



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

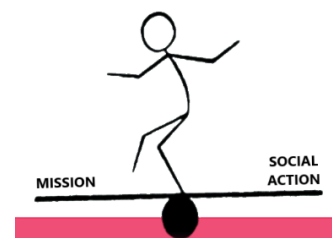
Things getting back to normal? Or better than normal? Or still some hesitancy? Our units probably hit the mark at each of these points. My first circle meeting of the year was a lovely 'Christmas in July' viola concert, presented by one of our members. Just happened to be on the deck of a lovely home on Lake Margrethe in Grayling. Such a pleasant way to start back together again!

Nancy Goodyear, our NWD Vice-President, and I will give you some more fun ideas for meetings at officer training Sept. 25th. It's our Annual Celebration and we will, well, celebrate! UMW doesn't have to be all talk and no fun. Plus, we'll share other good mission-minded ideas, too. I hope you will join us and bring your own good ideas! Details and registration elsewhere in Catch a Wave.

Maybe one of the hardest things to do in United Methodist Women is to balance social action and mission. Both require sensitivity and education. Both can be easy, or hard – if done well. Neither one is ever completed – so frustrating! I hope your units are finding ways to exhibit both aspects. Think about this: He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. Ps. 146:7, NIV To me, this is both aspects of mission – social action and hands-on projects...See you Sept. 25th TO CELEBRATE!!!



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GREETINGS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Hello, women of the Northern Waters District!! I am your new Vice President for 2021. Since I have never held a District position before, I'm learning A LOT!!! My biggest role right now is planning our Annual Celebration which will be coming up in September. You will find more information and the registration form in this newsletter. Please share this with all the women in your church. Let's make this year's celebration one to remember!! It will be great to see everyone in person again! We have a great speaker and awesome music scheduled. And it wouldn't be a UMW event if we didn't have yummy food, too! Come and be inspired!! I hope to meet all of you there!!



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LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE IN UMW

We have only a few opportunities left to serve on the District United Methodist Women Team. Positions still available are:

Chair of Nominations: this role is for someone who has served in a district position in the past and is only a 2-year position with no tenure accrued.

Nomination Member (2 vacancies): a great way to meet and greet people over a 3-year term with no tenure accrued.

Training for these and other positions are provided by the district. Fees for attending a Mission u, District Annual and Conference Annual are paid for by the district and mileage to District Team meetings is reimbursed.

For more information, contact Myra Gentry, our current Chair for Nominations at 734-812-0124 or by email: myraann44@yahoo.com. Thank you!

NAMES NEEDED FOR MEMORIALS AND NEW MEMBERS

Please submit the names and pictures of anyone from your local unit who is a new member as of 2021 and names of those who shall be part of the Memorial Service at our District Annual Celebration on September 25th. Names and photos can be emailed to Kaye Porter (Membership, Nurture & Outreach Officer) at rr.ranchporterlady@frontier.com. Deadline for submission is September 10th so names can be included in the District Annual Celebration program book.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR UNIT TREASURES

Thanks to the many units who have overcome numerous obstacles and been able to send in donations toward their pledges! Even though our world is having issues, our mission continues as we strive to support one another, and the national and global ministries of the church! The deadline for accepting all 2021 monies is November 30th. If you haven't already sent in your estimated pledge for 2022, please do so now. Please note the following deadlines:

1. Fill out the 2022 Unit Pledge Card (see below) and bring it to the District Annual Celebration on September 25th or mail it to me by November 30th.
2. Review the 2022 Proposed District Budget on page 9.
3. Send your 2021 Remittances by November 30th so I can send the year-end reports into the Conference in December. Any remittances received after November 30th will be processed in January.

I hope to see you at our Annual Celebration in September! May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus!



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Northern Waters District United Methodist Women LOCAL UNIT PLEDGE CARD

We have prayerfully considered the Purpose of UMW and

Would like to commit \$ _____

As our annual pledge for 2022.

