremothers, please e-mail your info to Judy Rost at [jrost@alphacomm.net](mailto:jrost@alphacomm.net) by July 15<sup>th</sup> to be included in our Fall/Winter Newsletter.

## **WEB PAGES OF INTEREST**

Northern Skies United Methodist Women  
<https://www.umwmichiganconference.org/nsd.html>

Michigan United Methodist Women  
<https://www.umwmichiganconference.org/>

If you're on Facebook, there are many pages pertaining to UMW that might be of interest, such as:

- United Methodist Women
- Michigan Area United Methodist Women
- Detroit Area United Methodist Women
- Michigan Conference, Heritage District UMW
- Midwest District United Methodist Women

If you're receiving this newsletter by snail-mail and you now have an e-mail address, please contact me at [jrost@alphacomm.net](mailto:jrost@alphacomm.net) with your info so I can start sending the newsletters by e-mail. This will help save District postage costs. Thank you!

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**Conference Nominating Committee:** Patti Steinberg (see info above)



*2019 Northern Lights UMW District Officers*



**Spiritual Growth Retreat**  
**May 3-4, 2019**

**Comfort Inn, Manistique, MI**

**On Friday, registration will begin at 5:00 p.m. EST; dinner at 6:00 and a session following. Saturday begins at 9:00 a.m. EST with two sessions, followed by communion and lunch.**

**“Covenantal Living”**

From the Mission U Study, “Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living,” we hope to find a renewed sense of what it means to live in a place where there is wholeness for your family, your church, your community, and the earth.

Please make copies of this registration form for each person to attend and send a check payable to Northern Skies District UMW by Sat. April 27<sup>th</sup> to:

Jane Yaeger, 1610 - 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. Apt. 6, Menominee MI 49858

Questions? - call Jane at 906-290-1884 or email: [plainjane210@sbcglobal.net](mailto:plainjane210@sbcglobal.net)

**\*\*Again, if you are attending for the first time, you get one half off !!\*\***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

\*First time attendees get one half off\*\*

Persons to a room:     one person = \$100             two persons = \$70 each

three persons = \$65 each     four persons = \$60 each

Please choose your Friday night meal:

Fish, rice pilaf, vegetable    OR     Chef salad, bread

Roommate(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

handicap accessible room = first floor

no lodging needed: meals only = \$33

# 2019 Mission Today Unit Objectives

## United Methodist Women - Michigan Conference

*Please print clearly!*

Name of Unit \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Telephone

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**A unit will receive a Certificate of Achievement upon completion of one of the following categories between *January 1 through December 31, to be presented at their Annual Meeting the following October. Check the numbers completed.***

- Units completing any **8** or more objectives will be a "FAITH" unit.
- Units completing **9** or more objectives, with 8 asterisks (\*) will be a "FAITH" "HOPE" unit.
- Units completing **17** or more objectives, with 10 asterisks (\*) will be a "FAITH" "HOPE" "JOY" unit.
- Units completing **25** or more objectives, with 12 asterisks (\*) will be a "FAITH" "HOPE" "JOY" "LOVE" unit.

### **Mission Giving**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. \*Made and met its Pledge to Mission.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \*Became a 5-Star Unit by contributing to all 5 channels of undesignated giving.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Donated to local women's shelter or children's/youth program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Offered scholarships to *Mission u* and/or other United Methodist Women activities.

### **Spiritual Growth**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Observed a Call to Prayer and Self Denial.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Participated locally in a retreat, prayer vigil or Bible study.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Attended a District Retreat, Spiritual Day Apart, or Prayer Breakfast/Brunch.

### **Membership**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \*Added one new member from women who have joined the church in the current year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. \*Added one new member not included in above.

### **Attendance**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Invited a District or Conference officer (other than a member of the unit) to one meeting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Had a combined meeting with another United Methodist Women's unit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Attended Church Women United or other ecumenical group activity.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. \*At least one member (other than conference or district officer) attended a conference *Mission u*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. \*At least two members (other than conference or district officer) attended the conference or district annual meeting/celebration.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. \*At least one member (other than conference or district officer) attended the *District Elected Leadership Training*.

