

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

Spring 2018 NEWSLETTER

57 Stacy Rd.
Malone, NY 12953 -4422

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I extend greetings to all of you from your Northern Flow District United Methodist Women's Mission Team. We give thanks to you for the hard work you accomplish to further the Kingdom of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by your Faith, Hope and Love in Action in your areas.

Last year our National Office of United Methodist Women asked us to do two things online. 1) Presidents were asked to register their Units on line and 2) Each member was asked to fill out the membership form. Go to www.unitedmethodistwomen.org and you will see a purple colored box labeled **Census 2017**. Fill out all information required, to the best of your ability and go back to main screen. Then you find a blue box which says **my UMW Membership** which is for individual registration. I will attach more specific instructions and a copy of the Membership Card I was able to print off myself.

Dates to Calendar

Northern Flow District United Methodist Women

May 12, 2018 Spring Gathering

September 29, 2018 Fall Gathering

United Methodist Women Assembly - Columbus, Ohio

May 18-20, 2018

A bus trip is planned May 16-21 to go there

Annual United Methodist Women Conference

Date and place to be announced at a later date

Mission u - Watch unymissionu.org for dates and places

We are always in need of meeting places for our Spring and Fall Meetings. Please contact me if you are interested in hosting this group of wonderful servants of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Again thank you for all you do. **It is so greatly appreciated by your Mission Team.**

Enclosures: District Team Officers List

**Yours in Christ,
Jane Hill, President
jhillmalone@gmail.com**

A message from Laura Conklin, Communications Coordinator, about this newsletter. If you find a teardrop and are the first to let me know, you will receive a prize at the May 12 District Meeting. The second prize will go to the first person to find in the newsletter a small case letter u and will also receive a prize at the District Meeting. I can be notified by phone at 315-276-4081 or kindcrow41@gmail.com.

UMW READING PROGRAM

Please remember to send your reading report forms to me. Even if you say, "I only read three books, or two or even just one," that's OK. We like to know who is using the Reading Program in any way whatsoever. Maybe you read a book (or books) not listed in the Reading Program, but with content that would be similar to Reading Program books. Add them to your list. The whole purpose of the Reading Program is to get us reading books on a variety of subjects that are important and meaningful for us as United Methodist Women. I am reading a book right now entitled "Strength in What Remains" by Tracy Kidder. It is not on the Reading Program list, but it is about a man's journey from war-torn Burundi to a new life in the US. A sentence from the book cover says, "Strength in What Remains is a wonderfully written, Inspiring account of one man's remarkable American journey and of the ordinary people who helped him - a brilliant testament to the power of will and of second chances." Sounds like a description that could easily be on the Reading Program list.

Send your form to me at 42 LaCelle Drive, Lacona, N.Y. 13083 or at efpierce55@gmail.com. I will even take your list over the phone (315-298-4086). If you don't get around to sending your list, bring it to our Spring District Meeting on May 12. I always have extra certificates with me.

Another part of my job is to help you or your UMW unit find resources for your local programs. Please contact me if you would like help in finding resources.

HAPPY READING! It's not too late to read for the UMW READING PROGRAM.

~Nurturing for Community ~ Social Action ~Leadership Development

~Spiritual Growth ~Education for Mission ~Books for Children & Youth

~Mission Studies ~Recommended Reading ~UMW Resources

All available and much more at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

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The calendar says that it is spring but the weather seems to be a bit behind. We did do some snowmobiling this winter (my husband and I enjoy that a lot) but now with all the wet snow and the sleet like rain I am ready for some warm days and some sun. All this dampness gets to my aging bones.

2017 was a hard year for our UMW district. We had voted at the fall 2016 meeting to pledge \$17,000 to our Conference UMW again but when all was said and done we had lost some units and our final tally was less than impressive. We managed to send \$14,915.14 to Conference. Knowing that all our units are struggling, and after much discussion, we voted at the fall 2017 meeting to pledge \$12,000 to Conference for 2018. At this time I have pledges from 17 units (last year was 18) for \$9,388. We really need everyone to make their pledge and to give to the other 4 categories of the 5 star program to make our 12,000 pledge. I know we can do it! Please contact your District officers and Shepherdeses for information and answers to questions you may have.

If your unit has not pledged yet it is never too late to do that. Just drop me an e-mail. If you don't know if your unit pledged or how much they may have pledged, again, just drop me an e-mail and I would be glad to look it up for you. It takes us all to make this work.

