

**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 2019
NEWSLETTER**

Greetings from your UMW District Team

Here are the Fall updates and important news from your District Team. The Fall District meeting is September 28 at Sandy Creek United Methodist Church. A poster is available in the newsletter with all the details. There is also information from Sandy Comstock, who serves as Treasurer and Elaine Pierce on the UMW Reading Program.

Please prayerfully consider serving on the District Team and sharing your talents with the Team. It is a great group and there are many ways to serve. Talk to any Team member for more information and share any questions or thoughts that you might have.

From Elaine Pierce Regarding the UMW Reading Program

BOOK REPORTING

I hope you have been reading many books or at least one. Please get your lists to me by Wednesday, September 25. You can contact me in any of the following ways:

- 1). By Mail to: Elaine Pierce
42 LaCelle Drive
Lacona, N.Y. 13083
- 2) By Phone: 315-298-4086
- 3). By Email: efpierce55@gmail.com

LENDING LIBRARY

I am reminding you to return any books you borrowed from our Lending Library. Could we get more books for the Lending Library this time? We had only 2 units bring books in the spring.

Just make a list of the books you are bringing and bring that list with your books to our fall meeting in Sandy Creek. I will keep track of which books are borrowed.

BOOKS FOR SALE

We will have on sale the books that were not sold at the spring meeting. We need to sell most of these books this time to make it possible for us to order new books next spring. So bring your money and your check books and buy those books. Thanks. See you September 28 in Sandy Creek.

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Here we are – another summer almost over and the fall gathering not far away. At this time I have received payment in full from 11 of my 16 pledging units. Thank you all so much! We are very close to meeting our pledge of \$10,000 to the conference.

We started the year with \$2,922.12. As of this writing we have Income of \$10,888.43 and Expenses of \$10,064.76 leaving a balance of \$3,745.79. Of this -\$1,380.00 is in the Mission u Scholarship Fund, \$1,200.00 is in the Assembly/Jurisdiction Fund and \$1,165.79 left for A&MD (administration and member development).

I also have NO units, so far, meeting the criteria for the 5-star status that will be recognized at the spring meeting in 2020. 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. You have until the end of December to get this done.

At the Fall Gathering on September 28th at Sandy Creek we will again do the Memorial Service honoring all the people that units have given Gift in Memory cards to their families. Names submitted to me between Sept. 24th, 2018 and Sept. 24th, 2019 will be read at the service.

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

Would your unit like to have a display at the Fall Gathering of some of the things you have been doing in your church/community?

If so, please contact Corine at the Sandy Creek UM Church (315-387-5111 Mon.-Fri. 8-11 am) to reserve a table. We just need to know how many tables to set up.

No pressure – not something you have to do to attend. But the sharing of ideas has been a favorite thing at these gatherings and we thought if you wanted to you could even “show” us some of your ideas as well as “tell” us about them.

See you at the gathering!

The Response magazine is a great resource for United Methodist Women. It is published six times a year and is available in both print and digital versions. Each issue is carefully formatted and includes mission projects, diversity and social action issues, Bible studies, explanation of where our “Pledge to Mission” money goes, and many other features. Generally, the final page has a prayer for closing.

For more information, the web link is:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/response>

**Northern Flow District
United Methodist Women
Fall Gathering
September 28, 2019**

**Sandy Creek United Methodist Church
9:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.**

**Refugee Resettlement 101
Speakers
Olive Sethuma & Patty Radell**



**Lunch will be provided at a cost of \$8.00
Soup, Salad, Dessert, & Beverages**

**Reservations by September 23,
call
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