



THE MESSENGER

News from the Mid-Michigan District
United Methodist Women

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CANCELLATION OF MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT ANNUAL CELEBRATION BY ZOOM ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

"You will find joy in overcoming obstacles". Helen Keller

Greetings:

The Mid-Michigan District United Methodist Leadership Team has had to make a most difficult decision regarding our upcoming District Annual, scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2020 by Zoom. Due to the low number of returned registrations, we strongly believed we were missing many of our ladies who usually attend in person. Therefore, we canceled the Zoom meeting. As a replacement, we have included all of the items that would have been shared at the program within this newsletter. All certificates awarded will be mailed to the recipient's church for distribution in October.

Please be aware that we have published The Messenger in September rather than October so you would receive all the District Annual information in a timely fashion. The voting of Business Meeting items for the 2021 proposed Budget, Standing Rules changes and Leadership Team will be by the enclosed ballot and returned by mail; NO LATER than September 30, 2020.

On behalf of your Leadership Team, I thank you for your patience and understanding during the pandemic and constant changes. I miss all of you and look forward to participating in person soon. In addition, I encourage you to please use the enclosed registration for the Michigan Conference United Methodist Women's Annual celebration by Zoom on October 24, 2020. We will get through this crazy time and overcome all of the obstacles with joy.

PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH ALL IN YOUR UNIT WHO MAY NOT RECEIVE A COPY.

Blessings of Love,

Donna Kleiver, President
Mid-Michigan District

ANOTHER COVID CANCELLATION

It is with deep regret that we have cancelled the Epiphany Celebration scheduled for January 9, 2021, at Webberville UMC. It is not easy for us to cancel our events, yet we know that the safety of our members must come first. Thank you for your understanding and we pray that you are staying safe during this pandemic. As soon as it is safe, we hope to again be able to meet in person, although Zoom has been a wonderful application that has allowed us to continue meeting virtually. Since this will be your last *The Messenger* before the new year, I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Sharon Smith
Vice President

LEADERSHIP TEAM

In this unusual time when we are asked to physically distance from one another we are left feeling alone and isolated. The Bible tells us we are to come together to encourage each other and to share Gods presence, "where two or three are gathered together in my name there I will be also". I encourage all of you to reach out to someone you know who is alone or has very little contact with others on a daily basis. A phone call, note or even an email can mean so much at this time of isolation.

Being able to have our leadership team meetings by Zoom has been a great experience in connecting with others. As the leadership team of the district continues the operational side of our United Methodist Women by Zoom, I would like to invite anyone who is interested in joining the District Leadership to contact me by phone 517-321-3070 or email bnatoli@provide.net. Continuing the work of United Methodist Women is critical at this time of such great need in our world. Please join us!!!

Bernice Natoli
Nominations Chair



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.

United Methodist Women Calendar of Events

2020

October 23-24 Conference Annual Celebration by ZOOM Meeting

2021 **Tentative dates**

January 9	Epiphany Celebration	Cancelled
April (TBA)	Keep Making Peace	East Lansing University UMC
May 7 & 8	Spring Renewal	St. Francis Retreat, Dewitt
July 7-10	Mission u of the West	Albion College, Albion
(TBA)	Mission u of the South	Big Beaver UMC, Troy
Aug. 12-14	Mission u of the East	Lake Huron Retreat Center
Sept. 15	District Annual UMW Celebration	Mason First UMC
Oct. 18-19	Mission u of the North	First UMC, Gaylord
Oct. 22-23	Michigan Conference Annual	Westwood UMC, Kalamazoo

In Loving Memory

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Alma UMC

Dorothy Grant
Beth Luce
Ruth Sparks
Mary Lou Sommerville

Ashley UMC

Donna June Crumbaugh (2018)

Breckenridge UMC

Juanita Crippen
Wanetta Hopkins

Chapin UMC

Bertha Elsworth

Eaton Rapids First UMC

Joan Radishaw
Barb VanAken

Gresham UMC

Charlotte Towe

Holt UMC

Lucille LaCourse

Laingsburg UMC

Edul Hunt-Walsh
Marilyn Parker-Baumgras
Kathleen Plont
Gloria Vanderhoof (2018)

