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# Catch A Wave

## We Have Found A Recycler!



Bring your aluminum items (pop can tabs, foil pans, foil, etc)--all clean or nearly clean to the Annual Celebration. Ask at registration for the collection area. All proceeds from recycling them go to the Grand Rapids Community House!



### President's Message



**Julia Hulka**

Looking forward, casting a glance backward – I feel a bit like the Greek god Janus. Not 2-faced, just one face looking backward and another one looking forward. (I was born in January – maybe that's why!) I must be in one of those reflective moods, prompted this time

by United Women in Faith. And that's what we do – honor the past as we move into the future. This ain't your mother's Ladies Aid no more, or is it?

I hope you've been reading bits and pieces about United Women in Faith! Some the same – some different – the opportunity to become something newer and more relevant! And I hope you will sign up NOW to attend the Northern Waters District United Women in Faith Annual Celebration Sept. 24th at Michelson Me-

morial UMC in Grayling. Your district officers have been planning for this wonderful day since, well, since last year, but more intensely the past few weeks, under the leadership of vice-president Nancy Goodyear. No detail escapes her! And we are only one of the hats she wears!

There will be lots of opportunities for learning and fellowship at Annual Celebration. We will be meeting in person after two years of recorded sessions. We almost forgot how to do "In-

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Person,” but it all came back and we’ll be ready, I promise!

Ruby Anderson will be our main speaker – see details from the flyer - and I couldn’t be more excited! She will bring us a bit of enthusiasm from Assembly 2022 – Turn It Up! And she will help us understand our new name: what it is, what it means, and how we can be part of it! Three of us from NWD attended in person – Nancy Goodyear, Linda Pitts, and myself. We learned a lot, sang a lot, ate a lot, walked a lot, got questions answered and then thought up more. And on the practical side, Nancy taught me how to use my Uber app! (We don’t have this service in Grayling...)

We heard phrases like: Imagine what God is calling us to do! We are called to be agents of change. Show care in a way that is inconvenient to you. Ascend with courage! Faith-Sisterhood-Action! We should not be afraid to do the right thing! Women like me – like you. Our role model is Jesus. Listen for a word that shimmers. God calls ordinary problematic people. Show our faith by our actions – RIGHT NOW! You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love! What do I do? Keep moving on!

Please join us Sat., Sept 24<sup>th</sup>!

### Vice-President



Nancy Goodyear

Where has our summer gone? It’s hard to believe that it is August already. I’ve been enjoying these sunny days, working in my weed gardens (I’ve decided it’s easier to grow weeds than flowers!), walking my dog, and spending time with family. But I’ve also been planning our Annual Celebration. You’re not going to want to miss this one!!! We are planning to meet LIVE, in-person!! What a feeling that will be!

This year’s celebration will be held at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. We will begin gathering between 9 and 10 and the program will start promptly at 10 a.m. Our speaker this year will be Ruby Anderson who lives in Michigan but is also on the National Board of United Women in Faith. She will be sharing with us all of the exciting changes that are coming to UWF.

There is a registration form and a list of local motels included in this newsletter. Please make as many copies as needed so that you can

bring all of the women from your church. Like I said, you’re not going to want to miss this one!! Looking forward to meeting you in person on September 24<sup>th</sup>!!!

### Program Resources



Linda Pitts

Blessings to all as we close in on yet another year together –we make progress knowing that God is with us always!

Many of you have submitted your Reading Program reports (books read during 2021)! There’s still a little time but please have them to me like ‘yesterday’ so they can be submitted in time for printing in the program for our District Conference **Saturday, September 24, at Michelson Memorial UMC in Grayling**. That also gives me time to produce your Reading Program Certificates. Reports can be sent to me via email at [onawayumc@src-milp.com](mailto:onawayumc@src-milp.com) or they can be mailed to Linda Pitts, PO Box 394, Onaway, MI 49765.

If you can participate in

the Faith Talks, two count as one book in Spiritual Growth. Three Faith Talks count as two books in Spiritual Growth. The Prayer Calendar is now the Daily Prayer Guide and is available on Facebook and the National website. The Program Book is now Program Resources and is for two years. Some of these resources will be available to download free online at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/downloads](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/downloads). Current Reading Program books are 2016 and on.

