

**The Purpose of United Methodist  
Women**

The organized unit of 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.

**Northern Flow  
District**

**Mission Link  
Fall 2017 Newsletter**



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Dear Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from all of us on the Northern Flow District United Methodist Women's Mission Team. We are ever thankful for what you do to further God's Kingdom in your own communities and around the world. Without your loving efforts so much good would be left undone.

**A Reminder** – Our national Office of United Methodist Women requested that each member of UMW complete a membership form. The forms have been revised to accommodate those without an e-mail address. Perhaps someone in your unit can do this for those women. Go to [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org), click on the blue myUMW Members square and have each member do the form with their information. I know there are some of us that have not done this yet but I encourage you to do so.

**Dates to Calendar –**

- **Upper New York Annual Conference United Methodist Women Meeting is September 15-16, 2017 at Saratoga Springs UMC**
- **Northern Flow District United Methodist Women Meeting is September 30, 2017 at Heuvelton UMC**

**Help Needed** – We are still in need of places to have our spring and fall gatherings in 2018. If your UMW unit would be interested in hosting us please contact me. If I am not home please leave a message and I will return your call. Our work for Christ has never been more important in our world as it is today. Please join us in our attempt to make a difference. God will help us in our every endeavor.

Yours in Christ,  
Jane Hill

Northern Flow District  
United Methodist Women  
Fall Gathering  
September 30, 2017  
at  
Heuvelton United Methodist Church

## A Trip to the Holy Land



### Walking in Jesus' Steps

Registration - 9:00 A.M.  
Program and Meeting - 9:30 A.M.  
Lunch - 12:30 P.M. (\$8.00)

Reservations due by September 20th  
Child Care Provided - Age and Number of children needed.  
**Call Tina Newcombe - Cell No. 315-854-6943  
or Home - 315-344-2329**

Lunch provided  
Choice of Ham or Grilled Plank Steak  
Potatoe & Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, & Grilled Veggies  
Dessert & Beverage  
Directions to Heuvelton church attached

**Directions  
to Heuvelton United Methodist Church**

**From Northeast** – Rte. 11 to Canton; Rte. 68 out of Canton to Flackville. Left onto Rte. 10 to Heuvelton. At 4 corners go straight across. Church is on left past Stewarts which is on the corner.

**From North** – Rte. 37 to Ogdensburg. Rte. 812 from Ogdensburg to Heuvelton. At 4 corners turn right before Stewarts onto Lisbon St. Church on left after turning corner.

**From South** – Rte. 81 to Watertown. Take Rte. 11 out of Watertown to Gouverneur. About 12 miles out of Gouverneur turn left onto Rte. 812 and continue to Heuvelton. At 4 corners turn left after Stewarts onto Lisbon St. Church on left after turning corner.

**Parking is ok on both sides of the street.**

**Thank you and hope to see you there. Come and enjoy the fellowship.**

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**2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE UMW MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 15 – 16, 2017  
Saratoga Springs UMC  
175 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Saratoga Springs NY**

If you are interested in attending this meeting please contact Melanie Keith at 518-779-6004. The cost is \$25 for both days or \$15 for either Friday or Saturday. The cost includes Friday dinner and/or Saturday lunch. Other meals and accommodations are an individual's responsibility.

The program is UMW in Today's World. The guest speaker is Carol VanGorp.

[By the time this newsletter is out the registration by mail date will have gone by. If you are interested please call Melanie ASAP]

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If you have been thinking you would like to join the membership team this is the time to let me know. We need team members. You do not have to take an office to be on the team.



SANDRA COMSTOCK  
 TREASURER  
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 315-387-3640

Once again the summer has passed by very quickly. The grandchildren are returning to school and soon it will be time to bring in the patio furniture and close up the pool. This is the time of year I would like to live somewhere where all that could be left out year round.

As always a letter will be going out soon to the unit's treasurers letting them know the status of your pledge and Five Star Unit giving. I will include a Pledge Card for 2018.

Last year at our Fall Meeting we voted to pledge \$17,000 to the Conference UMW. We received pledges of \$8,167 from our units and have received \$6,995 of that so far this year. I think I am safe in saying that 17,000 is way out of our range. I am including a copy of a proposed budget which we will vote on at the Fall Meeting. I am leaving the pledge to conference blank since I would recommend some discussion on it before we actually set an amount for 2018. Please get your pledges and Five Star gifts in to me by December 10<sup>th</sup> to assure that they be posted to 2017.

At the Fall Meeting we will be recognizing those persons for whom your unit has given Gifts in Memory Donations between Sept. 2016 and Sept. 2017.

