



Albany District United Methodist Women

The Burning Bush

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UMW PURPOSE: 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.

FAITH, HOPE, LOVE IN ACTION

President's Message

Sharon Clairmont, President, Albany District UMW

The winter is on its way out. And before you know it....the trees will be budding and the flowers will be sprouting. We are all so busy in our lives. I hope that each one of you can try to take a little time out for yourselves this spring.....time to reflect and enjoy.

The spring meeting of Albany District will be held this year at the Calvary United Methodist Church on April 21st. Jann Armer has put together a great program on Homelessness. More information about the meeting is elsewhere in this newsletter.

Thank you again so much for all the pill bottles that have been collected. My husband made a trip to Cincinnati to Matthew 25 Ministries in January with all that his truck would hold and we will be making another trip sometime this year.

If you are interested in going on the bus to Assembly in May, please contact me. I still have room for more on the bus. However, the registration for the Assembly closes April 9th, so you will need to act soon.

The fall meeting of the Conference UMW will be meeting at Chautauqua Institute on September 14-16. There is a bus trip being planned to get out to this meeting. I hope many of you will be able to take advantage of it. The flyer will be available soon.

Again, I want to commend all of you that achieved the Mission Today Unit Awards and the Vision Awards. Your new District Mission Team is a great group of dedicated women. Please take the time to thank them for their commitment to you.

Blessings,

Sharon, President Albany District United Methodist Women

Albany District United Methodist Women Spring Meeting



April 21, 2018

Calvary United Methodist Church

15 Ridge Place, Latham, NY 12110

~ Registration Deadline is April 13th

Registration begins at 8:45 am. There will be Fellowship Time and Book Browsing from 9–9:30 am.

The featured speaker will be from the Interfaith Rescue Mission in Albany...

In addition to the program, there will be a short business meeting, unit reports, special music, mission school update, information on the Assembly Meeting, a worship service, communion service, and a special closing.



Homeless, not hopeless. Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless (IPH) builds stronger communities. They empower individuals and families who are homeless or facing homelessness, giving them the tools to be self-sufficient. Half of today's offering will go to Interfaith Partnership.

About IPH: Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless (IPH) was founded in 1984 and was originally created as a non-denominational provider of emergency shelter for single adults. Over the years, IPH has expanded its programs to provide a comprehensive package of services for homeless and at-risk individuals and families. Current programs in Albany include a 30-bed shelter for single adults, a full-service Housing Program, Albany Ambassadors Employment Program, a Drop-In Center that is open to the community, Medical Respite Program, Safe Haven Shelter and a Health and Wellness Program. In Amsterdam Danielle's House provides a combination of emergency, transitional and permanent shelter and housing.

Why help organizations such as IPH who are helping homeless individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness: Organizations such as IPH provide services, resources and compassion while helping people learn skills that lead them closer to self - sufficiency. IPH offers programs which keep clients safe while encouraging them to take next steps which will break their cycle of homelessness. Trained staff treat clients with dignity while working with individuals on setting and achieving goals.

Mission: In recognition of the dignity and value of every human life, the mission of Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless (IPH) is to address the needs of the homeless and low-income community by providing a continuum of services to encourage self-sufficiency, empowerment and stability.

We are still collecting empty pill bottles third world countries so they can bottles. All sizes and shapes are



for Matthew 25 Ministries. The bottles are sent to hospitals in dispense medications properly. Be sure the labels are off of the acceptable.

Haven of Hope Farm and Residence

Hope of Haven provides transitional housing for the homeless located in Fonda, NY. Families with young children are now being housed at the farm in addition to individuals as needed until they are ready to be transitioned to permanent housing.

Haven of Hope relies heavily on the income experience programs and the support of its community and churches to assist women and their children that come to us with no source of income.

