

Genesee Valley District United Methodist Women Newsletter

From Your President

Thank you to those of you who attended our 2016 Genesee Valley District Annual Meeting held in Geneseo on Saturday, October 22, 2016. Our attendance included 67 members from 14 units. Feedback from the meeting was excellent as noted on our Evaluation sheets with all those responding in agreement with keeping the date around the third Saturday in October. Thank you for your encouragement and support. North Chili has agreed to host the 2017 Annual Meeting on October 21st.



I am pleased to be able to inform you that our District Leadership Team will be welcoming three new members: Betsey Haskins-Piccioli, who was installed at our meeting, as Program Resources Manager, replacing Phyllis Miller. Phyllis has done an outstanding job in widening the Reading Program for many units. We also will have two members sharing the Social Action Coordinator position—Joan Bernard from Nunda and Bernadette Halsted from Perry. Two other unit members have offered to help where needed in the coming year. Thank you all for stepping up.

Thank You!

Joyce Farrokh as Spiritual Growth Coordinator will be stepping down, and as of now, her position remains vacant. Joyce has done an incredible job with preparation of our worship services for the past four years along with coordinating the

Communion Breakfasts and doing devotions at each of our meetings. Candy Metzger, although she has stepped down from Communications Coordinator, we are extremely grateful that she has agreed to help us publish two newsletters in 2017. Our thanks to Phyllis Miller, Joyce Farrokh, and Candy Metzger and also to Gretchen Hughes, who has stepped down from being a member of the UMW District Leadership Team but will continue as a Coordinator for Mission Today.

We have made changes as to the number of Team Leadership meetings that will be occurring with information being circulated to our Team members and our units on an as-needed basis through email or our Facebook page at Genesee Valley District. I will be using that more regularly than in the past. We will not be having a Spring Event in 2017 due to lack of interest and poor attendance in 2016.

At a recent Team Leadership meeting, it was voted upon to change the official name of the "Communion Breakfast" to "Communion Brunch" with a start time of 9:30 for registration and 10:00 for the service. A future newsletter will have more information. As of this date two units have agreed to host a Communion Breakfast.—Greece UMW and Nunda UMW. If we secure more churches, you will be advised. (Note to Unit Presidents: Those of you with email addresses, would you please circulate newsletters to your members with email addresses and send your unit mission articles to Candy at cmetzger@rochester.rr.com).

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*A Mission Today
Unit?
You can do it!!*

Thank You From Our Treasurer

Every year at the Annual Meeting, the Genesee Valley District approves a pledge to Mission Giving which is sent to the Upper NY Conference UMW. On September 19, 2015, at the Rush UMC, those in attendance voted to approve a \$20,000 Pledge to Mission Giving for 2016. So far, \$16,820 has been received so we are \$3,180 short. Unit treasurers, please check your records to make sure that you have sent in your pledged amount. If you find that your unit has excess monies, please consider sending me a check designated for Mission Giving to help us meet our pledge. If you don't have a Remittance Form, just send a note along with your check.

It is imperative that I receive all monies for 2016 **by December 7, 2016**. Anything received after that date will go into 2017. The Upper NY Conference Treasurer has requested that all District Treasurers send in their 2016 remittances to her in early December. Thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation!

The 2016 District Annual Meeting was held at the Geneseo UMC on October 22. At that meeting, those in attendance voted to approve the following two items for 2017: the District Pledge to Mission of \$20,000 and the District Operating Budget of \$2,700.

Five Star Awards are given to the units who donate to all five channels of mission giving. For 2015, the following

units earned the award: Aldersgate, Canandaigua, Carlton, Geneseo, Greece, Penfield, Perry and Webster. Certificates were given out at the Annual Meeting.

Wishing you all a blessed Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

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Mission Today Units Recognized at Annual Meeting

Mission Today Certificates were given to **nine** Genesee Valley District units at this year's UMW Annual Meeting at Geneseo United Methodist Church on October 22. All other units were challenged to study the list of Mission Today Criteria to look for program planning opportunities such as using the current Program Book as a guide for a couple of meetings, encouraging members to attend District and Conference UMW meeting, saying the Purpose at meetings, regular use of Response and the Prayer Calendar, making and meeting

your annual Pledge to Mission to support the world-wide ministries of the United Methodist Women, Inc., becoming a Five-Star Unit, etc. If you feel that the work of UMW is important, it is not hard to turn that support into action.

The nine units recognized were as follows: GOLD (15 criteria met) – Aldersgate UMW, Greece UMW, Penfield UMW, and Perry UMW; SILVER (12 criteria met) – Avon UMW and Webster UMW; BRONZE (8 criteria met)— Canandaigua UMW and Stafford UMW. Brockport UMW received a certificate for HONORABLE MENTION for their effort to

meet the criteria and for letting us know their intentions by returning the completed form.

If you have any questions or any suggestions for making Mission Today a stronger program in our District, please contact Gretchen Hughes by mail at 377 Kartes Drive, Rochester 14616, by phone at 585-865-2822, or by e-mail at fhughes76@frontiernet.net. Would it be possible to double the number of recognized units next year?

Gretchen Hughes
Mission Today Coordinator

Church Women United

Check out Church Women United's facebook page to see what they and the community are doing.

Community Events and Volunteer information are listed.