Lake Odessa Central UMC

Leah Abbott
Ada Dennie
Patricia Fisher (2018)
Joyce Norton (2018)
Tori Robinson (2017)

Lansing Grace UMC

Myrna Campbell
Mary Lou Hovath
Gretchen Ferguson
Arlene Muhlitner

Mason First UMC

Suzie Hedglen
Dottie Underwood
Lou Ann Whiting

Owosso First UMC

Betty Coy
Jane Hofstra
Jan Mayer

Owosso Trinity UMC

Gertrude Halyheuer
Dorothy Louch

Peace UMC

Agnes Pufpaff

St. Louis First UMC

Roberta (Bobbi) Buckner
Donna Most (2018)

Wacousta Community UMC

Betty Rosier

Williamston Crossroads UMC

Jo Cornwell

Celebrating New Members

January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019

Alma UMC (8)

Lori Block
Suzanne Brodbeck
Kendra Brown
Pam Wright-Hatchet
Marcy Johnson
Sandy Koch
Kendra Overlaw
Shirley Thrush

Chapin UMC (2)

Lucy Maiers
Michelle Hart

East Lansing University UMC (3)

Ginny Dymond
Sue Loomis
Carol Melson

Eaton Rapids First UMC (2)

Sue Clone
Carol Buwalda

Holt UMC (5)

Gina Ewan
Debbie Meadley
Paula Sanders
Julia Skinner
Jennifer Wheeler

Laingsburg UMC (4)

Mary Ablao
Lynn Bracke
Nancy Robinson
Pamela Wagner
Mary Walker (2018)

Lake Odessa Central (2)

Dawn Derdorf
Sally Strider

Lansing First UMC (1)

Toni Muradov

Middlebury UMC (1)

Doris Stromer

Millville UMC (1)

Karen Smith

Owosso First UMC (2)

Tricia Agle
Cindy Helmker

Owosso Trinity UMC (4)

Dorothy Davis
Pastor Steffani Glygoroff
Barbara Hackett
Janet Kessler

Portland UMC (1)

Arlene Randall

Wacousta Community UMC (1)

RoAnn Brokab

2019 MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT MISSION TODAY UNITS

The following units have shared how they have fulfilled the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women by:

- Energizing United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study, and action
- Increasing contacts between local organizations and mission personnel and projects enabling a better understanding of where Mission Giving dollars go
- Encouraging the use of a variety of mission resources
- Expanding concepts of mission including social justice as mission.

Thank you for sharing!

FAITH

*Completed any 8
Mission objectives*

**Ashley
Chapin
Crossroads
Middlebury
Millville
Peace
St. Johns Redeemer
St. Louis First
Wacousta Community**

FAITH, HOPE

*Completed 9 or more
Mission objectives*

**Judville
Laingsburg
Lansing First
Mt. Hope
Webberville**

FAITH, HOPE, JOY

*Completed 17 or more
Mission objectives*

**Eaton Rapids First
Holt
Lake Odessa Central
Lansing Grace
Mason First
New Lothrop First
Owosso First**

FAITH, HOPE, JOY, LOVE

*Completed 25 or more
Mission objectives*

East Lansing University

2019 READING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Level I – (5 books + response magazine)

Middlebury UMC

Charlene Austin
Phyllis Lower
Marisue Mongar
Caroline Pierce
Nancy Wilkins

Holt UMC

Sylvia Welke

Mason First UMC

Nancy Nay
Elaine Ferris

New Lothrop First

Marilyn Blankenberg
Beverly Henige
Diane Schnell

Owosso First

Judy Herron
Jo Ann Messmer
Elaine Shepard
Carolyn Wing

Level II – 10 books + response & New World Outlook magazines

Lansing Mt. Hope

Rosemary Bauer

Mason First

Rece Arehart
Connie Doss

Level II – 10 books + response & New World Outlook magazines

Owosso First

Janet Wilt

Level IV – 20 books + response & New World Outlook magazines

Lansing Grace

Donna Kleiver

Mason First

Ina Lyon
Pat Mentzer

2019 FIVE-STAR GIVING UNITS

Not all United Methodist Women members can travel the world, but their mission dollars can and do through the FIVE-STAR Giving. The FIVE-STARS of Giving are:

