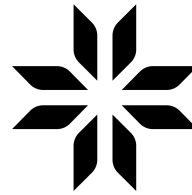


# Heritage Vine

The Newsletter of the Heritage District  
United Women in Faith  
August 2023



United  
Women  
in Faith

## President's Note

Joy Coyle



UWFaith!,

This summer has flown by! We have much to be grateful for and an exciting fall to look forward to! Our Annual Celebration will be held on Sat, September 30. Registration materials are included in this newsletter. We are going to include an hour of local officer training in that day to help us to feel prepared for the coming year. We are also going to honor all members of the past for Heritage District: members, teams, pastors, volunteers, and units! As our borders are changing, we will have a shift in members for 2024! We may not see everyone as we have been at District events, but we have Conference and North-Central Jurisdiction events coming in 2024 where we can reconnect with our Christian friends.

Notice above how I have written the name of our organization. This is how it will be abbreviated (without the !) unless it is spelled out United Women in Faith. You may have noticed a variety of ways being used, so this is the official one, emphasizing Faith as our connection.

Our District team met last week, going over many plans for the Celebration next month as well as items coming up. One new item coming from our Conference is a new training open for all on Communication in February, as we need to offer in person as well as virtual gatherings (together called hybrid) and many are feeling a little lost in the new technologies. This training will be open to all, so our local memberships can use this to their advantage as well. Jenn Ridley will continue to put together our newsletters, but our Communication person is not in place yet. Please consider and know that you will have lots of training and support. Most notices go out by email within our District, so friends may need to work together to help those that do not have email as of yet. Your Unit or church can be a support for that as well.

We are trying very hard to meet our 2023 District pledge of \$50,000 to the Conference to support our world organization. Do you know that we are the largest women's faith group in the world? We have also decided to keep to that pledge for 2024, so please come prepared to share your local pledge to help at our Celebration. We also need your officer list. If your list for 2024 is not ready yet, please send or bring what you have.

There are new resources available to us including a Soul Care Manual. Please check out all that is available, including much information on the Mighty Networks. Remember that our District team members love to come for a visit, so feel free to contact any of us for a local chat!

See you next month,

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## Greetings, Sisters in Faith

Kathy Snyder



I pray that the summer months have been good to you. Vacation time, family time, watching grandchildren participate in their favorite sports and of course, “me time” for your Soul Care. The new Soul Care Retreat Manual is ready for purchase at a cost of \$24.99. It is a step-by-step guide to designing and hosting a welcoming event to engage new women. This is set up for women of all ages, ethnicities, and cultures who desire spiritual renewal. You can check out the website [www.uwfaithresources.org](http://www.uwfaithresources.org) for more information.

As the Summer comes to a close, Fall is coming and school is about to start. I would ask that you say a prayer for the students who will be starting school very soon. Also, say a prayer for their teachers. The teachers give so much of themselves to each and every student to help them to learn and have new adventures.

That being said, the Heritage District Leadership Team is in full swing planning for the Annual Celebration and Business Meeting. This event will be held at Milan Marble Memorial UMC, in Milan, MI. We will have a meet and greet with the local unit officers and the Heritage District Leadership Officers. Our Speaker will be Rev. Sandra Douglas-Bibilomo who is an Ordained Deacon and Full Member of the Michigan Conference. Remember Sisters, we are now United Women in Faith so invite your local unit to come with you and also invite a friend, cousin, mom, or another sister to this celebration. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at the info below.

I would like to take the opportunity to say this will be my last year with the Heritage District Leadership team. Over the past years I have met a lot of beautiful women and their friendship means a lot to me. Each of you have taught me how to be part of an organization as UNITED WOMEN in FAITH. I love you all and will cherish our friendship.

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### **Hello New United Women in Faith Ladies!**

Heritage District is ready to welcome those of you joining us next year. After the redistricting plan that, for us, takes place officially on January 1, 2024, we are excited to be with new friends. We may be acquainted already due to Conference activities in the past such as Mission u, and we can look forward to working together now as God’s hands and feet. Can’t wait to meet all of you! A couple of you have joined our team for 2024!

We hope that you can attend our District Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 30th at Milan: Marble Memorial UMC from 9am-2pm. Registration materials are included in this newsletter. God’s blessings to all of you.

