

Northern Skies Newsletter

United Women in Faith

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Northern Skies District United Women in Faith Team Meeting via Zoom



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Beth Pelkey



Charlene Sutherby



Nancy Goodyear

Ten of us (Bonnie not pictured) gathered on Saturday, January 20, 2024, for our first team meeting.

Julia Paradine-Rice graciously chaired our gathering as we find ourselves in need of a courageous leader or two (See page 6 for details). Not let-

ting that slow us down, we excitedly forged ahead in the planning of events for this year: Power of Bold Day in April, Spiritual Growth Retreat in May, and an Annual Celebration and Business Meeting in October...more details inside so keep on reading!

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I am Jane Yaeger from Menominee,

MI currently serving as the Spiritual Growth Coordinator for the Northern Skies District.

It's a great position! It requires finding a speaker and location for the Retreat each year and coordinating with the attendees, speaker, motel, and meal catering. Other duties might be other special worship events and devotions at meetings as well as being a contact person for local unit Coordinators of Spiritual Growth. The Coordinator serves on the District Team and at this point many of the District meetings are on zoom.

I feel the time apart with our friends (old and new) is important to Spiritual Growth. A Retreat time or Power of Bold Day or Prayer Breakfast will often give new ideas to enhance personal spiritual growth. It's a great boost!

I started the position after only a couple years of attending the Retreats. That was in 2011 and the years have flown by. So fast, in fact, that the District team forgot to replace me! I

would welcome a helper especially since we have a new larger District!

I welcome any questions or input.

Jane Yaeger
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Come join us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/northernskiesumw>



Here's about Julia: From Michelson Memorial

UMC, Grayling. Moved to Grayling in 2008. Original home church Seelyville Methodist Church in Seelyville, IN, a few miles east of Terre Haute, IN. (That's a story in itself!)

I'm a wife, Home-ec. teacher, mother of three, Girls Scout leader, Explorer Post advisor, Sunday school teacher, youth group leader, quilter, traveler, book club participant, Mary Ruth Circle leader, and most recently Northern Waters District UWFaith President...and a few other positions in between! Also participated in the UWFaith Reading Program since 2010, mostly

Plan IV and a Five Star Person since way before then! Love it all! Good friends from all over the state! Christian sisters following our PURPOSE!

Looking forward to the challenge of such a big, huge, enormous, gigantic, colossal district! And still making friends!

Joy, Julia
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P.S. The **Power of Bold Day** is a combination of mission & social action. **Bill & Michelle White** were at Annual Conference in Acme in 2023 and were recognized for **5loaves2fishes**. They were featured Dec. 5 on Voices from the Field from national and now, we get to meet them and hear their story about their work in and around Leland, in the eastern part of the lower peninsula. **Please check out the flyer (on page 3), register, and join us April 13th!**



Hello everyone, my name is Bonnie Picotte. I'm

from Ontonagon in the western Upper Peninsula, near the shore of Lake Superior. This is my first year as Secretary of Program Resources. I'm calling out to every unit in the

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Northern Skies District whose members are participating in the Reading Program. I need to receive, as soon as possible, a list from each unit which includes the names of each person reading and the Plan level that was completed in 2023. I would like to acknowledge everyone who has participated in any way, so, I would also appreciate it if you would include the names of participants not completing a plan level (Include how they participated: books, response magazine, podcasts, Mission U study, movie).



FYI there is a movie coming out: "Origin" based on the book- "Caste". I believe that the Reading Program is essential to increase our knowledge, awareness, and understanding of what is happening in our world. As we continue to learn and grow in knowledge and understanding, we are motivated to put our faith, hope, and love into action. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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hello



My name is Beth Pelkey and I am the newly elected Treasurer of the Northern Skies District United Women in Faith. Please have patience while I'm acclimating to the position.

I live in Alpena, MI and am a member of the Ossineke United Methodist church, just south of Alpena. I also serve on Northern Skies District as Co-Lay Leader, serving the southern region of the District.

I am excited about getting involved with United Women in Faith, as my mother was involved in the local and district organizations of UMW and before that, WSCS. I've been hesitant to commit to a leadership level, but as we all know, God calls us to do what we need to do when the time is right.

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My name is Nancy and I am your District Secretary. I attend church in Grayling at Michelson Memorial UMC. I moved to Grayling 23 years ago from the Central Michigan area. I love being a northern girl!!

I'm coming into our new district from the former Northern Waters District. I was VP in that district. Our new district is HUGE but we have a great group of women leading us. I would love to have you join us. We work well together and we help each other all the time.

I'm looking forward to getting to know you all better!!!