Emily Jones is now our Reading Program Specialist: [EJones@unitedmethodistwomen.org](mailto:EJones@unitedmethodistwomen.org). Yeah Emily! Contacts include: restore: [umwmmissionresources.org](http://umwmmissionresources.org); phone: 800-305-9857 or 972-905-0827; email: [cs@missionresources.org](mailto:cs@missionresources.org); Response magazine by phone 877-881-2385.

When printing your Reading Program Title Lists be sure to check what you are getting before you hit print or you just might get all 65 pages of it! The 2021 list is included on pages 9-24; 2022 is on pages 53-64. Our handy-dandy report form is on page 26.

God bless you and read, read, read!

## Treasurer



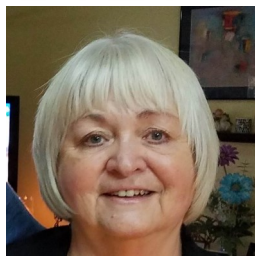
Ruth Corwin

Thanks to all who have sent in donations toward their pledges! Our mission continues as we strive to support one another and the global ministries of the church! The proposed budget for 2023 is considerably smaller than for 2022--the Team wanted it to better reflect reality. If we exceed it—all the better! We will vote on it in September.

Attention Treasurers: the deadline for accepting all 2022 monies will be 11/15 this year. I'm going to be away from 11/30-12/19 and have to turn in everything to the Michigan Conference by 12/10. If you haven't already sent in your estimated pledge for 2023, please do so soon. I hope to see you at our Annual Celebration in September!

Remember—NOTHING can separate us from the love of God!

## Spiritual Growth



Cheryl Allumi

Hello everyone! As I sit here at my computer and think about what to share with you, I am reminded that everywhere I look something has changed or is changing. The seasons come and go; flowers bloom and grow; friends and family continue to grow and sometimes leave us; the years seem to fly by too!

Our organization is also transitioning and has changed the name to be more welcoming and reflect the changing times we are in. As we journey through life, we will come face to face with many feelings of doubt, fear of the unknown, insecurities and some will cause us to pause and ponder; but will always have God right by our side.

Sometimes, I have to admit, I need to pause and seek God instead of forging ahead on my own. It is so easy to try to solve or work around a problem without that pause! We want instant resolution to our problem, Hmmm, maybe we are supposed to stop, slow down, seek the Lord and remember we are His kids and we need to walk the path He has set us on! Hard lessons often teach us the most valuable life nuggets.

Deuteronomy 10: 12-13 says “what does the Lord your God require of you? He requires only that you fear the Lord your God and live in a way that pleases him,



and love him and serve him with all your heart and soul. And you must always obey the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good."

Focus on God, concentrate on his real requirements and find peace-- respect, follow, love, serve and obey all sound simple don't they! Stay strong in your faith, trust God with every detail, pause and seek Him and know you are a beloved child of the King. Grace and joy!

#### Secretary



**Sandy Mallory**

God works in mysterious ways! At the 2019 Northern Waters District Annual Celebration, I made a spur-of-the-moment decision to volunteer for the NWD UMW Secretary's position that was vacant; I felt moved to do so and have not regretted it. It has been three years of fellowship with like-minded women, enlightenment, and spiritual growth. The tenure for this position is four years, but I will be unable to complete my final year.

I encourage volunteering for a district position. The

guidance, support and encouragement from the NW District team is fantastic! Please consider joining.

I will miss this team of amazing women, who helped me along this journey. I am grateful for having had the chance to get to know you and work with all of you. Psalm 105:1 God Bless!

#### Social Action



**Jean Petersen**

On Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of June, instead of attending the District UMW officers meeting, my husband and I joined around 200 other people at the Open Space in Traverse City at the March for Our Lives. The March for Our Lives movement was launched by David Hogg and other Parkland FL teenagers. David is now a senior at Harvard and works tirelessly for gun control. The movement works to pressure our legislators, both state and federal to **Do Something Now** about the terrible epidemic of gun violence in our nation and has learned that persistence and some compromise is neces-

sary to move forward.