Joy Coyle, president of Heritage District  
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## Committee on Nominations

Sherry Wagenknecht

### Dear Sisters in Christ

Well, what a busy year this has been! Our nominations committee has worked hard to fill the positions for 2024 but still have some open and we are hoping one of them is for you! As for me I had Covid in the Spring (first time ever), but by June I was able to attend the Michigan UMC Church Conference. On June 4 as we were leaving the conference, we welcomed our beautiful Great Granddaughter Aurora Rose who arrived almost 2 months early. She turned 2 months old on August 4 and is now just over 8 pounds. Thank you all for your prayers.



I would like to thank the members of the Nominations Team that have been serving you in 2023! Shirley Carpenter – Hudson First UMC; Peggy Fuller – Springville UMC ; Pamela Meyers – Manchester First UMC; Kay Ross – Springville UMC!

We look forward to seeing all of you at the **Annual Meeting** and hope you might consider joining the Heritage District Leadership Team for 2024! Please take a look at the list below for the openings.

**Secretary** – Attend meeting and take minutes and keep track of correspondence. Keep record of all meetings. Most can be done on Zoom.

**Communications** - Keep updated list of all units and contact information. Send out Heritage Vine Newsletter, information from District, Conference, and National. Use social media when appropriate. May assist with registrations for events. Experience with doing Hybrid meetings helpful.

**Spiritual Growth** – Provide Spiritual support to teams by sharing devotions at team meetings and events.

**Membership Nurture & Outreach** – Encourage and support membership in all units and their members.

**Nominations** – Recruit members to serve on the Heritage District UW Faith team.

**Please contact me if any of you are interested or feel God is calling you to this service at 734-269-2578**

***Blessings my friends!***

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### District Celebration!

Join us on September 30 at Milan Marble UMC as we celebrate the Mosaic of Faith.

Registration is \$15 for in person attendance and \$10 for remote (via Zoom).

A flyer and registration form are included in this newsletter, and will also be available on the district website. (<https://www.umwmichiganconference.org/>)

Rev. Sandra Douglas-Bibilomo is our guest speaker

## Treasurer



It's hard to believe that Labor Day is almost upon us. I hope everyone has been having a good summer. It's my favorite season and this year the grandchildren and I have had fun checking out the various parks in the Plymouth/Canton/Ann Arbor area. Gallup Park in Ann Arbor appears to be their favorite (at least at the moment).

I want to thank those units who have sent me their Pledge to Mission for 2023. If you haven't sent the form in yet, please take the time to do so. You do not need to include any money at this time; the district would just like to get an idea of how much pledge money we will be submitting to the UWFaith

Michigan conference this year.

Before I took on this treasurer position I really had no idea what the pledge money was used for. It was just something my unit's treasurer sent in each year. If that sounds familiar, you may find [uwfaith.org/who-we-are/financials/](http://uwfaith.org/who-we-are/financials/) helpful.

All checks sent to the District Treasurer should be made out as follows: MI Conf UMW or MI Conf UWFaith and include Heritage District in the Memo line.

Please send your Pledge to Mission forms and all remittances to:

Jayne Worthy-Howlett  
45416 Holmes Dr  
Canton, MI 48187

[jwh255@yahoo.com](mailto:jwh255@yahoo.com) or 734-474-5314.

### District Happenings

DINNER with REV. FAITH FOWLER

**Tuesday, September 12**

6:15 pm Paulsen Dining Room  
First United Methodist Church  
209 Washtenaw, Ypsilanti

Dinner Reservations: 734-482-8374  
Dining room has limited capacity.

Reverend Fowler will be speaking after the dinner in the Sanctuary.

Reservations are not necessary for program only.

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## Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation

Donna Williams

### CHANGE



Change, entwined in our daily lives, happens, and we make it happen. We change the bed clothes, our clothes, the monthly calendars, and our opinions. The weather changes. Organizations change (WSCS, UMW, UWF). Leadership changes (Harriett Jane Olson to Sally Vonner). Boundaries change. Having lived in Michigan as a Methodist for many decades, I have been a part of the Ann Arbor, Albion, and Heritage district, and now, Greater Southwest District. I am not saying good-bye to my Heritage District sisters because I hope to see you on-line and in person at conference events and beyond. It is just, well, CHANGE!

