

# Catch A Wave

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## End of Year Meeting/Christmas Party for NWD UMW Leadership Team

## Reminders for Unit Leaders:

As you can see in the picture to the right, a number of us were able to get to-



Pictured Left to Right: Cola Hill, Susan Wirgau, Pam Moyer, Judy Gasco, Julia Hulka, Myra Gentry, Sally Smith, Ruth Corwin, Kaye Porter, Linda Gocha, and Linda Pitts. Photo Credit: Judy Gasco

gether to conduct the finishing touches for 2019. Myra Gentry graciously hosted us at her home in Prudenville, Michigan the first Saturday in December.

Of course, the end of something can be a bitter/sweet time as it is hard to say good bye to old friends. That being said, we have three ladies who are leaving our team; Judy Gasco, Linda Gocha, and Sally Smith, however, we also have a number of new ladies that have joined the team (see introductions further in the newsletter). Thank you to everyone for a wonderful 2019 and here's to wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

**December 1st** was the deadline to submit your **2020 Unit Officers** updates. If you have not turned this in yet, please do so as soon as possible.

**February 1st** is the deadline to file your **2019 Mission Today Unit Objectives Report**. Does your unit qualify as a FAITH, HOPE, JOY or LOVE unit?

**March 30th** is the deadline for the Annual Census Registration. Local Unit Presidents are being asked to register your unit at [https://secure3.convio.net/umw/site/SPageNavigator/Census\\_2019.html?=%2000000000.app30123bNONCE\\_TOKEN=44E86F49A156732D7599657666BC8430](https://secure3.convio.net/umw/site/SPageNavigator/Census_2019.html?=%2000000000.app30123bNONCE_TOKEN=44E86F49A156732D7599657666BC8430)



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## Newsletter Deadline:



**Tuesday,  
March 6**

## President's Message



**Susan Wirgau**

It's been a confusing journey over the last few years as we have become one Michigan conference and one Northern Waters District. Within that confusion is CHANGE. Some of us have more difficulty with change than others but I think I can fairly safely say we all have some issues with change. One of the changes that has been difficult to understand is the period of time for recognition and what the recognitions are and when they are awarded. The easiest way to look at it is that all recognition requirements go by calendar year. So, work done in the calendar year of 2019, will be recognized at annual celebration 2020 and so on and so forth in the coming years. This goes for Mission Today (unit), 5 Channels of Giving (unit), 5 Star Individual (individual) and Reading Program (individual). It's important to understand the reporting period clearly so you don't get lost in the shuffle. If you hadn't understood this, it's possible you won't have recognition in 2020 even though you have always attained these awards. If you have any questions about this, please contact me at 231-838-5986 by voice or text or [onthebay@chartermi.net](mailto:onthebay@chartermi.net). When you are reporting new members

and deceased, those will go from approximately August 1 to July 31, but everything else goes by calendar year. That reporting must be given to Kaye Porter, our MN&O chair, no later than August 20th.

If your unit friend on our team has not contacted you lately, please give her a call or e-mail her (see page 4). We also need every unit in our district to complete the Census ONLINE by March 30, 2020. It must be done each year.

Don't give up the ship because of anything.....look at the changes as opportunity; giving opportunities abound but you can definitely pick and choose what your unit participates in. Believe that there are good reasons for what we are being asked to do. God loves you and so do I.

## Spiritual Growth



**Amy Crawford**

My name is Amy Crawford. I am happily married to my childhood sweetheart. Together we have five children and five grandchildren.

I attend the Onaway United Methodist and enjoy filling the pulpit as lay speaker on occasion. I feel blessed to have such a won-

derful church family.

I have recently been accepted to the Marine Engineering program at Northwestern Michigan College.