- ❖ Mission Giving
- ❖ Special Mission Recognition
- ❖ Gift to Mission
- ❖ Gift in Memory
- ❖ World Thank Offering

The following units contributed to all FIVE-STARS of giving for 2019:

Alma

Bannister

Carson City

East Lansing University

Eaton Rapids First

Lansing Central

Lansing First

Maple Rapids

Mason First

Millville

Mt. Hope

New Lothrop First

Owosso First

Peace

Pompeii

St. Johns

Stockbridge

**Mid-Michigan District United Methodist Women
First Annual Celebration
Green Street United Methodist Church
September 18, 2019**

Mid-Michigan District United Methodist Women held their First Annual Celebration. Joyce Plumhoff, assisted by Bernice Natoli, began registration at 9:00 am with 86 in attendance. Members of the Mid-Michigan District Mission Team in attendance were: Donna Kleiver, Sharon Smith, Joyce Plumhoff, Bernice Natoli, Karol Fry, Judy Marr, Jackie Ricketts, Nancy Nay, Pat Mentzer, Beverly Saunders and WalthaGaye Leavitt. Conference Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach Patricia Snyder was also present.

The program started with the song Be Bold/ Be Strong by DVD and words on the overhead.

Judy Marr presented her devotion on the scripture II John 1-6 and the book series, Sensible Shoes.

Sharon then welcomed everyone present. She introduced the pastor of the church, Rev. Bryce Feighner who blessed us with a brief history and what their church is doing. Donna Mathews, President of Green Street UMW gave us a few housekeeping details. Rev. Dr. Jerry DeVine, District Superintendent, gave us a few words about his almost 40-year history as an honorary member of the UMW and what that meant and means now. Linda Darrow, Michigan Conference President, was introduced and briefly pointed out the new banner of Districts. She also talked about the difficulty of combining the conferences and going forward. Linda then invited us to the Conference Annual October 26th at Howell and NCJ in Sioux Falls, S.D.

The Past Presidents were introduced. Those in attendance were Kathleen Wagner, Ruth Whaley, Leta Guild, Joyce Plumhoff and WalthaGaye Leavitt. Letters were read from Maudie Williams and Ruth Turner. Retired Missionaries in attendance were Bill and Rose Bauer and Dorothy Frederickson.

There being no changes, the program was accepted.

Donna and Pat Snyder presented the Memorial Service. Patricia read a scripture before names were called. A battery-operated candle was then lit as the church name was called and those present stood. The service was ended with a reading and a prayer.

Special Music was provided by a trio of Green Street UMW members accompanied by a guitar from their church. The music was "Nobody Loves Me Like You Love Me, Jesus.

Linda Darrow, the keynote speaker, was introduced by Sharon. Her topic was taken from the book by J.D. Jakes, God's Leading Lady, and II John 1-6. Her journey began in college as a member of Kappa Phi which naturally transitioned into leadership roles in church and UMW. The question that she left us with is: "why aren't more women fulfilling their dreams and doing what God intended?"

After the Hymn Standing on the Promises, Linda Darrow explained to us what is going on currently with the Legacy Fund. Since the goal has not been reached, the deadline of the fund giving has been extended. They are encouraging us to be Legacy Builders and give \$18.69/month to get to the goal.

WalthaGaye then invited all to the Mission u of the North in October. She stressed that with 4 sites, everyone should be able to get to one. The topics were given.

Happy Birthday was sung to Elaine Garlock who turned 99 today. Then we were dismissed (15 minutes early) to go to Leadership training or Book Chat and then to lunch. Grace was given at each training session.

At 12:45 pm after a delicious potato bar, jello salad, fresh vegies and cookies provided by the Green Street UMW, the meeting resumed. Ethalyn Walker and Patsy Coffman were recognized as Past Presidents of Heartland District.

God of Grace, and God of Glory was sung as people gathered. Pat M., Jackie and Karol presented the Reading Program awards. The Five Channels of giving certificates were handed out to those in the program plus Carson City UMC, Alma UMC, St. Louis UMC and Dewitt Redeemer of St. Johns UMC.

Eric Williams, CEO of UMCH and Carla Moore, COO of UMCH, updated us on what is happening. The United Methodist Community House is 118 years old and cares for 2-year old children to Seniors. Thanks to the UMW of Grand Rapids area, it was the first to start a preschool and a Meals on Wheels for Seniors. They are looking for a better way to do things to keep up with and prepare for the future by collaborating with area agencies to maximize resources and provide assistance to a greater number.

