

# Catch A Wave

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## “Mission in Motion”

The theme for this years annual celebration is Mission in Motion and our main speaker is Ruth Sutton. We are also featuring Randy Hildebrant from God’s Country Cooperative Parish in the Eastern Upper Peninsula and Eric Williams from the United Methodist Community House in Grand Rapids.



Ruth Sutton, pictured in center above at the Judith Craig Children’s village in Monrovia, Liberia with two teens.  
Photo Credit: Ruth Sutton

Northern Waters District United Methodist Women Annual Celebration on September 28th, Ruth will emphasize her personal mission experiences. She has visited mission sites in Haiti and Mexico, but her main topic will be her travels to 22 Methodist mission sites in Liberia last fall. This visit was to affirm the covenant between the Liberia Methodist Conference and the Michigan Conference.

Ruth Sutton is from Sanford UMC in Sandford, Michigan. She

is currently the UMW President for Central Bay District. At our,

Liberia Methodist Conference and the Michigan Conference.

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**Newsletter Deadline:**

**Wednesday,  
November 6**

## President's Message



**Susan Wirgau**

Greetings in God who we know in Jesus Christ!

It's been an amazing summer following a difficult winter. We are so blessed with wonderful bodies of water around us. It wasn't that many years ago, there was strife over the low water levels and now there is concern for how high the water has gotten. We are in the midst of change everywhere around us—our world and our church—both natural occurrences and human-made. We have grown through the making of one conference in Michigan, including our Northern Waters District. There are still a few loose ends to bring together, but we are getting closer to having things be the way they always have been for Northern Waters District United Methodist Women. Of course, the church itself is in a jumble with some feelings that division is the only way forward now. What will this mean for us as United Methodist Women? We don't know but for now—we, as the church AND

UMW, just have to continue keeping on—persevering.

I am the president of YOUR leadership team. Our main goal is to help the local units. How can we help you? Don't wait for us to ask you. Ask us. Invite us to a meeting. We will do an installation of officers for you. What don't you understand about UMW? We can come and explain it. A great opportunity is coming up in September. We have our annual celebration on September 28 in Gaylord---a middle of the road place for NWD.....that doesn't mean it is CLOSE for some of you. As part of this year's celebration, we are offering local officer training from your district counterpart officer. BUT maybe you don't have a Mission Coordinator for Social Action—do you have a person in your unit with a PASSION for social action? Send her! If you have some ladies who are coming to the celebration but are not involved in the officer training by position or interest, there will be a speaker for them.

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There are NO CHANGES to the **2019 Standing Rules**. As such, they will not be printed in this newsletter. Thank you.

## Vice-President



**Julia Hulka**

### Annual Celebration Details

Ya'll come! Make way! Set your GPS for **First UMC, 215 S. Center Ave., Gaylord** and your alarm clock so you can arrive for registration by **9:30, Sat., Sept. 28**, by boat, plane, train, kayak, tube, canoe, bus, parachute, skateboard, rollerblades, e-bike, car or magic carpet, (and your own two feet!) – but come! (Don't set your alarm for this, but we hope to conclude by 3:00.) You will feel so much more connected with other United Methodist Women and our common Purpose, receive a good lunch, learn lots, and chit-chat with new friends!

SO - come and go places with us! The farthest place we'll visit will be Liberia, then God's Country Cooperative Parish in the Eastern Upper Peninsula, then the United Methodist Community House in Grand Rapids! Well, it will actually be via pictures, pamphlets, artifacts, and, in the case of

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GCCP, candy. Our main speaker will be Ruth Sutton, currently UMW Central Bay District President, who visited Liberia last fall on a mission exploration trip. Her topic is "Mission in Motion." Randy Hildebrant and Eric Williams will represent two United Methodist missions in the Michigan Conference. These missions are where some of our money goes! They put feet (and backbone and brains!) to mission! All three – Ruth, Randy, and Eric – are "Mission in Motion!"