This May we will be honoring the (8) units that completed the 5 Star Unit components. They consist of (1) Completing your pledge to the district and (2) Giving to each of these 4 remaining categories: Special Missions Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and World Thank Offering. The units are: Beaver Falls, Canton, DeKalb Jct., Gouverneur First, Harrisville, Malone Centenary, Massena Grace, and Sandy Creek. If your unit is not listed and you think you completed the 5 steps please contact me at the above e-mail or phone number.

We will also acknowledge the people that were recognized by their local unit for the Special Missions Recognition in 2017.

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Make sure if you are going to Mission u this year to get in your scholarship application by June 1st. The June 1st date is important no matter which venue you plan to attend since all scholarships are giving out at the same time. If you are late there may not be any funds left. (There is a copy of the Scholarship Application for Mission u elsewhere in the newsletter.)

Sometimes the requirements for the 5-star units or the paperwork for remittances can be a bit confusing. If any of your groups would like me to come to a meeting and try to answer your questions I would love to do that.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ASSEMBLY MAY 18-20, 2018

GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER COLUMBUS, OHIO

INSPIRE

Be inspired by cutting-edge speakers and deep spiritual experiences.

MOBILIZE

Learn to mobilize through a public rally, Town Halls, workshops and social justice exhibits.

ACTIVATE

Leave with action plans for your own community.

NORTHERN FLOW DISTRICT UMW
2018 Scholarship Application

Mission u

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

I would like to attend Mission u at:

_____ Cazenovia College (July 13-15)

_____ Asbury Camp and Retreat Center (July 20-21)

_____ Silver Bay YMCA (September 7-9)

I have _____ have not _____ attended a Mission u before.

My reasons for wanting to attend this event are:

I will be using the information in my local church

Name of Church _____

I serve in the capacities of _____

Signature _____

Please do not write in this space.

Amount of Scholarship _____ Approved Date _____

Total Cost of Event _____ Signature _____

Please submit application by June 15th to:

Sandra Comstock, P.O. Box 439, Sandy Creek, NY 14135 Phone 315-387-3640

Mission u 2018

Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, NY: July 13-15

Dean: Pat Briggs, Registrar: Pat Sibbitts psibbitts@gmail.com

Classes for adults, youth, (entering grades 6-12), children (entering grades 1-5). Child care available for 6 months to 5 years.

Asbury Camp and Retreat Center

Silver Lake July 20-21

Dean: Valerie Clark, vdjphilly@gmail.com

Silver Bay Conference Center, Lake George, NY, Sept. 7-9

Dean: Ilah Sisson-Walser, isissonwal@aol.com

Sue Olmstead, solmstead1@stny.rr.co,

518-885-1275

Brochures are available at <http://unymissionu.org/>

Studies:

Spiritual Growth: Embracing Wholeness

Geographic: Missionary Conferences of US

Social Action: What About Our Money?

One Conference - Three Choices

Upper New York Conference UMW website link:

<http://uppernyumw.org/>

There is lots of information available at the Conference level of the United Methodist Women.

Lists of each Districts officers and team members and their newsletters, for example.

Events and resource information is also available.

Northern Flow District
United Methodist Women
Spring Gathering
May 12, 2018
DePeyster United Methodist Church
9:00 A.M. to 145 P.M.

Human Trafficking in New York State

Speaker
Pastor Brooke Newell



Lunch will be provided at a cost of \$10.00
Lasagna, Salad, Italian Bread, Apple Crisp, coffee, tea, or
lemonade

Reservations by April 30, call Shirley Waller
(315)578-2257 or Paula Boyle (315)344-7033

Directions are available on next page.

Directions to Depeyster United Methodist Church

From the South: From 81 North take Route 11 to Gouverneur; after you hit the town limits stay on 11 and go thru 4 lights--the next corner (where Greg's Restaurant used to be--Saidel's Optical on corner) turn left onto Rock Island Road. Go to end and turn left on Mayhew Road follow to end--turn right onto County Route 10. The church will be on the right in DePeyster.

From the North: From Malone take route 11 into Canton. Route 11 turns into Route 68. At Flackville turn left at the flashing light onto Route 10. Turn left at light onto County Route 812, follow this thru town--after you cross the bridge turn right onto 184. As you leave the speed

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Route 10. Turn left at light onto County Route 812, follow this thru town--after you cross the bridge turn right onto 184. As you leave the speed zone you will see a y in the road--bear left onto route 10--approximately 9 miles later you will be in DePeyster. The church is on the right.

Call Paula Boyle of Depeyster UMC on her cell phone if you need help--315-408-3925.

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