Work performed at the Haven of Hope Farm & Residence is predominantly performed by volunteers. There are many needs and we are hoping you can help them out:

Diapers/Wipes

Mission Resources

Lucinda Willemain

Greetings fellow readers,

Books for the UMW Reading program for 2018 will be available for browsing at the Spring Meeting. By April 10th, please send completed forms for the Reading Program to me at 2520 Peters Lane, Niskayuna 12309 and please do not email as my computer is not working well. Certificates for all who have finished reading a set of books will be awarded.

Here is the web address to print out (or just look at) the forms: I will accept listings handwritten.

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/downloads/reading-program-report-form.pdf>

See you at the meeting

Lucinda

Our Prayers are with Kathy Maker as she grows stronger

Mission coordinator, Spiritual Growth Kmaker45@gmail.com

Communications

First, Thank you for letting me be in service to the UMW. Communication is a two-way street! If you have news from your local unit to add to the newsletter, please send it in for the Fall edition by July 15. If you have any questions, or if your local UMW unit is not receiving a copy of Albany District UMW communications, please contact me at:

Email: vbwills@fairpoint.net

Phone: 518-766-2770 or 518-727-3651

In peace,

Vicki

United Methodist Women National Census Local Unit Presidents - Please count Your Unit In!

The national office of United Methodist Women is currently conducting a full membership census to identify the number of members and local units across the United States. At the same time, a member survey is also being conducted to collect information on member contacts and interests.

Each local unit president is asked to complete an online form for their local unit **by March 30, 2018**. The form is available at the United Methodist Women website. For assistance, please call the national office at 212-870-3725.

Link to UMW Local Unit President's Online Census Form:

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2017

All UMW members are also invited to complete an online member survey to share their contact information and information about their background and interests.

Link to UMW Online Member Form: **www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/myumw**

"They are wet with the mountain rains and hug the rock for want of a shelter." Job 24:8

Social Action

Mary Scallon, Mission Coordinator, Social Action

As I write this, we have just celebrated Martin Luther King Day and that it is a good reminder to remember all that he stood for. We should know that he was not only influential in the Civil Rights Movement but in the fight for Economic Equality. Dr. King's daughter, Bernice suggests that we do something nice for someone of another race on a daily basis. I would further suggest that we remember the story of the Good Samaritan and ask ourselves "Who is my neighbor?" In these days of polarization, it is good to love everyone even if we have different views than they do which doesn't mean we should not speak our truths to others particularly if they are deemed hurtful.



As we go through the year it is good to keep in mind the four areas that the United Methodist Women are emphasizing currently. These include Environmental Justice, Mass Incarceration and the Criminalization of People of Color, Income Inequality, and Maternal Mortality and Children's Health. We find many ways to educate ourselves and others through reading of our Response magazine, our Reading Program books and by attending Mission u and our UMW meetings whether they are local, district, conference, jurisdictional or national. We also should contact our political representatives to make our voice heard.

Lastly, we should be supportive of women and children who have been sexually abused or harassed. The Me Too movement has made it possible for women to step up and say this kind of harassment and abuse will no longer be tolerated. Women should also know that they have a right to an equal salary to that of a man when they are doing the same job

Blessings,

Mary, Social Action Spiritual Growth

Treasurer's Report
Karen Hunt, Treasurer



Thank you all for your faithful support through your unit pledges and mission giving. Your pledge supports important local, national and global missions.

As a district our budget has included monies to assist members to attend the UNY-UMW Annual Meeting, as well as Northeast Jurisdiction UMW and UMW Assembly meetings held every four years. To apply for reimbursement, you must complete a voucher signed by our President, with a receipt attached. I will be at the UNY-UMW meeting in Latham and at Assembly and on the bus trip, with vouchers to give out or you may email me and I'll send you one by June 1, 2018.

Remember:

- Order pins now. It takes a 3 - 4 weeks to get them.
- Form can be found at
- <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/about/financial-documentation/smrlocaldistrict.pdf>

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your pledge, mission giving, remittance forms, or other finance matters, please contact me,

Address: 14 Stutz Avenue, Latham, NY 12110
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Thanks for your work to raise money for mission and sending it to me as soon as possible.