**And now for the new thing this year – Elected Leadership Training!** In the afternoon, district officers will meet with their local unit counterparts to offer guidance, hints, and a job description for their office. This will help you do your 'job' better and you will also meet other officers and learn from them – and teach from your experience, too! Now, you may be thinking that you don't hold an office, so there will be nothing for you. But there will be something for you, too! United Methodist Women always have options! Randy Hildebrant has offered to expand his sharing about God's Country Cooperative Parish and the services it provides.

Next is an explanation of our **InGathering**. It will benefit the **New Life Pregnancy Resource**

**Center in Gaylord.** Their Motto is:  
Equipping All Who Come  
Through Our Doors  
To Succeed in Their Choice For  
Life!

They would just love to receive onesies, sleepers, towels, burp cloths, receiving blankets, diapers (especially newborn) and wipes. Please be generous!

I do so hope you will bring a whole bunch of your friends (fill that boat, plane, etc.) and spend the day with us at **First UMC, Gaylord, on Sat., Sept. 28, 2019.** We're allowing more travel time since our district is geographically larger now, so the "Celebration" will start at 10:00, but the building will be open for snacks at 9:00 and registration at 9:30, and there will also be a Book Room in the hallway that will be open early. The building has both a parking lot and street parking and is handicap accessible.

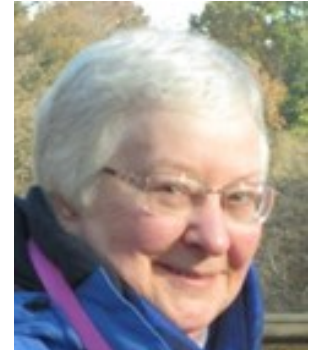
Lastly, please submit your reports for the Reading Program, 5 Star Persons and Units, deceased members to honor, new members to honor, and Mission Today Unit Objectives for 2019 to the appropriate district officer so she can give them to me and I can get them in the program booklet for all to see! And Sally Smith will have a Local Unit

Pledge Form for you to submit as part of the Pledge Service. Our offering will be divided between our District Pledge to Mission and Maternal & Child Health.

And the very last detail, which should be first on the list, is: Please keep the speakers, the Gaylord UMW officers and chief helpers, and NWD UMW officers in prayer as we plan for this inspiring celebration!

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### *Program Resources*



**Linda Pitts**

### **Read, read, read!**

Okay, I confess, during the summer, I don't get much reading done actually! There just seems to be so much else to do! As your Reading Program Resource person, I suppose I should develop some new habits but don't count on it!

Some of you have already been  
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so diligent and have submitted your Reading Program reports! Wow! Good for you and thanks so much! Yes, it has been a little confusing with information coming out of the conference, etc.

Your reporting year for 2019 annual celebration recognition will be the same period of time it has always been. (Example: for former Grand Traverse District readers it will be August 1, 2018, to July 31, 2019. Reporting dates are also 2018-2019 for former Saginaw Bay District readers.) For 2020 recognition, the reporting dates will be for the calendar year 2019. Does that mean you would have repeats in your report? Good chance but that is okay. Let it be known that I am flexible... you report what you feel comfortable with. This will all work out.

Reports can be sent to me via email (see below) or they can be mailed to Linda Pitts, PO Box 394, Onaway, MI 49765.

We plan to have books for sale at the Northern Waters District Celebration in September. Will there be any for the 2020 reading program? Time will tell, certainly hope so! Hope to see you there. Meanwhile, God bless!

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## Committee on Nominations



**Judy Gasco - Chair**

I am writing to request your prayerful consideration of a position on our new Northern Waters District team. What do we do, you may ask? Well, we plan at least 4 interesting, informative, and educational events each year for the benefit of all the members in our district! Each spring there is a retreat that is thoughtfully planned to help your spiritual growth, and for as long as I've been involved with the district (that would be a full decade!) our retreat has been at Lake Louise Camp in rural Boyne Falls area. This spring we also combined our Social Action and Mission Days into a one-day event at Houghton Lake UMC. Our last event of the year is our Annual Celebration which will be held at Gaylord UMC on September 28<sup>th</sup>. This is our annual business meeting but also a way we honor our UMW members and their achievements throughout the past year, as well as to accept their pledges for missions for the coming year.