Nancy Goodyear



Greetings! I'm a busy lady with lots of different roles, including wife, mother, small business owner, local unit president, lay speaker, church treasurer, Co-Director of Lay Servant Ministries for our district, etc. and have crazily agreed to serve as your bringer of news as well. I believe United Women in Faith helps me to learn and better myself as a servant of God so I will do my best in this role.

Cola Hill



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ZOOM in on April 13, 2024, by 10AM to participate!

This year's Power of Bold Day is about "5 Loaves 2 Fish Northern Michigan" operating out of the Leland Community United Methodist Church. **5Loaves2FishNMI** is an outreach group that promotes compassion by providing nourishing meals, infused with love, to those experiencing food insecurity and homelessness. Bill and Michelle White will be sharing with us.



Zoom link will be supplied the day prior to the event. This event will be about 2 hours but will not be recorded or available in person so register today! Donations are optional and can be made directly to them by clicking on the blue "Donate Here" button or write a separate check directly to them and mail it with your registration. **Registration is \$10 per email. Send your email address and registration fee to:** Nancy Goodyear 335 Isenhauer Rd., Grayling, MI 49738

For more info about them visit:

<https://5loaves2fishnmi.org/>

Donate Here



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Northern Skies District
Spiritual Growth Retreat
May 3-4, 2024 Manistique, MI
Comfort Inn, 617 E Lakeshore Dr. (US 2)



We look forward to a great time of fellowship, inspiration and learning. Our speaker will be Kathy Freeland. Kathy has been a member of United Methodist Women now United Women in Faith since she was in high school. She has served in several Districts in MI as well as on the MI Conference United Women in Faith. She has been motivated and blessed by all the activities within United Methodist Women/United Women in Faith. Kathy will be focusing on the 100th Anniversary of the Women’s Right to Vote in 2020 and the impact this has on our lives today. (We all know something about the impact women can have!) Join her as she takes a leap from leadership to speaker on the “Numismatic” topic of suffrage including the coins and medals associated with this topic, focusing on how the movement has and is impacting our decisions we are making as Christian women in today’s world.

This is the first Spiritual Growth Retreat since the combining of the Northern Skies and Northern Waters Districts. A great opportunity to get acquainted!

I hope you will plan on attending the retreat! Please complete the registration form and mail so I receive it by April 26 to: Jane Yaeger, 1610 36th Ave., Apt. 6, Menominee, MI 49858. If you have questions my email is: jyaeger210@gmail.com ph# 906 290 1884 The price includes Friday evening meal and Saturday breakfast and noon meal. Friday begins at 5:00 for registration - meal at 6:00 est. Saturday begins at 9:00 and ends after lunch approximately 1:30.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Home address: _____

Church you attend: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

- Persons to a room: one person = \$110 two persons = \$85 each
 three persons = \$75 each four persons = \$65 each

Friday night meal will be Chef Salad, roll, dessert.

Saturday noon meal will be Chicken Caesar croissant, cup of soup, dessert.