Sharon introduced our next speaker Julia Skinner, member of the Board of Directors of Soaring Unlimited Haiti. She showed us slides of the Mission House in Cap Haitian. There is new a transformer which means that there is now reliable electricity 24 hours/day. Some nearby businesses can utilize their power also. Soaring Unlimited provides schools, uniforms, teachers, schoolbooks, books for their libraries, tables and chairs, and leadership classes for young adults. They also operate a Medical Clinic in Pister with a Doctor and Pharmacist on site. It is now open 5 days a week. There is space to hold classes in family planning, prenatal and post-natal care, nutrition, and infant care where the new parents receive a baby box filled with items needed in their first weeks. In November, they hope to start construction on the new Women's health and Birthing Center. The land is currently being cleared and then a fence will be erected to keep those working safe as the country has periods of unrest. Workers and supplies will be from the area as much as possible. The plan is to partner with the University of Michigan Medical school to get a supply of doctors and nurses to care for the people. The first class of midwives has graduated and is working. Last year they assisted at 81 births with no deaths to mothers or babies.

After reciting the PURPOSE together, Donna Kleiver called the Annual Business meeting to order at 2:45 pm. WalthaGaye, acting Secretary, presented the minutes of the 2018 Mid-Michigan District Organizational Meeting. She then presented the Standing Rules. They were approved at the December 5, 2018 meeting of the Leadership Team. The Standing Rules were presented from the Committee. All in favor, no opposed and no abstentions. Motion carried.

Jackie, Treasurer presented the A and MD budget for 2020. The total budget for the 2020 year is \$8,975.00 and the proposed Pledge to Mission is \$40,000. There were no questions. All were in favor, no opposed and no abstentions. Carried.

Chairperson of Committee on Nominations, Bernice presented the 2020 Mid –Michigan District Leadership Team as follows: Donna Kleiver, President; Sharon Smith, Vice President; Rita Baird, Secretary; Jackie Ricketts, Treasurer; Judy Marr, Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth; Nancy Nay, Mission Coordinator for Social Action; Karol Fry, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation and Program Resources; Patti Puckett, Membership Nurture and Outreach; Bernice Natoli, Linda Huyck, and Beverly Saunders, Committee on Nominations. Appointed positions include Elaine Ferris, Green Team and Joyce Plumhoff, Registrar. Lynda Crandall has agreed to be Editor of The Messenger for 2020. Each person stood as their name was called. As there were no nominations from the floor, the slate was adopted as presented by unanimous vote.

Pat Mentzer is going off the team this year. She was recognized with a pin. Evelyn Bochenek is unable to continue in her role. She will receive a Gift to Mission.

An offering of \$1003.13 was collected to be divided between UMCH and Soaring Unlimited Haiti. The Ingathering of non-perishable food items and paper products was collected for the Barry County Food Bank.

After a hymn, Julia Paradine-Rice, Conference Treasurer, presided over the Installation of the newly elected slate of Officers.

Barbara Hagen, on behalf of St. Louis First UMC invited us to the next Annual Celebration at their church Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

Rev. Bryce Feighner led us in Holy Communion followed by the benediction. Everyone then sang Be Bold/Be Strong before leaving at 2:38 pm.

Respectively submitted,

WalthaGaye Leavitt, acting Secretary

VOTE ITEM

Proposed Changes to the Mid-Michigan District UMW Standing Rules for 2021

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- C. Program Committee
2. By January 15 each year, the District Vice President will provide a calendar of all District meetings (date and location) to the Conference Vice President.

Add: and Conference President.

Rationale: Consistency

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- B. The President will:
4. Send a copy of the names, addresses phone numbers, and email addresses of the Mid-Michigan District elected leaders to the Conference President, Secretary, Chairperson of Nominations Committee, ~~the Business Manager of the Michigan Conference News~~, the "Voice" editor, the Conference UMW website webmaster, and all District Presidents within one week following the District Annual Celebration.

Business Manager of the Michigan Conference News changed to "Communication Coordinators"

Rationale: Terminology change and clarification

- C. The Vice President will:
4. Schedule District Annual Celebration program plans...