## Mission Education

- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. \*Unit or circle conducted at least one *Mission Study*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. \*Two members completed a *Reading Program Plan* and reported on one of the books.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Participated in but did not complete the *Reading Program*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. \*Used two programs from the *Program Book*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. \*Used the *Prayer Calendar* regularly in the unit meetings.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. Communicated with five persons listed in the *Prayer Calendar*, one from Michigan Conference.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. \*Unit had two members reading *response* each month.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. \*Unit included a *response Moment* during its meeting using an article to tell our mission story.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. Unit had one *Social Action* program.

## Mission Action

- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. \*Participated in a District or Conference ingathering project.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. Had a member of United Methodist Women present a mission program for youth or children in the church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27. Had at least one member visit a United Methodist Mission Project and report to the unit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28. \*Had at least one person receive and respond to legislative information from the United Methodist Women's Action Network.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29. Unit or member participated in a workshop, seminar, or book study related to social concerns that stimulated and enriched the total community.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30. \*Unit participated in the *Campaign for Children* in at least two ways. Possibilities are:
- Co-sponsored with the local church, a Children's Sabbath.
  - Involved with mentoring, tutoring or "big sisters" programs.
  - Communicated with representatives advocating for children issues.
  - Attended a school board meeting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31. Made a pledge to care for God's creation and worked to become a "green" United Methodist Unit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32. \*Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice policies in at least one way during the year. Possibilities include:
- Read books and articles about another race or culture.
  - Sponsor an inter-ethnic event between two or more units.
  - Recruit women of color to be members or officers of the unit.
  - Correspond with elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, civil rights, and programs for low-income persons, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33. Sent this completed form to your District Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation by **deadline date**: \_\_\_\_\_.

This year our Unit qualified as a Mission Today FAITH HOPE JOY LOVE unit. (Circle all that apply)

*Send to your District Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation*



## **PLEASE SAVE THE FOLLOWING 2019 READING PROGRAM INFORMATION:**

### **EDUCATION FOR MISSION:**

*The Devil Came Down to Chinatown: The True Story of the Church's Rescue of brothel Slaves in Old San Francisco* by Christine Taylor (2017), Amazon \$12.95

*An Insider's Guide to Praying for the World* by Brian C. Stiller, Baker Publishing (2016), Kindle \$9.99

*The Mission-Minded Guide to Church and School Partnerships* by Jake McGlothlin, Abingdon Press (2017) \$16.99

*One: Unity in a Divided World* by Deidra Riggs, Baker Publishing (2017) \$14.99

*Threading My Prayer Rug: One Woman's Journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim* by Sabeeha Rehman, Skyhorse Publishing (2017) \$17.99

### **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:**

*Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography: The Faith of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century's Most Influential Woman (Eleanor Roosevelt)* by Howard Ivan Smith, Westminster John Knox Press, \$20.00

*Fresh Expression: A New Kind of Methodist Church for People Not In Church* by Kenneth H. Carter Jr. & Audrey Warren, Abingdon Press (2017) \$14.99

*Synergy: A Leadership Guide for Church Staff and Volunteers* by Ann A. Michel, Abingdon Press (2010) \$14.95

*Who Is My Neighbor? Learning Spanish as Church Hospitality* by Ruth Hoffman, Sheila Joyce Carasco & Ngoc-Diep Thi Nguyen, Abingdon Press (2015) Kindle \$7.99

### **NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY:**

*Better: Waking Up to Who We Could Be* by Melvin Bray, Chalice Press (2017) \$21.99

*The Hidden Life Awakened* by Kitty Crenshaw & Cathy Snapp, Cairns Resources (2016) \$14.95

*Hope for the Future: Answering God's Call to Justice for Our Children* by Shannon Daley-Harris, Westminster John Knox Press (2016) \$17.00

*The Same Sky* a novel by Amanda Eyre Ward, Penguin Random House (2015) \$15.00

*When Did Everybody Else Get So Old?* by Jennifer Grant; Herald Press (2017) \$16.99