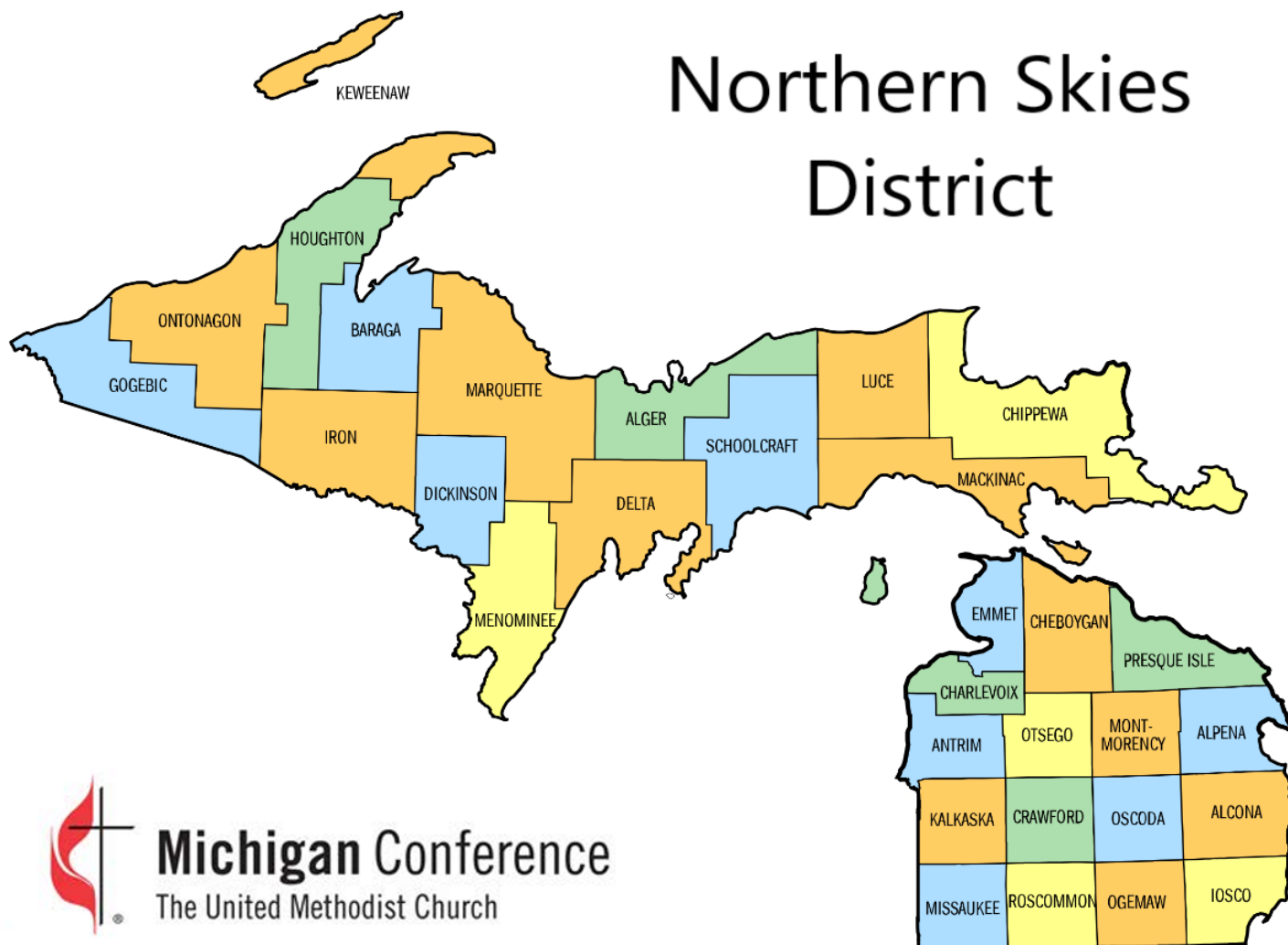
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Roommate(s): _____

handicap accessible room = first floor

no lodging needed: meals only = \$38

Northern Skies District



Northern Skies District United Women in Faith 2024 Officers

Treasurer: Beth Pelkey

Secretary: Nancy Goodyear

Secretary of Program Resources: Bonnie Picotte

Communications Coordinator: Cola Hill

Spiritual Growth: Jane Yaeger

Committee on Nominations: Charlene Sutherby, Carol Kingsley, Susan Wirgau

Immediate Past Presidents: Patti Steinberg & Julia Hulka

President: OPEN

Vice President: OPEN

Education & Interpretation: OPEN

Membership, Nurture & Outreach: OPEN

Social Action: OPEN



NSD UWFaith Local Unit Officers and Church Contact Information 2024

Church Name: _____

Church Address: _____

Church Phone & email: _____

Meeting day and times: _____

(Name, address, email and phone for following officers...if applicable)

Pres: _____

V-Pres: _____

Sec: _____

Treas: _____

Program Resources: _____

Communications: _____

Education & Interpretation: _____

Social Action: _____

Spiritual Growth: _____

Membership, Nurture & Outreach: _____

Committee on Nominations: _____

Please send completed form to Cola via email at: northernskiesuwf@gmail.com

Or snail mail to her at: 7299 Reynolds Rd, Elmira, MI 49730

If you're not sure that I have your units info, please call me: 231-330-8710



New Members? Deceased Members?
Please send this information to Kaye Porter
4104 Clara Rd., Onaway, MI 49765
rr.ranchporterlady@gmail.com



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FEBRUARY 2024



LOOKING AHEAD!

Power of Bold Day

Saturday, April 13, 2024 (10:30–12:30)
Via ZOOM only (details see page 4)

Spiritual Growth Retreat

Fri. & Sat., May 3-4, 2024
Manistique, MI (details see page 5)

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Thurs.-Sat., July 18-20, 2024
Mt. Pleasant First UMC (details to come)

Annual Celebration & Business Meeting

Saturday, October 12, 2024
St. Ignace UMC (details to come)

Conference Annual Celebration

Saturday, October 26, 2024
St. Lukes UMC, Essexville (details to come)

Our Purpose: We are...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.