Five Star Units are recognized at the Spring Gathering – this is based on your giving for Jan. 1, 2017 – Dec. 31, 2017. The five stars are Pledges, Special Mission Recognition, Gifts in Memory, Gifts to Mission (cards) and World Thank Offering. Sometimes all this can get a little confusing and sometimes we wonder just where our money goes after we send it to the District UMW Treasurer. It was confusing to me at first too. Please don't hesitate to call me, e-mail me or ask me to attend a meeting. I would be glad to come.

See you at the Fall Gathering on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Northern Flow District UMW A & MD  
 Proposed 2018 Budget  
 (vote on at the 2017 Fall Meeting)**

	2017 Budget	2017 YTD	2018 Proposed
<b>Program</b>			
Spring/Fall Meetings	\$200.00		\$200.00
<b>Admin Officer Expenses</b>	\$150.00		\$150.00
Travel			
Duplicating			
Postage		\$37.58 (S&H on books)	
Supplies			
<b>Directory</b>	\$100.00		\$100.00
<b>Mission u</b>			
Scholarships (officers)	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$400.00
Scholarships (non-officers)	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$400.00
<b>Other</b>			
Newsletter/Publicity	\$50.00	\$19.60 (NL postage)	\$50.00
Audit	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Contingency	\$50.00		\$50.00
<b>Reserve Assembly/Jurisdiction</b>	\$600.00		\$600.00
<b>Total (set by Conference)</b>	\$2,000.00	\$507.18	\$2,000.00
<b>Pledge to Conference</b>	\$17,000.00	\$6,994.78 collected	?

UPPER NY CONFERENCE UMW  
 2018 PROPOSED BUDGET  
 MELANIE KEITH, TREASURER  
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**Upper NY UMW Proposed Budget**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>
Travel	\$ 3,000.00
Officer Literature	\$ 100.00
Officer Recognition	\$ 200.00
Program Resources/Consignment	\$ 100.00
<b>Other A&amp;MD</b>	
Districts - 12	\$ 24,000.00
Jurisdiction (1% of pledge)	\$ 1,851.00
<b>Schools of Christian Mission</b>	
Conference - support	\$ 5,250.00
Conference Officers	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Programs &amp; Events</b>	
Annual Meeting	\$ 1,500.00
Program/Team Meetings	\$ 1,000.00
Dependent Care	\$ 100.00
District Officer Training	\$ 1,000.00
Retreat/Seminars/Workshops	\$ 1,500.00
Assembly/Jurisdiction	\$ 4,000.00
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>	
Printing/Newsletter/Yearbook	\$ 350.00
Postage	\$ 250.00
Office Supplies	\$ 200.00
Teleconference	\$ 300.00
Audit	\$ 500.00
Website	\$ 150.00
<b>Deaconess/Home Missionaries</b>	
Membership Dues	\$ 25.00
<b>Contingency</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Legacy Fund</b>	<b>\$ 75.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 47,551.00</b>
<b>Pledge TO WOMEN'S DIVISION</b>	<b>\$ 185,110.00</b>
<b>Designated Giving</b>	
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 232,661.00</b>

ELAINE PIERCE  
PROGRAM RESOURCES  
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It's time to get the Reading Program reports in to me for recognition at the Fall UMW meeting on September 30. Please e-mail me the list at the above address or send it to me at Elaine Pierce, 42 LaCelle Drive, Lacona NY 13083.

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SHEPHERDESS ASSIGNMENTS  
Jane Hill, Pres.

Your shepherdess will be contacting your UMW sometime during the year. They can answer questions about UMW, about finances, about where to get information, etc. But --- you don't have to wait for them to contact you. 📧 If you have questions or would just like a visit from a District Team member please feel free to contact them.

Assignments are as follows:

Sandra Comstock ([scomstock6@twcny.rr.com](mailto:scomstock6@twcny.rr.com) or 315-387-3640:

Belleville, Dexter & Beaver Falls

Laura Conklin ([kindcrow41@gmail.com](mailto:kindcrow41@gmail.com) or 315-287-2857:

Watertown First, Watertown Asbury & Gouverneur

Carlene Doane ([carlened@hotmail.com](mailto:carlened@hotmail.com) or 315-714-2232:

Canton & District Members

Hazel Finley ([hlf@hughes.net](mailto:hlf@hughes.net) or 315-287-2373:

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Jane Hill ([jhillmalone@gmail.com](mailto:jhillmalone@gmail.com) or 518-483-7651:

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Jan Witter ([witterjs@hotmail.com](mailto:witterjs@hotmail.com) or 315-387-5882:

Brownville, Sandy Creek, Lowville

Paula Boyle ([pbear53@gmail.com](mailto:pbear53@gmail.com) or 315-344-7033:

DePeyster, Alexandria Bay & Harrisville

Tina Newcombe (315-344-2329 – no email)

Heuvelton, Norfolk, Norwood

# REGISTRATION OPEN FOR UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ASSEMBLY 2018

SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

PRESS RELEASE

CONTACT: JAY ROLLINS, COMMUNICATIONS PRODUCER FOR ASSEMBLY  
2018 [EMAIL JAY](mailto:jay@umwassembly.org)

Registration for the United Methodist Women Assembly 2018 is officially open. The theme for Assembly is “The Power of Bold.” The event will mark the official celebration of the organization’s 150th anniversary and will also be a return to the location of the first Assembly in 1942 in Columbus, Ohio.