You can count on new and old connections, improved, extended, and vital. I have found the Faith Talks offered on line to be inspiring, giving me new perspectives and seeing new faces. I was reminded of the depth of our UWFaithconnections as I participated on-line in the installation of Sally Vonner recently. Of course, *response* magazine is a staple for connecting and informing. Closer to home is *The Voice*, our Michigan Conference UWFaith newsletter, and *The Vine*, the Heritage District newsletter. Mission u offers a community of people, new and old friends gathered each summer to be informed, challenged, and blessed.

In early December I expect to hear from your unit as you send me the Mission Today reports of your accomplishments for 2023. That form is found on the Michigan Conference UWFaithwebsite. This report is a guideline for what is possible. If you noted on the markings on the closet door growth chart you kept for your children as they were growing up that one of your children had not grown in some way for a year, you'd be concerned and do something to find out how to "fix" that. Just as you might give gold stars to your child for an accomplishment, your District Team gives certificates to units that achieve certain levels. So let me hear from you about how your unit has changed or not.

So what does not change? I usually have a couple of songs in mind to express what I am cogitating at the moment. "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning, new every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness." AND "Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness, Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed they hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!"

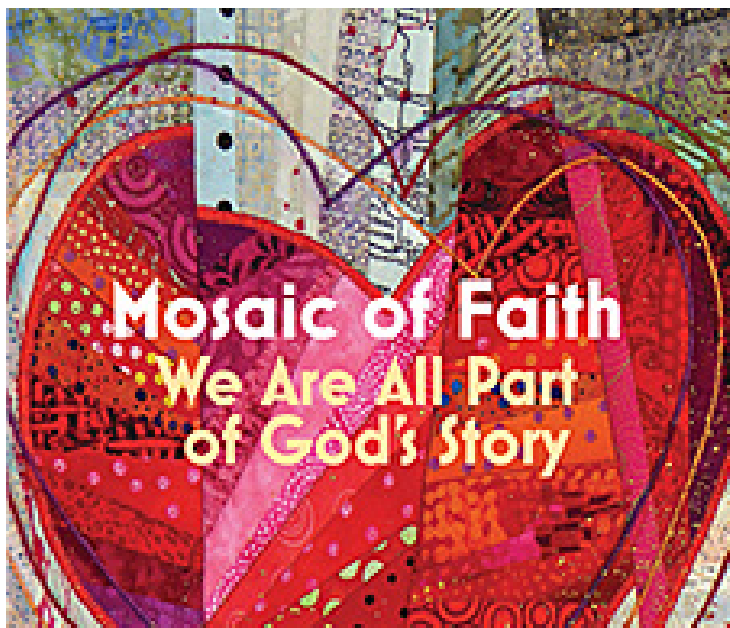
Changing for the good, I hope,

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The District Newsletter, Forms, and contact information for the Leadership Team can be found on the Conference Website  
[www.umwmichiganconference.org/hrd.html](http://www.umwmichiganconference.org/hrd.html)

### **Join us on Facebook!**

Go to Facebook and search for UWFaith Heritage District MI Conference (or click on the Facebook icon on the district website)



Heritage District  
United Women in Faith

# Mosaic of Faith

## 2023 Celebration & Annual Meeting

Saturday, Sep. 30, 9 am–2 pm

Milan Marble Memorial United Methodist  
8 Park St., Milan MI 48160

*All are welcome! UWF Membership is not required.*

*We are taking our theme from the 2022-23 Program Resource Book and reminding ourselves that we are part of God's story!*

Our agenda includes:

- guest speaker
- 1-hour local officer training
- recognition of our incoming district officers
- brief business meeting
- lunch

### Ingathering

Please bring new underwear and socks to be donated.

### Hybrid Meeting

You may attend in-person or over Zoom. Please be patient with us! This will be our first attempt at offering a hybrid meeting!

Mark 8:27-29

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

### Keynote Speaker



### Sandra Douglas-Bibliomo

Rev. Sandra Douglas-Bibilomo is an Ordained Deacon and Full Member of the Michigan Conference. She serves ¼ time at Kalamazoo: Westwood UMC. She has a diverse career which includes Representative Payee Team Leader at Guardian Finance and Advocacy Services, Inc. and Adjunct Professor II at

Western Michigan University  
School of Social Work.