Unit Name: _____

Signature of Unit Treasurer or President: _____

Complete this pledge card and bring it to the District Annual Meeting on September 25th or mail it by November 30th to: Ruth Corwin, NWD Treasurer, 266 Mid-Forest Lodge, Prudenville, MI 48651

OUR AMAZING AND HUMBLE GOD

What does your summer look like? It seems everyone tries to get as much activity as we can into our short summer months. We like to ride our motorcycle and go camping with friends or go visit family. There are always chores to do in the yard or around the house. My wildflower garden and other flower gardens are my happy place. Feeding and watching the critters God places in my path bring me great joy. Watching the cardinals nesting in my honeysuckle was a first this year. Three little speckled eggs hatched into featherless little critters. God is so amazing and humbling as His creation reminds us how fragile our beginnings are. We need Him every hour of every day. He protects us as we travel this beautiful world He has created for us. We experienced that as we rode our motorcycle in the Upper Peninsula; a deer ran right in front us. So close, my husband could have reached out and touched it. Thank you, Lord, for keeping us safe. God loves each of us with never ending, enduring love. Summer will end and fall will come but God's love will continue. Remember to look for God, as if you were playing hide and seek, when you journey through summer and into fall. Hope to

see and meet many of you at our Annual Conference.



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FUN FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Do you find that your local unit is having a challenge meeting your 2021 yearly Pledge to Mission? When individual pledges don't quite add up to what our units have pledged, we often turn to fundraising. I am sharing with you a note on fun fundraising from UMW Leadership Touchpoints. They quoted Henri Nouwen as saying in *The Spirituality of Fundraising*, "Fundraising is proclaiming what we believe in such a way that we offer other people an opportunity to participate with us in our vision and mission . . . we are declaring, 'We have a vision that is amazing and exciting. We are inviting you to invest yourself through the resources that God has given you—your energy, your prayers, and your money—in this work to which God has called us.'" See Fundraising Ideas for United Methodist Women to benefit Mission Giving at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/fundraising-ideas-to-benefit-mission-giving>.

Share with the rest of us, which one of these ideas (or ones of your own) that you found to be really successful! Blessings to you and hope to see you at District Annual Celebration!



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Northern Waters District United Methodist Women Annual Celebration and Business Meeting September 25, 2021

Refreshments & Book Area opens at 9:00 am

Registration begins at 9:30 am / Program starts at 10:00 am – 3:30 pm

Good Shepherd of the North UMC – Roscommon
149 Robinson Lake Road, Roscommon, MI 48653

God is Calling...How Long Will It Take Before He Hears Your Answer?

Speaker: Wava Hofmann (Pastor of the Northport Indian UMC since 2019) Wava



is a former dental hygienist, having served at Red Bird Mission Dental Clinic at Red Bird Missionary Conference. She has served full tenure on both District and Conference UMW Mission leadership teams. She served on School of Christian Missions for five years as the children's program director. Working alongside her husband Daniel for 30 years in his pastoral ministry, Wava finally answered the call to pastoral ministry herself. She is the mother of three grown children and three grandchildren.

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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____

Home Church _____

Local Unit Member ☐ Local Unit Officer ☐ _____ District Officer ☐

(Position Held)

Celebration Cost: \$15 per person

Last Day for Registration: September 17, 2021

Lunch Choice (check one): Turkey Wrap ☐ Ham Wrap ☐ Veggie Wrap ☐

Mission Focus: Good Shepherd Community Pantry

Laundry detergent, dish soap, bar soap, hand soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper

Offering: NWD Pledge to Mission and UMW National Legacy Endowment Fund

Make checks payable to: Northern Waters District UMW

Please send registration to:

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Prudenville, MI 48651

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SHARING THE GOSPEL

It was a beautiful Saturday - a bright, sunny 75 degrees, with a slight breeze. "Beach Time" at Empire with many tourists and some local people taking in the vista of Sleeping Bear Dunes and the Lake Michigan shoreline. A perfect day for outreach and our church group was ready to go!

Wearing EUMC aprons and friendly smiles, our group greeted everyone with "a popsicle for you" and "have a wonderful day." Seven of us gave away 144 popsicles in 20 minutes. The beach goers' responses were wonderful! "Where are you from?" "That's so nice of you." "Why are you doing this?" "Thanks so much." There were a lot of smiling faces!

Something special happened, too! As I approached a group of women at the edge of the Lake, I could see that three were reaching out and helping two other ladies out of the water. "We just baptized her!" they joyfully exclaimed. I replied, "That's wonderful, God Bless you, have a popsicle to celebrate!" "Where are you from?" they asked. I told them and one said, "who would have thought that Anne would be baptized here, today, and that someone from a church would be present to bless our day!" I raised my hand, pointing upward, and they said, "Praise the Lord!" We are told "to share the Gospel" at any chance we get!