See Page 5—2017 Calendar for upcoming dates.



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What IF Everyone Did?

This was the title of a book I read to our children years ago and we had a lot of fun following the suggestions. One was for everyone to hold a pencil by one end and then wave it up and down. It looks like the pencils are turning into spaghetti! There were other suggestions to reinforce good behavior. Suppose one person slurps his spaghetti or soup, and then of course, what if everyone did?

Why did I think of this book? It has to do with the UMCOR projects our UMW at Aldersgate has been doing for 14 years. Sometime before that I think I went to a District Missions Event and each church was asked to bring completed school kits to donate to UMCOR. The result was amazing! And I think that we saw this was something we could do on a regular basis. We started with School Kits, then Health Kits, then Layette Kits. Our Sew 'n Sews Circle

makes the cloth school bags, receiving blankets, baby washcloths, baby gowns and sweaters over a year's time and have recently set and met goals of 100 School Bags, 200 Health Kits, and 50 Layette Kits. Extra supplies are donated to UMCOR for them to use to complete more kits. So far we have given 2179 School Kits, 1562 Health Kits, and 326 Layette Kits with a total value of \$58,000 according to the UMCOR list.



What if everyone did? This is a project that involves our whole church. Bins are put out in the summer to collect school supplies when they are on sale. Inventory is taken every week for all categories of kits so that we know what is still needed. Our first fall meeting is assembly night. Supplies are brought to the Ide Family Life Center

that morning and organized on tables. This year we had 4 assembly lines. Everything is packed in boxes and labeled and are ready to be transported to the hub in Cortland in two Aldersgate members vans that people in the congregation volunteer to load after church. Everyone helps in some way.

We have found it to be economical to buy everything on sale and use every piece of fabric possible. Scraps turn into washcloths for the kits. Flannel scraps become bibs and are donated to the Utica Neighborhood Center. Flannel scraps also become baby quilts that we have sent to Meri Whitaker in Cookson Hills, Oklahoma. Not everyone can serve on a mission field, but this is one way of supporting those who do in disaster relief. We get pleasure in creating bright and cheerful gifts for those in need. Maybe next year--? What if everyone did?

PURPOSE FOR UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

*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.*

Resource Secretary

The Genesee Valley District Annual Conference had 8 churches that participated and completed the reading program, They were Aldersgate, Avon, Fairport, Greece, Penfield, Perry and Webster. There were a total of 27 women that received Certificates of Recognition at the conference. Each women completed a reading plan that was suggested in the Reading Catalogue. There were 5 different categories that each women had to complete to be successful. Besides, the Reading Program Catalogue. Books from Mission U may also be used to complete the reading program.

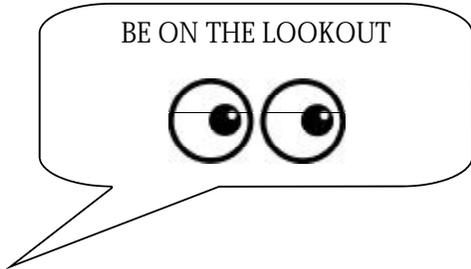


If you do not have a catalogue and are interested in getting involved in the program go to umwmissionresources.org.

I am pleased to announce that Betsey-Haskins-Piccioli will become the new Resource Secretary in January 2017. She has been involved in the reading program for the past several years at the Penfield United Methodist Church.

Phyllis Miller
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Membership, Nurture & Outreach



Next month you will be receiving a chance to give us information on your unit's Leadership Team. Please make sure that I receive this information by the due date.

I will be sending it by e-mail so all you need to do is reply back to me. If you do not have e-mail, I will send it to you through the mail.

It is important that we have your Units information.

Thank you!

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2017 CALENDAR

February 24th	Newsletter Deadline
March 3rd	Church Women United (CWU) World Day of Prayer
April 8th	Communion Brunch
June 2nd	CWU Picnic
August 25th	Newsletter Deadline
September 16th	UNY Conference Annual Meeting
October 21st	GVD Annual meeting
November 3rd	CWU Day of Reflection
District Team Leadership Meetings—TBD	
Standing Rules Committee Meeting—TBD	

*Since there is no Communications person there are only 2 newsletters that will be going out.
We will keep you updated with any other news by e-mail.*

Genesee Valley District – UMW

Possible Quadrant Grouping

Notice to Units: This list is intended only as a guideline for possible sites for Communion Brunch (formerly Breakfast) and/or for your use in sharing with other units in your Quadrant mission activities or events. One example would be one church offers to host a Communion Brunch and another church provides food or a pastor for communion. This is in no way a "directive." Use as you wish.

Quadrant No. 1 (Northwest)

Carlton
Albion
West Barre
Holley

Quadrant No. 2 (Central North)

Brockport
Hilton
Aldersgate
Greece
North Chili
Wesley

Quadrant No. 3 (Northeast)

Seneca
New Life
Covenant
Webster
Penfield
Fairport
South Perinton
Walworth

Quadrant No. 4 (Northwest/Central)

Stafford
Pavilion
Wyoming
Perry
Dansville
Nunda
West Sparta
Dalton

Quadrant No. 5 (Central South)

Avon
Livonia
Geneseo
Allen's Hill
Canandaigua
Springwater
Wayland
Naples Trinity Federation

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