Add:

- c. **Send invitations to guest speaker(s), Main speaker plus guest, United Methodist Community House representative plus guest, and additional presenters plus guest.**

Rationale: Clarification

Add:

- d. **Host the District Annual Celebration**

Rationale: Not listed as a duty.

5. Send the Event Confirmation form to host church to verify date, time, and number in attendance.

Add:

5. **Send the (host church a list of responsibilities) and the Event Confirmation form to verify date, time, and number in attendance.**

Rationale: Clarification and expectation for host church

- D. The Secretary will:
2. Send the approved minutes following a meeting to all members of the Leadership Team.

Add: and Conference President

Rationale: Improved communications

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E. The Treasurer will:

2. Present the proposed budget and annual "pledge to mission" recommendations for the following year to the Leadership Team.

Add: at the June Leadership Team meeting.

Rational: clarification as to when

Add:

5. a. **Receive completed forms from Unit Treasurers for 5-Star Units and 5-Star Persons. Order 5-Star pins for presentation at District Annual Celebration.**

Rational: Not listed as duty

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I. Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation will:

Add:

5. **Work with units to educate and encourage them to become a FAITH, HOPE, JOY, LOVE unit and how to complete and submit a Mission Today form.**
6. **Collect Mission Today Unit data from local units and recognize local Mission Today Units at District Annual Celebration.**
7. **Keep updated list of missionaries and deaconesses within Mid-Michigan District, both active and retired. Invite them to be guests at the Epiphany Celebration and District Annual Celebration.**
8. **Prepare pledge service for the District Annual Celebration and provide to Secretary for inclusion in the program booklet. With the help of the District Treasurer, present the pledge program and collect unit pledges at the District Annual Celebration.**
9. **Promote and be the contact person for District scholarships for Mission u.**
- 10 **Be the presiding officer at Leadership Team meeting in case both the**

**MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
SUMMARY OF GIVING FOR 2019**

MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT PLEDGE TO MISSION.....\$40,000.00

MISSION GIVING

Pledge to Mission.....	\$31,716.00
Gift to Missions.....	\$510.00
Gift in Memory.....	\$405.00
Special Mission Recognition	\$570.00
World Thank Offering.....	<u>\$2,525.74</u>
Total Undesignated Mission Giving	\$35,726.74

DESIGNATED GIVING

Prayer & Self Denial.....	\$1,070.34
A Brighter Future for Children.....	\$184.00
House of Promise.....	\$1,000.00
Grand Rapids Community House.....	\$1,120.00
Community House Maintenance.....	\$150.00
Grand Rapids Community House Youth Program.....	\$753.00
UMCOR.....	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total Designated Giving.....	\$4,777.34

Total Mission Giving Remittance to Michigan Conference **\$40,504.08**

VOTE ITEM

United Methodist Women Proposed Mid-Michigan District 2021 Budget ADMINISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (A&MD)

OFFICER EXPENSES:

(Those not associated with District or Conference events)

100	Postage	\$100.00	
101	Office Supplies	300.00	
103	Travel (including visitation to local units)	1,400.00	
104	Meals	50.00	
105	Printing	50.00	
106	Bank Expenses	75.00	
107	Audit	100.00	
108	Dependent Care	50.00	
109	Officer Resources/Literature		
	TOTAL OFFICER EXPENSES		\$2,215.00

CONFERENCE EVENT EXPENSES:

(Those associated with events, including travel, meals, dependent care, scholarships, when not covered by Conference)

200	Conference Annual Meeting		
201	Keep Making Peace Day		
202	Mission u	2,000.00	
203	Other Conference Events		
	TOTAL CONFERENCE EVENT EXPENSES		\$2,000.00

DISTRICT EVENT EXPENSES:

(Those associated with events, including travel, meals, supplies, printing, dependent care, honoraria, scholarships for local women)

300	District Annual Meeting	550.00	
301	Local Unit Leadership Training	100.00	
302	District Spiritual Growth Retreat	1,000.00	
304	Other District Events: Epiphany	300.00	
	TOTAL DISTRICT EVENTS EXPENSES:		\$1,950.00