If you have never joined such an event it is exhilarating to be with like-minded people, young and old, men and women who see a need and are willing to protest until it is done. There were children in strollers, young adults, seniors (lots of them) and one elderly man in a wheel chair all carrying many creative signs. As we stood along the sidewalk people passing by in their cars, pickups, even a fire engine, honked their horns, waved, gave us thumbs up or thumbs down, peace signs, and signs with other fingers. I waved back at them all. In my very unscientific poll it seemed to me the majority of those passing by were in support of some action to curb gun violence.

As United Women of Faith, we spend time learning about particular issues, such as the school to prison pipeline, or maternal health. We also need to at least be aware of other issues around us, such as, housing, race, hunger, gun violence, voting rights, LGBTQ+ issues, and we need to take action. That might be writing to or calling your congress person, attending a rally, participat-

ing in a study, listening to our neighbors, doing some good research, attending local government meetings, and most important--- voting. Which-ever side of an issue you are on ask yourself **how it will affect my neighbors near and far** and then take action.

### Education & Interpretation



**Karen Genson**

Yes, it is already August, but that means we still have 5 months in 2022, as United Women in Faith, to learn more about the missions UWF supports, participate in those missions, and enhance our mission giving, through individual pledges and gifts or through unit fund raising.

**Mission u of the North** in Gaylord, is an upcoming opportunity for learning. The book, Who Can We Be Together? A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13, will be the basis for the study. You can register before the October 9<sup>th</sup> deadline using the flyer at [www.umwmichiganconference.org/MC2022MISSIONUFLY-ER.pdf](http://www.umwmichiganconference.org/MC2022MISSIONUFLY-ER.pdf)

Or scan the QR code:



**Daily Prayer Guide-** This is the new United Women in Faith replacement for The Prayer Calendar. It is a source of inspiration, information, and can help us pray for, support, and encourage those actively involved in the missions that UWF support. You can use it via Facebook or go to the following and order a hard copy today!

[www.umwmisionresources.org/shop-ping\\_product\\_detail.asp?pid=53512](http://www.umwmisionresources.org/shop-ping_product_detail.asp?pid=53512)

**UMW Mission Giving—** Darn old Covid caused a big dip in giving to missions. Bless all of you that gave a little or gave their full pledged amount during this time. Remember all of the ways to give (Five Star Person form summarizes them).

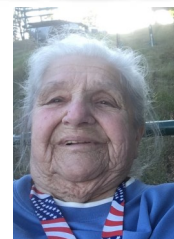
You can give a pledge to mission, a Special Mission Recognition, a Gift to Mission in honor or Memory of someone (a card will be provided for you to send to that person or family), and/or a World Thank Offering.

**Fundraising to help meet pledge to missions—** This year our unit in Ludington did an Indoor Yard Sale and returned to our Cherry Pie Making fundraiser (those pies flew out the door based on past reputation!) I would love to have ladies share their unit's fundraising

events so that it can give others ideas. Please send them to me via email at [dcgenson@gmail.com](mailto:dcgenson@gmail.com) and I will share in the next Catch A Wave or at the District Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> in Grayling.

Remember to refer to the **2022 Mission Today Unit Objectives!** Each of the things above will help you meet objectives, helping you become more fruitful United Women in Faith!

### Membership, Nurture & Outreach



**Kaye Porter**

Please send me the names of your new members that joined since last years Annual Celebration and also the names of the members that have passed by 9-9-22. If you could include a copy of their memorial card would be appreciated.

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## **LOOKING AHEAD!**

District Annual Celebration

(Grayling, Michelson Memorial UMC)

Sept. 24, 2022

Michigan Conference UMW

Annual Celebration

(Kalamazoo) October 22, 2022



## **VACANCIES!**

Would you like to serve on our district team? We are looking for:

- \* Nominating Committee Chair
- \* Nominating Committee Members
- \* Secretary

If you would like to learn more about a role, or would like to nominate a friend, please contact Julia Hulka.

***The Purpose: 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.***