### **SOCIAL ACTION**

*Nobody Cries When We Die: God, Community, and Surviving to Adulthood (BONUS BOOK)* by Patrick B Reyes, Chalice Press (2016) \$19.99

*Walking on Lava: Selected Words for Uncivilized Times (BONUS BOOK)* by The Dark Mountain Project, Chelsea Green Publishing (2017) \$20.00

*"We Are All Fast-Food Workers Now": The Global Uprising Against Poverty Wages (Bonus Book)* by Annelise Orleck, Beacon Press (2018) \$18.00

*Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?* by Martin Luther King Jr., Beacon Press (2010) \$16.00

### **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

*Be Still: Departure From Collective Madness* by Gordon C. Stewart & Eric Ringham, Wipf & Stock (2017) Kindle \$9.99

*The Soulmaking Room* by Dee Dee Risher, Abingdon Press (2016) \$16.99

*Spoken Into Being: Divine Encounters Through Story* by Michael W. Williams, Upper Room Books (2017) \$12.99

*The Wesley Challenge: 21 Days to a More Authentic Faith* by Chris Folmsbee, Abingdon Press (2017) Group Discussion Leader Guide \$12.99, Participant Book \$14.99

*What We Need Is Here: Practicing the Heart of Christian Spirituality* by L. Roger Owens, Upper Room Books (2017) Kindle \$9.99

## **CHILDREN:**

### **Leadership Development**

*Red* by Jan De Kinder, Eerdmans Books for Young Readers (2015) \$16.00

*Weird! A Story About Bullying in Schools* by Erin Frankel, Free Spirit Publishing (2012) Kindle \$7.99

### **Nurturing for Community**

*No One Else Like You* by Siska Goeminne, Westminster John Knox Press (2016) \$16.00

*Nobody! A Story About Overcoming Bullying in Schools* by Erin Frankel, Free Spirit Publishing (2015) Kindle \$7.99

### **Spiritual Growth**

*All Around Us* by Xelena Gonzalez, Cinco Puntos Press (2017) \$17.95

## **YOUTH:**

### **Education for Mission**

*Ahimsa* by Supriya Kelkar, Lee & Low/Tu Books (2017) Kindle \$9.99

### **Leadership Development**

*Step Up to the Plate Maria Singh* by Uma Krishnaswami, Lee & Low/Tu Books (2017) \$16.95

### **Nurturing for Community**

*Dear Ijeawele, or a Feminist Manifesto in Fifteen Suggestions* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Penguin Random House (2017) Kindle \$7.99

### **Spiritual Growth**

*What's Your Story? Seeing Your Life Through God's Eyes* by Sarah Heath, Abingdon Press (2017) Kindle \$4.98

## **LARGE PRINT BOOKS:**

### **Nurturing for Community**

*All the Colors We Are: The Story of How We Get Out Our Skin Color* by Katie Kissinger, Red Leaf Press (2017) \$16.95

### **Spiritual Growth**

*Lessons to Nourish the Soul: Sermons to Encourage and Challenge You* by Marjorie E. Palmer, Create Space (2016) Kindle \$11.99



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## **2019 NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT UMW CALENDAR**

January 15	Newsletter Deadline to Judy Rost
April 27	Registration Deadline for Spiritual Growth Retreat
March 1	World Day of Prayer—Church Women United
March 23	150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of United Methodist Women
May 3	District Leadership Team Meeting at the Comfort Inn, Manistique, MI, 2:30 p.m. EST
May 3 – 4	Spiritual Growth Retreat at the Comfort Inn, Manistique, MI
July 15	Newsletter Deadline to Judy Rost
August 13	District Leadership Team meeting in Marquette, MI, at the home of Sharon Rice, Nominations Chairperson, 12 noon, EST
October 7	District Leadership Team meeting, Gwinn UMC, 2 p.m. EST
October 8	Northern Skies District Celebration, Gwinn UMC, 10:30 a.m. EST
October 21 – 22	Mission U of the North, Gaylord UMC