400	Newsletter/Directory (including printing & postage)	2,400.00	
401	Program Resources (including sales tax)	200.00	
402	District SMR, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, etc.	300.00	
403	Church Women United		
409	Miscellaneous		
	TOTAL		\$2,900.00

TOTAL BUDGETED A&MD	\$8,975.00
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PROPOSED 2021 PLEDGE TO MISSION	\$40,000.00
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2020 CHARITABLE DONATION RECIPIENTS

The Mid-Michigan District Leadership Team has selected two organizations to support this year. We encourage you to consider a donation. Please make it in the form of a check payable to: Mid-Michigan District United Methodist Women and send to Donna Kleiver, 8905 Petrieville Hwy, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827 along with your completed voting ballot.

The funds collected will be equally divided and sent on behalf of our District to:

NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

The LDF is America's premier legal organization fighting for racial justice. Through litigation advocacy, and public education, LDF seeks structural changes to expand democracy, eliminate disparities, and achieve racial justice in a society that fulfills the promise of equality for all Americans. LDF also defends the gains and protections won over the past 75 years of civil rights struggle and works to improve the quality and diversity of judicial and executive appointments.

-and-

UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY HOUSE

United Methodist Community House increases the ability of children, youth, adults, seniors, and families to succeed in a diverse community. UMCH has been all about "community" since 1902, meeting the needs of and offering opportunities to children, youth, adults, seniors, and families in the heart of west Michigan. CMCH is committed to serving a diverse population and continually adapts programming to best serve those who need it most.

Both organizations are 501(c)3 nonprofit entities.

VOTE ITEM

Mid-Michigan District United Methodist Women

Proposed slate of officers for 2021 as submitted by the Committee on Nominations

President: Donna Kleiver (2018)
(4 yr. term expires 2021)
8905 Petrieville Hwy., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827
(517) 663-4193
dmkleiver2016@gmail.com

Vice President: Sharon Smith (2018)
(4 yr. term expires 2021)
460 S. Edgar Rd., Mason, MI 48854
(517) 648-1333
sharonanddicksmit@gmail.com

Secretary: Rita Baird (2017)
(term expires 2021)
2031 W. Olds Road, Leslie, MI 49251
(517) 589-9132
camp2rit@hotmail.com

Treasurer: Jackie Ricketts (2016)
(6 yr. term expires 2021)
4827 Marian Hills, Pleasant Lake, MI 49272
(517) 812-5107
jricketts657@gmail.com

Mission Coordinators -
Spiritual Growth: Beverly Saunders (2021)
(4 yr. term expires 2024)
2232 Pollard Rd., Lansing, MI 48911
(517) 887-7512
pearllou30@yahoo.com

Membership N & O: Patty Puckett (2020)
(4 yr. term expires 2023)
1868 Burrwood Circle, East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 351-3151
woodstone1@sbcglobal.net

Social Action: Lynda Crandall (2021)
(4 yr term expires 2024)
6350 W. Columbia Rd, Mason, MI 48854
(517) 663-9114
lcran2126@gmail.com

Education & Interpretation: Karol Fry (2020)
(4 yr. term expires 2023)
601 E. Randolph, Mason, MI 48854
(517) 525-6561
fry@msu.edu

Program Resources: Karol Fry (2017)
(term expires 2021) See Education & Interpretation

Committee on Nominations:
Chairperson: Bernice Natoli (2017)
(term expires 2021)
5105 Deanna Dr., Lansing, MI 48917
(517) 321-3070
bnatoli@provide.net

Linda Huyck (2019)
(4 yr. term expires 2022)
2614 Ranger Rd., Perrinton, MI 48871
(989) 838-2523
huyck@msu.edu

Beverly Saunders (2020)
(4 yr. term expires 2023)
2232 Pollard Rd., Lansing, MI 48911
(517) 887-7512
pearllou30@yahoo.com

Open Position:
(4 yr. term expires 2024)

Open Position:
(4 yr. term expires 2024)

APPOINTED POSITIONS -
Green Team: Elaine Ferris (2017)
417 W. Sycamore St., Mason, MI 48854
(517) 676-4175
ejferris@toast.net

The Messenger Editor: Cynthia Grostick (2021)
507 Jones St., Lansing, MI 48912
(517) 230-8405
grostickc@att.net