Your friend,
Karen

2018 budget	
Budget Item	Amount
Audit	100.00
Mileage	300.00
Newsletter Burning Bush	200.00
Postage	150.00
Program	150.00
UNYUMW Annual meeting	200.00
UMW NE Jurisdiction	100.00
UMW Assembly	600.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Total	\$2000.00

Upper New York Conference of United Methodist Women



2018 Mission u - One Conference – Three Choices

Cazenovia College
July 13-15, 2018
Dean – Patricia Briggs
trish5420@aol.com

Asbury Camp & Retreat Center
July 20-21, 2018
Dean-Valerie Clark
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Silver Bay Conference Center
September 7 – 9, 2018
Dean – Ilah Sisson Walser
isissonwal@aol.com

2018 Mission u – Silver Bay

Friday, September 7 – Sunday, September 9, 2018
Silver Bay Conference and Retreat Center, Silver Bay, NY

2018 Mission u – Silver Bay Studies & Study Leaders

Spiritual Growth Study: *Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living*
Spiritual Growth Study Leader: Martie Fischer

The second in a two-part series about covenantal living. Part 1 was *Living as a Covenant Community* presented last year. Part 2, *Embracing Wholeness*, explores the ways God has called us to live in covenantal relationship with all of creation. The study challenges participants to work toward stronger, healthier relationships with creation, their communities, themselves, and God.

Geographic Study: *Missionary Conferences Of The United Methodist Church In the U.S.*
Geographic Study Leader: Sharon Schmitt

The aim of the study is to give an overview of the three missionary conferences in The United Methodist Church, the contexts out of which they grew and their current engagements: The Alaska United Methodist Conference, Red Bird Missionary Conference, and the Oklahoma Conference are a hybrid of home and international missionary work.

Social Action Study: *What About Our Money? A Faith Response*
Social Action Study Leader: Leeda Marsh

This study explores how we relate to money within the context of our faith. Through this connection between our faith and our money, participants discover how to live closer to God and God's people, even in our North American culture that is so deeply defined by money.

Watch for more information on UNYC Mission u events posted on the web at:
<http://unymissionu.org/>

***Nominating Committee,
Betsy Ryan***

We have had a good team of officers this past year working together for the Albany District United Methodist Women. Sharon Clairmont, our President, needs a good team of officers to help run a smooth operational year of planning for various events and to come up with ideas. This year we will lose several officers whose term of office will expire. We will need a Vice President to help plan programs. We are fortunate to have Cindy Van Allen assist Karen Hunt as Treasurer this year and she will assume the position next year. We will need Mission Coordinators for Spiritual Growth and Education and Interpretation next year. Amanda Smith-Lucier will assist Carole Collins for Membership, Nurture, and Outreach this year and will assume this position for next year. Vicki Wills is our new Communications Coordinator and Editor of the Burning Bush, replacing Marcia Dudden who is now on the Upper New York Conference United Methodist Women team for Membership, Nurture, and Outreach. We will also need a Chairperson for the Nominations Committee and another member or two to serve on the Nominations Committee.

Prayerfully consider these positions. Let us know if you would like to help us as the Albany District Mission Team. Look around you, look and listen for others who may be a good fit for these positions. The Mission Team meets 3-5 times during the year to plan our inspiring and informational meetings.

Thank you for your help for the Nominating Committee

May God Bless, Betsy Ryan, Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations
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Albany District

United Methodist Women Spring Meeting



April 21, 2018

Calvary United Methodist Church
15 Ridge Place, Latham, NY 12110

Registration Begins at 8:45 am ~ Registration Deadline is April 13th

UMW Group (church): _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Name(s) of those attending from your group:

Registration and Lunch: _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Registration Only: _____ X \$2.00 = \$ _____

Send registration forms by April 13th to:

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scan to donsnar922@hotmail.com or call at 518-265-6187

Make checks payable to: Albany District UMW



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