So what positions are availa-

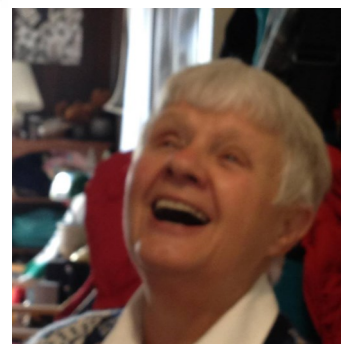
ble on our district team? Starting in 2020, our team is seeking a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Missions Coordinator, and 3 persons to represent their area of our large district on the Nominations Committee. The benefits? Besides the intrinsic satisfaction of doing something for God that ultimately helps women, children, and youth all around the world, you will also make new friends who will be there for you through life's challenges as time goes by.

Please consider joining our Northern Waters District UMW team. I can be reached by text, phone, or by email. Please listen for that "gentle nudge" as God is calling you to do something more as a United Methodist Woman.

God bless you,

Judy Gasco  
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## Social Action



**Jeanette Hayes**

Sometimes we all feel discouraged because the numbers may not

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be huge at an event. Jesus said "When ever two or more are gathered together, there I am also." We need to remember that the word may go out and like the loaves and fishes, be multiplied. Such was the case with Power of Bold Day Social Action presenter, Lisa Eckerle Hankins, from United Way of N W Michigan. She informed us of the 211 help line; one number to call to locate all the social services of your county. That information has been given to all Northern Waters District churches via Randie Clawson's Peace and Justice newsletter as well as taken by attendees to their individual church home. Churches have also been informed of the County Collaboratives; social service agencies which meet to work cooperatively on common concerns. The word spreads and multiplies reaching more of our neighbors who need assistance.

Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON) recently held an informational evening at Petoskey UMC. JFON provides free and low cost legal services to low income immigrants. Their offices are located at Central UMC in Traverse City.

Some of us who attended that presentation also attended a presentation at Greensky Hill Indian UMC with the Rev. Paul Perez, Associate Coordinator for Mission

and Ministry, Michigan Conference. He presented information and a video of his trip to our Southern Border to observe and learn about immigrant issues. For more information on United Methodist involvement, visit <https://michiganumc.org/resources/local-church-/justice-and-advocacy>.

Jeanette Hayes  
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Sally Smith

### Tips From The Treasurer

This is a reminder to local Treasurers about this year's donations. **All local unit UMW Checks should be made out to the Northern Waters District UMW.**

If you have **not** already changed your EIN number on your local UMW unit bank account, please notify me when you are going to order new checks. I will send you your new EIN number and bank papers to verify this change. At our Annual Celebration in September I will be training Unit Treasurers. Please plan

on attending and bring your questions.

I hope you all can earn a **5 Star Mission Giving Certificate** by the end of 2019. This means your unit gave at least \$5 in all five categories of Mission Giving. The categories are Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and World Thank Offering. The Northern Waters District UMW will also send these units a Congratulation Gift to Mission card in their honor. Also new for some of you is the **5 Star Women designation**. This is an individual award for those women who wish to give beyond their usual donations for their unit mission giving pledges. Unit Treasurers please keep track of these donations that are required and send me the names of these women by the end of 2019. For those who earned this award for 2018, Unit Treasurers please send me your 5 Star Women Award names by August 15<sup>th</sup> for our Annual Celebration Booklet.

**August 31 is the deadline for all names appearing in our September UMW Celebration Booklet.** Please send me your orders for recipients of Special Mission Recognition pins and Waves of Love pins. Keep in mind that your order will take about 6 weeks to receive the SMR pin and national certificate.

