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United Methodist Women Niagara Frontier District Newsletter February, March, April, May 2019

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About this newsletter:

In keeping with the UMW Principles of Sustainability which include reducing paper and waste, this newsletter is being posted to the Niagara Frontier District E-Connection which all pastors receive. Others can get on that email list by contacting Julie Maciejewski, the district Administrative Assistant, at niagarafrontier@unyumc.org. We are trying to get good emails for each of the 35 active UMW units in our district so we can communicate directly with all units.

Our next Summer/Fall newsletter will have more information about Mission U, the District UMW Annual Meeting registration form, and Network of Leaders registration information.

Please bear with any formatting problems! At least you have the information!

Please share with other members of your church and unit.

UMW Directory: No Niagara Frontier District UMW Directory has been published since 2015. I aim to have one compiled by Gift Day (March 16), but it may not happen until the Communion Breakfast (April 13). These directories are useful in sharing information, finding speakers, and keeping in touch with other UMW units in our district. If each of the 35 units would send a list of current officers, I wouldn't have to contact each of you! Please send to Cathie Phelps, cathiephelps@aol.com. Thanks!

Be visible March 2 at Catch the Spirit! Please wear your Mission Recognition or other UMW pin when you attend Catch the Spirit, the Niagara Frontier Discipleship Gathering, at Clarence UMC. Registration brochures were USPS mailed to all pastors and each church Lay Leader so contact them if you haven't heard about it. UMW will have a display table. The District Superintendent usually speaks during worship, which we are looking forward to! Registration form is due February 16 to Jessica White, District Lay Leader.

Come Join Us! Dates for 2019

From Your Niagara Frontier UMW Vice President:

It is my joy to serve as your vice president in 2019 as we celebrate 150 years of United Methodist Women and our predecessor organizations. Each of our programs and learning opportunities this year are designed to highlight the various components of our purpose statement:

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I invite you to participate in as many of these events as possible as we celebrate 150 years and continue to learn, grow, and serve together. **United Methodist Women are faith, hope, and love in action!**

**In Christ,
Peggy Bermudez**

Gift Day – Saturday, March 16, 9:30 a.m. @Grand Island: Trinity UMC
(see information in this newsletter)
to expand concepts of mission

Communion Breakfast & Memorial Service – Saturday, April 13, 9:00 a.m. @Buffalo: Metropolitan UMC
shall be a community of women
(see information in this newsletter)

Day Apart – Saturday, May 4, 9:30 a.m. (with Genesee Valley District) @Batavia: First UMC
to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ
“Health with a Twist” Caring for our bodies, minds, and spirits
(trifold brochure and a poster in this newsletter)

Mission U – Thursday – Saturday, July 25-27 @Camp Asbury
through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Annual Meeting – Saturday, October 5, 9:30 a.m. @Eden UMC
organized unit of United Methodist Women

Network of Leaders – Sat., November 9th 9:30 a.m. @West Seneca: Hope UMC
to develop a creative supportive fellowship