Registrar: Joyce Plumhoff (2018)
1858 W. Columbia Rd., Mason, MI 48854
(517) 676-2716
tplumhoff1858@gmail.com

Ex-officio: WalthaGaye Leavitt (Conference Team)
8514 E. Colby Rd., Crystal, MI 48818
(989) 640-0238
wally@csminster.net

MSU Wesley Foundation: Open position

Mid-Michigan District United Methodist Women 2020

Voting Ballot—Please mark Yes or No

I approve the Proposed Budget for 2021 Yes_____ No_____

I approve the Changes to the Standing Rules Yes_____ No_____

I approve the Proposed Slate of Officers Yes_____ No_____

We have 2 open positions (Committee on Nominations) for 2021 and numerous open positions for 2022. Please submit names of individuals to be considered for future office vacancies to Bernice Natoli at bnatoli@provide.net.

Name_____

Church_____

Once you have completed this ballot, please send it to:
Donna Kleiver
8905 Petrieville Hwy.
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

Your ballot must be postmarked no later than September 30, 2020.

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**PLEASE USE THE BALLOT
ON REVERSE TO VOTE**

United Methodist Women
Michigan Conference Annual Celebration
October 24, 2020 held as ZOOM meeting
9:30 am-Noon

Featuring: Greetings from the Bishop
Devotions by Ruth Jones

Memorial Service with Cindy Thiele

Speaker Tracey Weaver Brame on School to Prison Pipeline
Updates from the Conference President and Various Officers
Report on Offering and Election Results

Monetary donations, given in place of your registration fee, will be gratefully accepted for the Pledge to Mission and for the United Methodist Community House for their programs.

Suggested donation: \$16.00 Make checks payable to: Michigan Conference UMW



Please fill out the registration form and the ballot on the next page and send it, along with your donation to:

Dorie Litchfield

61470 CR 657

Lawton, MI 49065

OR email to: creator.dorie@gmail.com

Phone: 269-580-3449

OR you can register online at <https://my-site-102740-102533.square.site/>

Once your form and ballot have been received, the connection for the Annual Celebration will be sent to you—please make sure that you fill in the e-mail address and your name so we can reply to you!

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR ANNUAL CELEBRATION,
BALLOT FOR VOTING AND OFFICER TRAINING**

Once you are registered, the link for ZOOM will be sent to you via e-mail.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____ District _____

Office held _____

Which level—please mark

Conference _____ District _____ Local _____

**Suggested donation \$16.00. Make checks payable to: Michigan Conference UMW
Last Day for Registration: October 14, 2020**

Please send this form and donation to:

Dorie Litchfield

61470 CR 657

Lawton, MI 49065

OR

email to: creator.dorie@gmail.com

Phone: 269-580-3449

OR you can register online at <https://my-site-102740-102533.square.site/>

Will you attend counterpart training: yes _____ no _____

Office Attending _____

Voting Ballot—Please mark Yes or No

I approve the Proposed Slate of Officers Yes _____ No _____

(Since we have a full proposed Slate of Officers and we are doing this meeting virtually, we are not asking for nominations from the floor. Please submit names of individuals to be considered for future office vacancies to [Linda Schramm@lars@greatlakes.net](mailto:Linda.Schramm@lars@greatlakes.net))

I approve the Proposed Budget for 2021 Yes _____ No _____

I approve the Changes to the Standing Rules Yes _____ No _____

(Changes are found in the newsletter/ full document found on the website.)

SMILE AND SERVE

Greetings to all of you and also to September!

As we continue to cope with the Covid-19 pandemic and it's restrictions, we can still choose to be in the 'mindset of Christ Jesus'. We can be grateful for the many blessings that continue to be bestowed upon us, we can help in our churches and communities to provide goods and services to those in need and we can be the voice for justice in our country. Romans 12:12 says : 'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer'.

We are all in this together but how we use our time is up to each of us.

Although many of our annual programs and events have been cancelled this year due to safety concerns, we still have the opportunity to serve others. We still have many opportunities to learn about social injustice and to work together to eliminate it from our world. Elaine Ferris (517-676-4175) has contact information on a Zoom meeting regarding racial injustice and mass incarceration. Netflix has a new film about the 13th admendment called 13th that outlines the history and struggles regarding the same. MSU has a new video series: Music for Social Justice. Find it on YouTube (College of Music).