“Our movement was launched by the bold action of women who saw a need and claimed their power as disciples of Jesus Christ to address it,” said Harriett Jane Olson, chief executive officer of United Methodist Women. “They sent women leaders—Isabella Thoburn, an educator, and Dr. Clara Swain, a doctor—to India to serve women and children in 1869. This daring continued when leaders took a bold stand for racial justice and moved their first Assembly in 1942 from the then segregated city of St. Louis to Columbus, where African-American women were welcomed at hotels and other public accommodations.”

The early registration fee for Assembly is only \$295 USD till **Nov. 30**. After that date, regular registration is \$330 USD. This fee includes two healthy lunches for attendees and a weekend of empowering worship, plenaries, music and performing arts, workshops, town hall meetings with renowned leaders, action opportunities and immersive educational encounters in the Experience Hall.

Online registration is available at <https://umwassembly.org/register>.

“The Power of Bold will be evident again at Assembly 2018, when 8,000 women come together in faith to address priority challenges of their day: mass incarceration, economic inequality, maternal and child health and climate justice,” Olson said. “We encourage our members to share the word, invite their friends and demonstrate that when women unite, bold and courageous actions occur!”



**Bus trip to Niagara Falls/Columbus, OH**  
**May 16-21, 2018**  
**Transportation to**  
**2018 UMW Assembly!**

**Contact Person: Sharon Clairmont at 518-265-6187 or [donsnar922@hotmail.com](mailto:donsnar922@hotmail.com) (president of Albany District UMW) Brochures are available.**

**This bus trip is transportation and lodging to and from the conference. You are responsible for registering for the conference on your own.**

**Wed. May 16**

**The bus will pick up passengers from the following places:**

- Lathem
- Oneonta
- Amsterdam
- Binghamton
- Syracuse
- Victor
- Buffalo
- Dunkirk/Fredonia

**Lunch at Walden Galeria Food Court in Buffalo and Dinner and lodging at the Amish Door Inn.**

**Thurs. May 17**

Amish Breakfast, then those attending Ubuntu will head to the Columbus Convention Center. Those not attending the Ubuntu will have time at the Amish Door Village then on to the Warther Museum for a tour and lunch, then on to the Convention Center in Columbus OH.

**Fri. & Sat. May 18-19**

The Conference – see information about registration elsewhere. Everyone must make these arrangements separately from the bus trip.

**Sun. May 20**

We will leave after worship on Sunday morning arriving in Niagara Falls in time for dinner at the Top of the Falls Restaurant overlooking the Canadian Falls. There will be some time for sightseeing before staying the night at the Holiday Inn & Suites Niagara Falls.

**Mon. May 21**

After breakfast we will head to Tonawanda for a tour of Hershell Carrousel Museum. Then on to do drop-offs as above (in reverse order).

The cost of the bus trip varies with where you are being picked up and dropped off (the full list is available in the brochure), what extra events you wish to choose and how many people you are willing to share a room with. There is a lot more information about each day's events in the full brochure.

If you are leaving from Syracuse the cost with a 4 person room is \$470 each. The Luncheon/Museum Tour (\$25 additional) and German Village Tour and Buffet Dinner w/live German Music (\$20 additional).





### **PRAYERS**

Please keep Laura Conklin in your prayers. She broke her arm and was unable to put together this newsletter.

I have tried to piece together some pertinent information for you.

Thank you to everyone that helped with information and to Carlene for the list of emails.

If anyone knows someone who usually gets a newsletter that doesn't please apologize for me and share yours with them. Hopefully Laura will be healthy by the time the spring newsletter needs to go out. I'm much happier doing the books!

Sandy

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Carlene always hid a UMW Presidents name somewhere in the Newsletter and Elaine donated a book for a prize for the first one to call with the correct placement of that name.

I (having to be different) have hidden a picture of a stack of books. Please be the first to call me at 315-387-3640 to tell me where you find it, then attend the UMW meeting on Sept. 30. If you were the first to call and you are at the meeting you will win a book. My answering machine has a time stamp so I'll know.

Sandy

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### **Note:**

If anyone is receiving this newsletter via regular mail and you have an e-mail address you can save us postage money by letting me know what your e-mail is. Thank you!!!!!!