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I already have the names on orders sent before July 31st. Please remember that the new District Wave pin can be ordered by giving at least \$15.00 (\$10 for Gift to Mission donation and \$5.00 for the pin).

Unit Treasurers, please begin to plan your budget for 2020. There will be a pledge service at our Annual Celebration. You will be asked to write your unit's total 2020 Pledge to Mission on a pledge slip of paper to hand in for God's Blessing.

Thank you for your beneficial donations for our UMW missions as we work toward making our District Pledge of \$42,400.00.

Sister in Christ,

Sally Smith  
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## Education & Interpretation



**Pam Moyer**

**Mission Today Unit Information**  
Happy Summer!

The NEW STATEWIDE reporting form for Mission Today Unit recognition is available.

There will also be a switch for reporting completed objectives to the calendar year (January 1-December 31). For recognition at the September 2019 District Annual Celebration you may use your old forms and the August through July time frame. There will be an overlap as your completed objectives from January 2019 to present will again be reported on the new form due February 2020.

Confused?? Yes, so am I! Change is challenging, but look at it as an opportunity for 2 for 1!!

Why become a Mission Today Unit?

- To energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study, and ACTION.
- To increase contact between units and mission personnel and mission projects.
- To encourage use of mission resources.
- To expand concepts of mission including racial and social justice.

Look around you! There are so MANY opportunities-local, state, national and international. Find somewhere to plug in and make a difference!

*I was Hungry and you fed me,  
I was thirsty and you gave me  
something to drink,*

*I was homeless and you gave me a  
room,  
I was shivering and you gave me  
clothes,  
I was sick and you stopped to visit,  
I was in prison and you came to  
me.*

Matthew 25:35

The Message

Pam Moyer  
pamelapmoyer@gmail.com

## A Message From You

### From Randie Clawson

Because your UMW hearts are for justice for women and children, the Northern Waters District Peace with Justice District would like your input. You and the people of your congregation are important as we seek justice places, spaces and activities. We would like someone from each congregation to be in a "Communication Loop" with us so that our planning will meet the needs in your congregations.

If you know someone who you think would be able to be in a communication information loop, please let us know how we can connect with them.

Please contact me via phone at 231-649-0930 or email me at randie.clawson@gmail.com.



# Northern Waters District UMW Proposed Budget for 2020

1	Pledge to Mission	34500
2	Special Mission Recognition	1320
3	Gift to Mission	870
4	Gift in Memory	950
5	World Thank Offering	1860

<b>TOTAL DISTRICT UNDESIGNATED PLEDGE TO MISSION</b>	<u>39500</u>
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## ADMINISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (A&MD)

### OFFICER EXPENSES:

**(Those not associated with District or Conference Events)**

100	Postage	300
101	Office Supplies	25
103	Travel (Including visitation to local units)	2000
104	Meals	200
105	Printing	225
106	Bank Expenses	150
107	Audit	100
108	Dependent Care	150
109	Officer Resources/Literature	550

**TOTAL OFFICER EXPENSES**

3700

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

200	Conference Annual Celebration	100
201	Keep Making Peace Day	100
202	Mission u	1100

**TOTAL CONFERENCE EVENTS**

1300

### DISTRICT EVENT EXPENSES: (Those associated with events, including travel, meals, supplies, printing, dependent

**care, honoraria, scholarships for local women)**

300	District Annual Celebration	600
302	District Spiritual Growth Retreat	1150
304	Other District Events:	
	Social Action/Mission Day	450

**TOTAL DISTRICT EVENTS**

2200

### OTHER EXPENSES

400	Newsletter/Directory (including printing & postage)	400
401	Program Resources (including sales tax)	25
402	District SMR, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, etc.	450
409	Miscellaneous	125

**TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES**

1000

## **TOTAL BUDGETED A&MD EXPENSES**

8200

## 2020 Slate of Officers

**PRESIDENT:**

Susan Wirgau

**VICE-PRESIDENT:**

Julia Hulka

**SECRETARY:**

OPEN

**TREASURER:**

OPEN

**SECRETARY OF PROGRAM****RESOURCES:**

Linda Pitts

**COMMUNICATIONS****COORDINATOR:**

Cola Hill

**E & I:**

OPEN

**SOCIAL ACTION:**

Jeanette Hayes

**MN&O:**

Kaye Porter

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH:**

Amy Crawford

**NOMINATIONS:**

Myra Gentry (Chair)

Judy Church

OPEN

OPEN

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Return the following information to: Kaye Porter 989-733-8195  
rr.ranchporterlady@frontier.com, 4104 Clara Rd Onaway, MI 49765

Due: August 30, 2019

### 2019 UMW MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - PLEASE PRINT

Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Form Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

New Member Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Deceased Member Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Members AFTER changes calculated from above: \_\_\_\_\_



# FAITH HOPE & LOVE In Action

NORTHERN WATERS DISTRICT  
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
~ 2019 ANNUAL CELEBRATION ~

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019**

**GAYLORD: FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Registration deadline – **September 21, 2019**

<p><b>COST IS \$10.00</b> – includes lunch</p> <p><b>REFRESHMENTS &amp; BOOK AREA:</b></p> <p>Begin at 9:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>REGISTRATION:</b></p> <p>Begin at 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>PROGRAM:</b></p> <p>Begin at 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Worship</p> <p>Business Meeting</p> <p><b>SPEAKER: Ruth Sutton</b></p> <p><b>Theme: "Mission in Motion"</b></p> <p><b>OFFERING:</b></p> <p>1/2 District Pledge to Mission</p> <p>1/2 Maternal &amp; Child Health</p> <p><b>INGATHERING:</b></p> <p>New Life Pregnancy Resource Center</p> <p><i>Onesies, sleepers, towels, burp cloths, receiving blankets, diapers (especially newborn) and wipes.</i></p>	<p><b>GAYLORD: FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b></p> <p>215 S. Center Ave. Gaylord, Michigan 49735</p> <p>989-732-5380</p> <p><b>NEW OFFICER TRAINING:</b></p> <p>If you hold or are interested in a leadership position in your local unit, we will be meeting in groups for training, tips, etc. Come share your knowledge for everyone's benefit.</p> <p><b>FOR THOSE NOT IN TRAINING:</b></p> <p><b>SPEAKER:</b> Randy Hildebrant from God's Country Cooperative Parish in the Eastern U.P.</p> <p><b>GUEST:</b> Eric Williams from the United Methodist Community House in Grand Rapids</p> <p><b>Childcare Not Available</b></p> <p><b>SEND REGISTRATION &amp; FEE TO:</b></p> <p>Cola Hill P.O. Box 217 Boyne Falls, MI 49713</p> <p>northernwatersdistrictumw@gmail.com</p> <p>(h)231-549-5251 (c) 231-330-8710</p>
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\*EACH PERSON NEEDS A SEPARATE FORM\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and City of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

List dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Officer Training I will attend:</b>	NONE	President	Vice President
Program Resources	Treasurer	Nominations	Communications
Secretary	E & I	Social Action	Spiritual Growth
		MN&O	

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NORTHERN WATERS DISTRICT UMW

Northern Waters District UMW  
Cola Hill, Communications Coordinator  
P.O. Box 217  
Boyne Falls, MI 49713

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# AUGUST 2019



## LOOKING AHEAD!

District Annual Celebration/Training—September 28, 2019

Mission u of the North—October 21-22, 2019

MI Conference Annual Celebration—October 26, 2019

Spiritual Growth Spring Retreat—April 17-18, 2020

**NOTE:** If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, or you would like to be added directly to our mailing list, please notify the Communications Coordinator at [northernwatersdistrictumw@gmail.com](mailto:northernwatersdistrictumw@gmail.com).

***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.***