November 3 is our day to let our voices be heard. Plan to vote and assist anyone who needs help to vote. Philippians 2:5 says: ' In your relationship with one another have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.'

Smile and serve!

Nancy Nay
Social Action Coordinator

READING PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Reading Program book titles for 2021-2022 have been released! (Yes, we said 2021-2022!) The book titles can be found at: unitedmethodistwomen.org/2021readingprogramtitles.pdf

For the first time, the Reading Program will span two years instead of one. The purpose of the Reading Program is to better understand and participate in God's mission today, to increase sensitivity to all human beings, to explore contemporary issues, and to enhance and act on self-knowledge. Titles read from the 2017 list will be credited through December 31, 2022.

Even when we are apart, we are together—and still working to deepen our understanding of the intersections of race, class, sex, religion and gender through books and discussion.

The electronic catalog are available on the main Reading Program page:
unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram.

While these are uncertain times, United Methodist Women is still updating the resources and materials that members rely on year after year.

Karol Fry
Education & Interpretation Coordinator

**MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
LOCAL UNIT LEADERSHIP 2021**

Church Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Church Email Address: _____ Pastor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Pastor's Address: _____ Pastor's Email Address: _____

Insert name, address, phone number (including area code), and email address of each officer. If no unit – please add a contact name.

<u>President</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>
<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Spiritual Growth</u>	<u>Education & Interpretation</u>
<u>Social Action</u>	<u>Membership Nurture & Outreach</u>	<u>Secretary of Program Resources</u>
<u>Nominations</u>	<u>Communications Coordinator</u>	<u>Other Chairpersons</u>

<p>If no active unit, please provide the following contact information: Primary Contact Name: _____ Mailing Address: _____ Phone Number: _____</p>	<p>Number of members at 1/1/2020: _____ Number of members added: _____ Number of members removed by death: _____ Number of members lost: _____ Est. number of members at 12/31/2020: _____</p>
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Send form by December 1, 2020, to: Rita Baird, 2031 W. Olds Road, Leslie, MI 49251 or camp2rit@hotmail.com

MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2020 Officers

ELECTED POSITIONS

President: Donna Kleiver (2018)
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517-663-4193
Dmkleiver2016@gmail.com

Vice President: Sharon Smith (2018)
(4 yr term expires 2021)
460 S Edgar Rd, Mason MI 48854
517-648-1333
sharonanddicksmit@gmail.com

Secretary: Rita Baird (2017)
(4 yr term expires 2020)
2031 W Olds Rd, Leslie MI 49251
517-589-9132
Camp2rit@hotmail.com

Treasurer: Jackie Ricketts (2016)
(6 yr term expires 2021)
4827 Marian Hills, Pleasant Lake MI 49272
517-812-5107
Jricketts657@gmail.com

Mission Coordinators

Spiritual Growth: Judy Marr (2017)
(4 yr term expires 2020)
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517-655-2348
marrvalley@gmail.com

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(1 yr term expires 12-31-2020)
1868 Burrwood Circle, E Lansing MI 48823
517-351-3151
Wodstone1@sbcglobal.net

Social Action: Nancy Nay (2017)
(4 yr term expires 2020)
868 Shawano, Mason MI 48854
517-676-3024
Chicago868@gmail.com

Education & Interpretation: Karol Fry (2020)
(4 yr term expires 2023)
601 E Randolph, Mason MI 48854
517-525-6561
fry@msu.edu

Program Resources: Karol Fry (2020)
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Committee on Nominations

Chairperson: Bernice Natoli (2017)
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5105 Deana Dr, Lansing MI 48917
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Linda Huyck (2019)
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2 yr term expires 2021
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Pearllou30@yahoo.com

Open Position 2020 (4 yr term expires 2023)

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APPOINTED POSITIONS

Green Team: Elaine Ferris (2017)
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Ex-officio: WalthaGaye Leavitt (Conference Team)
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DATES TO REMEMBER

October 24, 2020.....Michigan Conference Annual Celebration via Zoom

CANCELLATIONS

2020

All Mission u sessions have been canceled for this year.

Mid-Michigan District Annual Celebration

2021

Epiphany Celebration