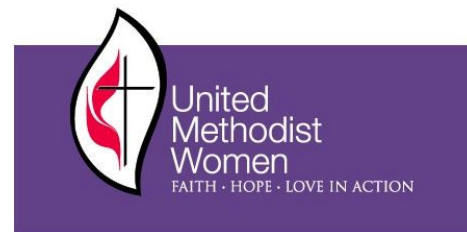


**The Purpose of United  
Methodist Women**

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 2019 Newsletter**

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Greetings Sisters in Christ from the District Mission Team,

We are excited to share that the Spring meeting will be at Massena Grace Church on May 18. Our program will be by a Social Worker, Brandy, from Renewal House, a domestic abuse advocacy and service organization in St. Lawrence County. The website is <http://www.slvrenewalhouse.org/> if you would like to access more information about Renewal House and the services they offer.

We are including a list of items Renewal House is accepting for donations and hope your unit will bring something to donate or a monetary contribution.

The Mission Team met on April 12 and were able to firm up details for this year. Ruth Truax, Chris Hamel, and Joy attended from Massena Grace to help with the plans for the May 18th Spring meeting and these details will be shared later in the newsletter.

In Christ's Service,  
The Mission Team

**2019 Calendar**

May 18 - Spring Gathering at Massena Grace

Sept. 28 - Fall Gathering at Sandy Creek

Oct. 18 - Team Meeting at Gouverneur 4 pm

2020 Northeast Jurisdiction will be held April 23-25, 2020 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Northern Flow District  
United Methodist Women  
Spring Gathering  
May 18, 2019  
Massena Grace United Methodist Church  
9:00 A.M. to 145 P.M.

## Domestic Violence

Speaker  
Brandy



www.shutterstock.com - 109766645

Lunch will be provided at a cost of \$8.00  
Ham, Mac & Cheese, Tossed Salad, Cake, & Beverage

Reservations by May 10th 2019, call Ruth Truax at  
(315) 769-2542 or  
e-mail her at [jtruax5@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jtruax5@twcny.rr.com)

Child Care not provided  
Directions on separate sheet.

## Directions to Massena Grace Church

From the South, take I-81 North to exit to Rte 11, stay on Rte 11 to Potsdam. In Potsdam take Rte 56 to Massena and turn right on Rte 37. Go past first Mall and through Massena staying on Rte 37. Pass St. Lawrence Seaway Mall and when you see a large water tower on the right take the road to the right before it going up the hill about 500 or 600 feet. Massena Grace is on the left and you can't miss it.

From the North take Rte 11 to Malone, At the four corners near Jreck Subs turn right on Rte. 37. Continue on Rte 37 until you see the large water tower on the left just before the St. Lawrence Seaway Mall. Turn left just after the tower and go up the hill about 500 or 600 feet, the Massena Grace Church is on the left at the top of the hill. You can't miss it.

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## **Wish List (Bring to meeting)**

### **Ongoing Items Needed for 9- bed Safe Dwelling**

Bath Towels, Wash Cloths

Dish Towels, Dish Cloths

Blankets (Twin)

Bedding (Twin)

Pillows

Food - nonperishable items for food pantry

Household Supplies and Paper Products (including flashlights and batteries)

## **Ongoing Items That Are Needed for Victims**

Gift Certificates - Gas cards, Phone cards, Grocery stores, Department stores, Home improvement stores, Furniture stores, Auto mechanic shops

Household Items and Supplies:

Paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)

Toiletries (shampoo, lotion, soap, conditioner, etc.)

Baby Items (diapers, clothing, etc.)

Cleaning and Laundry Supplies (bathroom and kitchen cleaners, brooms and mops, detergent, dryer sheets, trash bags, etc.)

Small Kitchen Appliances (coffee pot, toaster, etc.)

Additional Items (bedding all sizes, towels. Dishes, cookware, utensils, light bulbs, trash bags, etc.)

Adult and children's underwear, socks, sweatshirts, sweatpants, pj's. Hats, mittens, coats (winter)

Over the counter medications (be sure to check the expiration date)

Activities for Children:

Crafts, Children's Books, School Supplies, Puzzles and Games for All Ages

Monetary donations are always appreciated (Payable to Renewal House)

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As part of our May 18th meeting, participating units will be asked to share something they are doing at their home church as part of mission and service to the church or their community.

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It seems like Spring comes along way too soon for my husband and I. It seems like the snowmobiling season just starts and it's over. Way too soon for us! But most people are starting to wish that spring were already here. Also – it seems like we just sent out the Fall Newsletter and it is time to get articles ready for the Spring one already. I guess my grandma was right when she told me that that the older you get the shorter the years are.

2018 Pledges – Our units pledged \$12,000 for 2018 and we made our pledge with a total of \$12,945.11 coming in for Pledges, Gifts to mission, Gifts in memory and World Thank Offering. We also sent \$360 for Special Mission Recognition Pins. At the Fall Meeting 2018 we voted to pledge \$10,000 for 2019. This in part was due to the decrease in membership in our units. We also said that we hoped that we could send more than that. I am very happy to report that the 2019 pledge cards that I have received from 16 units add up to \$11,000. So – if everyone can fulfill their pledge this year we should have no problem meeting our pledge to the Conference UMW. Also – if your unit has not pledged it is never too late to do that. Even a few dollars each year is enough to make the difference.

At the May gathering in Massena we will honor the 7 units that completed the 5 points of the 5-Star program for 2018. These units are Canton, DeKalb Junction, Gouverneur, Harrisville, Malone Centenary, Massena Grace and Sandy Creek. If you think your group should have been on this list please give me a call or shoot me an e-mail.

We will also acknowledge the people that were recognized by their local units in 2018 with the Special Mission Recognition pin and certificate.

I have also included the scholarship application for Mission u 2019. Applications must be in by June 15 no matter which venue you choose. If you have questions let me know. There should be more information on Mission u elsewhere in this newsletter.

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Mission u information is not available at this time and we hope to provide the details at the Spring Gathering in Massena.

**NORTHERN FLOW DISTRICT UMW  
2019 Scholarship Application  
Mission u**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to attend Mission u at:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Cazenovia College (July 12-14)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Asbury Camp and Retreat Center (July 25-27)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Silver Bay YMCA (September 6-8)

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 13145

## PROGRAM RESOURCES - Elaine Pierce

Good News!!!

We will have some books available at our Spring District meeting, and with your help we could have even more. First of all, we have purchased 27 slightly used books from our 2019 Reading Program list. These will be for sale at the meeting.

Secondly, I would like to start a lending library. If we all share our books, we can hopefully provide more reading options for everyone. So, if your unit has Reading Program books, either as a library or individually owned, I hope you will be willing to loan up to ten books for other units to borrow. Books loaned out would be returned at the next meeting in the fall when they would be returned to you or put out for loan again, depending upon your wishes. I realize this might be a bit complicated until we work all the kinks out. With everyone's help we should be able to make this work.

What To Do:

- 1) Choose up to 10 books from the UMW Reading Program list that your unit or individuals have.
- 2) On the inside of the books write the name of your unit and your name if it is an individually owned book. Also, if you know this information, write the year and category inside the front cover. Bring these books to our Spring District meeting. The books would then be available to be signed out by members of other units. The name of the person and the name of the unit would be listed for each book that is borrowed.
- 3) Make 2 copies of the list of books you are bringing for loan, one for you to keep and one for me.

At the close of the Spring Meeting each unit would take back any books that had not been signed out. Times change. Our routines and practices have to change also. Please contact me if you have questions.

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