## Treasurer



**Sally Smith - Outgoing**

Thank you for your generous Mission Giving and fund raisers during this year! Let me share with you the 2019 Northern Waters District United Methodist Women End of the Year Report. Our Undesignated Mission Giving for our 2019 Pledge amounted to \$33,398.00. This is 90% of our \$37,000.00 Pledge to Mission for 2019. Total Undesignated Mission Giving in all 5 Channels amounted to \$40,736.15. This is 96% of our District Total Pledge of \$42,400.00. Also \$6,816.27 or 77% was spent of our Northern Waters District budget of \$8,800.00. This year, 20 of our Northern Waters District local units gave donations in all 5 Channels! 24 women decided to become 2019 Five Star Women. 25 persons were awarded our new District Waves of Love pin which resulted in over \$250 in donations to the Gift to Mission category. Our NWD supplementary Mission Giving Plus for 2019 was \$7,406.46. Designated amounts were given for Call to Prayer & Self-Denial, United Methodist

Community House in Grand Rapids, UMCOR Special Sunday, UMW Regional Missionaries, Imagine No Malaria, Missionary Randy Hildebrant, UMW Projects for Maternal and Child Health, UMW Advocacy for Economic Justice, A Brighter Future for Children and Youth, and the UMW Legacy Fund.

Congratulations to all Northern Waters District local UMW units, especially treasurers, for making their 2019 District pledges, for supplemental designated donations, and also giving generously to your local area missions. We have experienced another successful year!

Thank you for your unit pledges for 2020. Our Northern Waters District UMW 2020 Pledge to Mission is \$34,500.00. Our Mission Giving makes our United Methodist Women missions possible, as we give hope to women, children and youth.

I wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year! It has been a pleasure to serve you.



**Ruth Corwin - New Greetings & Happy New Year!**

I'm very new to being involved at the District level of UMW. The women whom I've already met have been welcoming and very gracious to me. I'm looking forward to meeting and working with many more of you! I will try to do

my best as your Treasurer—Sally set a pretty high bar and she deserves a round of applause for a job well done! I'm grateful for her patience with me and I'm hoping you'll be patient, too. Please get in touch with me if you have any questions or concerns about finances. The best way to reach me is by email, but feel free to call.

Let's all keep in mind why we do what we do and may we all "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."



**Sandy Mallory**

In 1999, we moved from Theodosia, Missouri (in the Ozarks) to Beulah, MI. Our son was serving in the US Coast Guard at that time in Frankfort, so we moved to be closer to him and his family. Both my husband and I are native New Yorkers.

Empire United Methodist Church has been our home church since 2002. Pete currently serves as head usher and participates in the men's group. I have been active in our UMW unit and serve as vice president. Currently I am the administrative council chair, a member of the choir, and serve on the mission team and worship committee. I have

been part of several Grand Traverse/Northern Waters district committees, served as Mission of the North Dean (2016-2017) and a certified lay speaker.

I am looking forward to serving as secretary on the Northern Waters District UMW team.



**Myra Gentry, Chair**

Happy New Year – 2020. I am your new Nomination Committee Chair person. I am asking each of you to help me to fill the shoes that Judy Gasco has left behind. A very special thank you to Judy for her vast knowledge and many years of service as a District officer.

At this time we are looking forward to 2020, and what God has in store for the United Methodist Women of the Northern Water's District and the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Women.

Good News! We have filled the treasurer and secretary positions for 2020. Now I need your prayers and suggestions to fill the last couple positions. The Education and Interpretation team lead position need to be filled, plus one or two more persons on the Committee of Nominations. The qualifications are very simple, one to be



an UMW and the desire to serve on the District Team. Our team will provide the guide lines for each position and assistance to you in your position.

Remember when God wakes you up in the Middle of the Night and says "United Methodist Women", please answer his call. May each of us have a blessed 2020 doing God's work.



**Judy Church, Member**

I was born and raised in the Northern Lower. I graduated at 16, married and had six children. After an accident to my husband I went to college (LSSU) and subsequently went to work for the U.S. Army. Went to two Churches while we lived there, although my activities were limited by my job and travel demands. After my retirement we came home and since then I have been active. I'm always ready to do what I can for my Lord and the Church.