Hope your summer has been blessed, sunny and wonderful!

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MOTELS FOR NORTHERN WATERS DISTRICT UMW ANNUAL CELEBRATION

North Winds Lodge at Higgins Lake
 9123 N. Cut Rd.
 Roscommon, MI 48653
 989-965-1398
www.northwindslodging.com

Super 8
 5828 Nelson A. Miles Parkway
 Grayling, MI 49738
 989-710-2087
www.wyndhamhotels.com/super-8/grayling-michigan

Northern Exposure Resort
 88 W. Houghton Lake Dr.
 Prudenville, MI 48651
 989-366-6735 or 989-366-0901
www.northernexposureresort.us

Days Inn
 2556 S. I-75 Business Loop
 Grayling, MI 49738
 989-344-0204
www.wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn/grayling-michigan

Lakeside Resort and Conference Center
 100 Clearview Dr.
 Houghton Lake, MI 48629
 989-422-4000
www.lakesideresortandconferencecenter.com

Ramada Hotel and Conference Center
 2650 S. I-75 Business Loop
 Grayling, MI 49738
 989-710-2399
www.wyndhamhotels.com/ramada/grayling-michigan

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS! THE BOOK LADY IS HERE!

Blessings to all and hope your summer is everything you had hoped it would be knowing that no matter what God is with us always!

Reading Program reports are due by September 1st. So far, I have heard from: Central UMC Traverse City, East Jordan, Grayling Michelson, Lake City, Onaway and Petoskey. Great job everyone! This gives me time to produce your Reading Program Certificates. 😊

Have you had a chance to download the new list for the 2022 Reading Program Titles? Go to <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogramcatalog2021.pdf> for the list. If printing, you only need pages 1-26 (64 pages total but the rest are in different languages)!

To be perfectly honest I haven't had a chance to read any of them yet for 2022 but plan to before our Annual Celebration. Some of the topics include immigration, antiracism, prison reform, human trafficking, corporate globalization, black woman issues, Christian witness and dissent, becoming a grandma, medical miracle, Harriet Tubman, natives, the border, small great things, glimpses of heaven, and love is the way. There is something for everyone! Also, if you have been 'attending' the podcast *Faith Talks* they count as two books in the category Spiritual Growth.

Hope to see you this year at Good Shepherd. The 'book lady' plans to be there with books for you to purchase from the current lists. Meanwhile, God bless!



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THE LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND

"As a permanently invested endowment, The Legacy Endowment Fund will forever be a source of income for United Methodist Women. Providing the assurance that United Methodist Women can provide the life-affirming, compassionate care and support that heals, restores and empowers populations of women, children and youth in the years and decades to come.

In 2014, the Board of Directors launched The Legacy Endowment Fund Campaign, setting a goal in 2017 to raise \$60 million dollars. During the campaign's six-year history, communities of United Methodist Women across the globe, raised over \$34 million dollars, surpassing 56% of the \$60 million goal in December 2020! The Campaign phase ended in December 2020, yet

there is still a lot of road ahead us to reach that ambitious and yet reachable goal.

With an additional \$25 million dollars to raise, fundraising and promotion must continue beyond 2020. This new fundraising space captured under the heading of a Sustaining Phase, Building on our Success, has begun in 2021. Th Sustaining Phase, builds on the accomplishments achieved during the campaign's six-year history, strengthening that momentum with a range of activities to generate an additional \$25 million. With additional gifts received in and beyond 2021, United Methodist women will have access to financial resources used to deepen and expand its mission to transform lives and ignite change in places near and far."

-This information was pulled from <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150/home>

HOW ABOUT YOU?

This past month my 4-year-old grandson wanted to play croquet after supper, but then learned we were going to walk over to the ice cream store. Without missing a beat he said "Grandma, we could go hit a ball through two hoops. One, two. Two hoops, then we can go to the ice cream store. That would be the quickest way to get there faster".

How often do we look for the "quickest way to get there faster" when planning an event, or fund raiser, or consider what our new normal will look like? Do we stop and ask: "How will this activity affect the women and children of our congregation, or neighborhood, or community?" "How will this activity affect God's creation?" "How will this affect someone who has lost a job, or family member, or good health?"