Deacon Sandra is an avid reader, a lover of good coffee and vibrant conversations with others. Her testimony includes stories of how God has worked in her life through the presence of the United Methodist Church in places that appeared to be hopeless and she is striving to pay this forward through helping others reimagine the possibilities that lie before us as a denomination. She is passionate about her relationships with family and friends.



# Registration Form for UMW Heritage District Annual Celebration 2023

**REGISTRATIONS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 23, 2023**

UMW Unit (Church Affiliation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Attendee 1** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2024 Local Unit Officer Role: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been a district officer? Please list your role: \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend (circle one)    In person    via Zoom

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attendee 2** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2024 Local Unit Officer Role: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been a district officer? Please list your role: \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend (circle one)    In person    via Zoom

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attendee 3** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2024 Local Unit Officer Role: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been a district officer? Please list your role: \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend (circle one)    In person    via Zoom

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Questions?**

Contact Kathy Snyder  
District Vice President  
419-343-9261  
nanasnyder0124@gmail.com

## **Registration**

\$15 per person for in person, \$10 for virtual attendees

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

## **Mail Registration & Offering to:**

Kay Lambright, Registrar  
9600 Churchill Rd  
Jackson, MI 49201  
517-569-3881 • wayneuofm@juno.com

Please make checks to **MI Conf UWF** and  
include **Heritage District** on the memo line.

**Michigan United Women in Faith  
Heritage District Leadership Team -  
2024 Ballot**

President	Joy Coyle	Plymouth First UMC
Vice President/Program	Judy Christie	Webberville UMC

**Secretary**

Treasurer	Jayne Worthy- Howlett	Dixboro UMC
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**Communications**

**Spiritual Growth**

Secretary of Program Resources	Karol Fry	Holt UMC
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**Membership, Nurture & Outreach**

Education & Interpretation	Karol Fry	Holt UMC
Social Action Coordinator	Shirley Carpenter	Hudson First UMC

**Committee on Nominations**

**Chairperson**

Committee member	Pam Meyers	Manchester First UMC
Committee member	Kay Ross	Springville UMC
Committee member	Peggy Fuller	Springville UMC

To be voted on at the District Annual Celebration on Sept 30, 2023.  
Highlighting indicates there is no candidate.

**Appointed**

Newsletter Editor - Jenn Ridley  
Registrar – Kay Lambright and Sue Jacoby  
Green Team – Elaine Ferris

**Historian - Needed**



## Heritage District 2023 Calendar

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September 7		Leadership Team Meeting
September 30	9 am- 2pm	Heritage District UWFaith Annual Celebration Milan: Marble UMC
October 27	4-8pm	Michigan Conference UWFaith Leadership Training, Holt UMC
October 28	8:30 am -3 pm	Michigan Conference UWFaith Annual Celebration, Holt UMC
November 30	4 pm	Leadership Team Meeting

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### Important Dates and Deadlines:

Deadline for Pledge to Mission	September 1 to Jayne
Deadline for Updated (2024) Officers List	December 1 to Wendy
Deadline for Five Star Person & Unit 2023	December 15 to Jayne
Deadline for Reading Program 2023	December 15 to MC for Program Resources
Deadline for 2023 Mission Today Unit Objectives	December 15 to Donna Williams

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### Wider UWFaith Events

The Michigan Conference UWFaith Celebration **Turn on - Tune in** with keynote speaker Bishop David Bard is October 28 at Holt UMC in Holt MI. Registration is \$18 for the Saturday Celebration. Child care is available. Conference UWFaith Officer Training and Leadership Development is 4-8 pm October 27. Registration for that is \$7. Further information is on the UWFaith Conference website.

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The United Women in Faith North-Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial Event is May 31-June 2 2024 in Indianapolis IN. There is an optional Soul Care Retreat on May 30. Keynote Speaker is Deaconess Garlinda Burton. More information can be found at [www.umwncj.org](http://www.umwncj.org)

Registration opens September 1  
Limited scholarships are available, contact Joy Coyle for more information