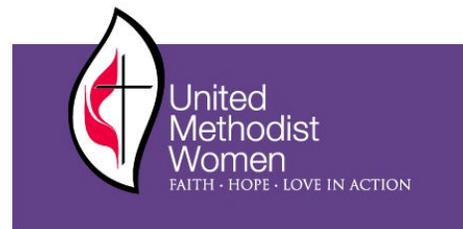


**The Purpose of United
Methodist Women**

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 2018 NEWSLETTER

57 Stacy Rd.
Malone, NY 12953
October 17, 2018

Dear Sisters in Christ,

This will be my last letter to you as your President. I am remaining on the District Team but as the Social Action Coordinator. The offices of President; Vice President; Membership, Nurture & Outreach are all open and, of course, we always need more members on the Nominations Committee.

Times are changing and, therefore, the way we do things may also change. May we pray God's will in any changes that may occur and welcome those that enrich our way of life.

I would ask that all who read the Newsletter consider prayerfully joining our Team in one capacity or another. All of our churches in Northern Flow District accomplish many good things for the glory of God and the furtherance of His Kingdom here on earth. I commend all of you and ask God's richest blessings for your lives.

In a short time you will be receiving the Mission Today Report , the Annual Report and also the Directory. You will mail your reports to Jan Witter, Northern Flow District UMW Secretary.

Thanks again for all you do.

Prayerfully with blessings,
Jane Hill, Dist. Team

October Mission Team Meeting

At the election of officers at the Fall Meeting of the District UMW, there was no one to serve as President, Vice-President, Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator or Social Action Coordinator. Hazel Finley volunteered after the meeting to be Education and Interpretation Coordinator.

The Mission Team met in October to consider how to function without these officers. We decided to try a team approach. There are nine members on the team, including two members at large and retiring president Jane Hill, who is willing to continue as part of a team. Instead of expecting each officer to do certain tasks, we will look at the tasks which need to be accomplished, and find someone willing to do the task. This might be a member of the team, or it might be someone from one of the local units who is not ready to be an officer but might be willing to do one task one time. There may also be women who do not want to commit to an office but might be willing to be part of the team.

There are some tasks which need to be the responsibility of a particular officer: the treasurer will still be responsible for the finances, although there are some jobs she has done, for instance the Memorial Service, which others could be responsible for. The Communications Coordinator would still coordinate communications and the Secretary would still take the minutes.

The team has begun the task of listing the various tasks all the officers have been responsible for and discussing how best to accomplish them. This may be an ongoing discussion; flexibility is good!

2019 Calendar Dates

Jan. 23 - 1 pm	Team Conference Call
April 12 - 4 pm	Team meets at Gouverneur UMC
May 18	Spring Gathering at Massena Grace UMC
August 14 - 1 pm	Team Conference Call
Sept 28	Fall Gathering at Sandy Creek UMC



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I can't believe we are in the final quarter of 2018. At this time I have received payment in full from 18 of my 19 pledging units. That is so great! Thank you all so much! We certainly are going to meet our pledge this year.

We started the year with \$3,814.06. As of this writing we have Income of \$13,614.14 and Expenses of \$14,211.29 leaving a balance of \$3,216.91. Of this - \$175.00 needs to be sent to Conference toward our pledge, \$1,000.00 is in the Mission u Scholarship Fund, \$600.00 is in the Assembly/Jurisdiction Fund and \$1,441.91 left for A&MD (administrative and member development).

I also have 1 unit, so far, meeting the criteria for the 5-star status that will be recognized at the spring meeting in 2019. Many of the others are very close. 5-Star recognitions are given to those units who fulfill all 5 "stars". (1) Pay your pledge in full – remember – your "pledged" amount does not include the other 4 "stars" amounts, (2) Give at least 1 Special Mission Recognition to someone your units feels has met your units criteria, (3) Give at least 1 Gift to Mission by purchasing at least one of the GTM cards and sending it to someone special, (4) Give at least 1 Gift in Memory – GIM cards are free and you pay when you use them and send the information to me, (5) Send in a donation in any amount for the World

Thank Offering. This is easier than you think to achieve and if you need any additional information please let me know.

For 2019 I have received 13 pledges for a total of \$9,494 so far. At our fall meeting we voted to pledge \$10,000 to our Conference UMW. I am hoping that I will hear from the other 6 units and that we will have no trouble meeting our 2019 pledge next year. Please e-mail me or call if you have misplaced your pledge card and I can take the information that way. Even if your unit has decided not to pledge it is important that you let me know who your treasurer is (especially if it is a change) because I periodically send information to them to share with the unit. You aren't going to receive it if I have the wrong treasurer or incorrect information.

At the Fall Meeting in Gouverneur in September we passed a budget for 2019. Our District Budget is set by the Conference – it was \$2,000 in 2018 and since we have not heard from them as to their 2019 budget we are assuming at this point that it will be the same. So – we passed the following: \$200 for Spring and Fall Meetings, \$150 for operating expenses, \$100 for a directory, \$800 for Mission u scholarships, \$50 for Newsletters, \$50 for the Audit, \$50 for Contingency, \$600 for Assembly/Jurisdiction Scholarships. We also voted to Pledge \$10,000 to the Conference UMW.

After listening to Rev. Weeden's presentation, and the lack of women coming forward to take a position on the District team, we have decided to take a little different approach to the planning of the spring and fall meetings. I, as treasurer, keep the books, send money to conference, pay bills as they occur, and all that "stuff" that treasurer's do. I also keep track of the units that get a 5 star certificate (and make those certificates presented at the spring meeting), keep track of and present the "in memory" list at the fall meeting and take the "offering" at the meetings. Other than the things that are directly the treasurer's job – all those other things could be done by someone else. Think about maybe doing one of those things for 2019.

I am looking forward to another year as your treasurer. Please let me know if you need anything from me such as forms (you can also get them on-line at unitedmethodistwomen.org) or if you would like I can come to a meeting to talk about “where the money goes” and such. My phone and e-mail are at the top of the page.

Sandy

United Methodist Women – Reading Program

The 2019 Booklist is available on the unitedmethodistwomen.org website. I have just finished reading: “Threading My Prayer Rug” by Sabeeha Rehman, available from Flower Memorial Library. What an interesting read! Sabeeha comes to the USA from Pakistan as a new bride from an arranged marriage. She describes life through the eyes of a Pakistani Muslim learning to Americanize being a devout Muslim. I found her sharing delightful and informative. I invite you to read this or something else from our new booklist. There are five book categories to consider: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth. Reading from more than one category will expand your thinking and often introduce you to ideas you can use in other contexts.

Enjoy!

Leah Mae Carlisle

Mission Team Member At Large

From Marcia Dudden, Registrar

2018 Mission u - Silver Bay

Please fill out the survey to help with planning for 2019 Mission u at Silver Bay. The deadline for Northern Flow District UMW members to fill out this survey is Nov. 20, 2018. Marcia is interested to receive input and suggestions. This is the link to the online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/DJB3FMG>

Marcia’s phone number is 518-233-0238 or email at madudden@aol.com