Is it quicker to just toss everything in the trash rather than sorting out recyclables; is it quicker to just decide what our neighbors need rather than forming relationships and asking them what they need? Is it quicker to be uninformed about an issue like maternal health or how girls of color are pushed out of the education system rather than reading a book or article that takes time and makes us squirm a bit? Is it quicker to not even bring up the social justice question?

I am frequently guilty of skipping the hoops and going straight for the ice cream, so I need to learn to slow down, think carefully, read, ask, seek out and search out God's will before

heading to the ice cream store. How about you?

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Northern Waters District UMW 2022 Proposed Budget

PLEDGED FUNDS

MISSION PLEDGE	BUDGET
Pledge to Mission	34,500.00
Special Mission Recognition	1,320.00
Gift to Mission	870.00
Gift in Memory	950.00
World Thank Offering	1,860.00
Undesignated	39,500.00
Designated	0.00
TOTAL	39,500.00

OPERATING EXPENSES

Bank	150.00
Audit	100.00
Dependent Care	150.00
Directory/Newsletter	400.00
Literature/Officer Res.	550.00
Printing/Copies	125.00
Prog Res./Sales Tax	25.00
Office Supplies	225.00
Postage	300.00
SMR/Mem/Mission	450.00
Travel	2,000.00
Meals	200.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
District Annual	600.00
Retreats	1,150.00
Social Action/Mission Day (Power of Bold Day)	450.00
Conference Annual	100.00
Mission u Events	1,100.00
Keep Making Peace	100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	8,200.00

NORTHERN WATERS DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**2022 PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS****PRESIDENT**

Julia Hulka (2021) Grayling

VICE PRESIDENT

Nancy Goodyear (2021) Grayling

SECRETARY

Sandy Mallory (2020) Beulah

TREASURER

Ruth Corwin (2020) Prudenville

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Linda Pitts (2019) Onaway

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Cola Hill (2019) Boyne Falls

MISSION COORDINATORS**EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION**

Karen Genson (2021) Ludington

SOCIAL ACTION

Jean Petersen (2021) Maple City

MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE & OUTREACH

Kaye Porter (2019) Onaway

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Cheryl Allumi (2021) Houghton lake

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**MEMBER**

Pam Moyer (2020) Petoskey

MEMBER

Barbara West (2021) Johannesburg

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT (NEW POSITION)

Susan Wirgau (2021) Petoskey

HELP WANTED

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

* Nominating Committee Chair

* Nominating Committee Member (x2)

If you would like to learn more about a role, or would like to nominate a friend, please contact one of the following:

Myra Gentry at (C) 734-812-0124 email myraann44@yahoo.com

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Barbara West at (H) 989-785-2196 email bmwwest@hotmail.com



ASSEMBLY 2022

May 20-22, 2022, Orlando Convention Center, Orlando, Florida

In the words of Sara Wolfsen, Midwest District UMW Communication Coordinator, “You do not want to miss this inspiring event that happens only once every four years. Be sure to invite others to Assembly and help spread the word! In 2022 we’ll Turn It Up for spiritual healing and renewal, for rebirth in a new time, for women leaders, and for justice for women, children and youth.

Visit Assembly2022.org to get updates, get excited, and find ways to help let women in your life know about this amazing gathering. Early bird registration starts September 1st.”



ASSEMBLY 2022
MAY 20 – 22, 2022
ORLANDO CONVENTION CENTER

WWW.ASSEMBLY2022.ORG

TURN IT UP! for spiritual healing and renewal
TURN IT UP! for rebirth in a new time
TURN IT UP! for women leaders
TURN IT UP! for justice for women, children and youth

Early registration - \$330 - Sept 1 – Nov 30, 2021

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES



Mission u
There's Far More Here

THAN MEETS THE EYE

October 18-19, 2021: Mission u of the North, Gaylord UMC – \$70
Payable to: Mission u. Lodging is on your own

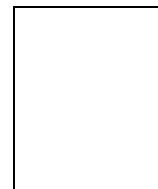
RSVP: <https://michiganconferencemissionu.square.site/>
Or email to: MIMissionu@gmail.com Name, District, Church, and Dates attending.
Mail check/info to: Sally Messner, 124 Boyd Street, Fife Lake, MI 49633

And

Michigan Conference UMW
3rd Annual Celebration - October 23, 2021
Westwood UMC, Kalamazoo, MI
Registration starts @ 8:30 am



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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.