### **Program Resources**



**Linda Pitts**


**HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERY-ONE!**

Are you having trouble writing '20'? I catch myself after I've written '1'! Just doesn't seem natural!

Some of you have already been so diligent and have submitted your Reading Program reports! Wow! Good for you and thanks so much!

Your reporting year for the 2020 recognition is for the calendar year 2019. Does that mean you might have repeats in your report? Good chance but that is okay. Let it be known that I am flexible!

Reports can be sent to me via email (see contact list) or snail 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. Hopefully there will be some for the 2021 reading program! Hope to see you there. Meanwhile, God bless! 

### **Unit Friends List**

**Cola:** Alden, Boyne Area,

Charlevoix, East Jordan, Epsilon, Gaylord First, Petoskey

**Jeanette:** Kalkaska, Mancelona

**Judy:** Hillman

**Julia D:** Lake Ann

**Julia H:** Cadillac, Frankfort,

Ossineke, Spratt

**Ruth C:** Houghton Lake

**Linda:** Onaway

**Myra:** Michelson Memorial, Lake City, Marion, Good Shepherd of the North (Roscommon)

**Susan:** Kewadin, Harbor Springs

**Ruth J:** Arcadia, Empire, TC Central, Fife Lake

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## **NWD UMW Leadership Team**

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# 2019 Mission Today Unit Objectives

## United Methodist Women - Michigan Conference

*Please print clearly!*

Name of Unit \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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***: February 1, 2020.

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:**



Piccola Hill - Communication Coordinator  
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## 2020 LOCAL UNIT OFFICERS IN NORTHERN WATERS DISTRICT

Unit (church) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Meetings Held: day \_\_\_\_\_ week of month \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members as of August. 31<sup>st</sup> 2019: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete & return ASAP**

	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	E-MAIL
<b>President</b>				
<b>Vice-President</b>				
<b>Secretary</b>				
<b>Treasurer</b>				
<b>Spiritual Growth</b>				
<b>Education &amp; Interpretation</b>				
<b>Social Action</b>				
<b>Membership, Nurture &amp; Outreach</b>				
<b>Program Resources</b>				
<b>Communications Coordinator</b>				
<b>Nominations Chair</b>				
<b>Other</b> <small>(Can add more to the back)</small>				

- ☐ We would like to learn more about hosting a district UMW event at our church.
- ☐ We would like to have a district representative visit our church to discuss UMW.
- ☐ We would like to start a UMW unit. Please contact: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ We do not have a UMW unit at our church. Contact person & #: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments or suggestions for upcoming district events: \_\_\_\_\_

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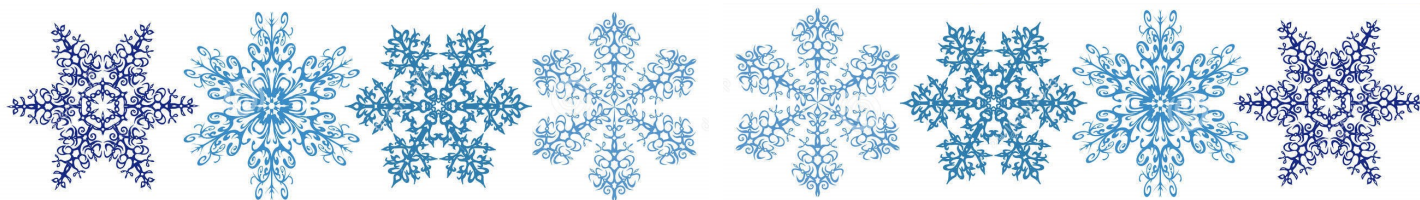
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# JANUARY 2020



## LOOKING AHEAD!

Spiritual Growth Spring Retreat (Lake Louise)—April 17-18, 2020

Power of Bold Day (Empire UMC)—May 9, 2020

District Annual Celebration/Training (Michelson Memorial UMC)—September 26, 2020



**NOTE:** If you would like to be added directly to our mailing list, or you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, 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.***