

GATEWAY DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Calendar of Events

September

29-30 GP UMW Annual
Conference, York, NE

October

12 Gateway District Annual
Meeting, Minden

November

30 Early registration
deadline for 2018 Assembly
\$295. Regular registration
\$330.

May

18-20, 2018

2018 National Assembly in
Columbus, Ohio

Featured Events:

Mission U: July 28-30, Kearney

2017 studies

-Living as a Covenant Community

**-The Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the US.
(Late registration on-site)**

Great Plains UMW Annual Conference

"I Choose Joy—Nehemiah 8:10"

**Sept 29-30, 2017, at First UMC, 309 E 7th St,
York, NE.**

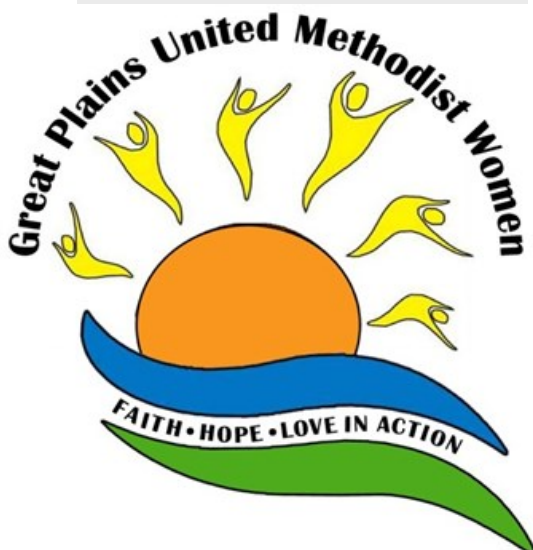
2017 GATEWAY ANNUAL MEETING-\$12.00

"Oh For Joy"-OCTOBER 12, 2017-

**Minden United Methodist Church, 340 North
Newell Avenue**

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COMMUNICATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS

This what our Great Plains President, Karen Dunlap, tells us. This is one way we communicate with our local units. Due to the cost of doing our District newsletter we will be mailing this just to the local Presidents and Pastors of inactive units. Presidents, please share this with the officers and ladies of your unit. Legacy Fund Quilt block came from Great Plains Conference. Sharon Bauer had a friend make this. It was sent to the lady assembling the quilt. This quilt will be on display at the Conference Annual Meeting.

Kathy Mann was the nominee for the Eunice Harrington Award. These nominees will be recognized at the Conference Annual Meeting. Two Mission U scholarship were drawn at the Spring Retreat, the ladies are from Cozad. They will not be attending Mission U.

Mission Do forms for 2017, will be in the packets for units when we meet in Minden for our Annual Meeting, Oct.12. Officer's training will be at that meeting, Presidents please encourage all your officers to attend. Reports for 2017 from Jan.1 to Dec.15 are due to District officers by Dec. !5.

God Bless each of you, Doris

Doris Whitacre, President of Gateway District

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Presidents/Chairpersons: this copy is the only one being mailed to your unit, so be sure to share it with your officers and unit.

JOURNEY IN PLANNING (Vice President)

The summer is slipping by quickly. I hope you had time and the opportunity to enjoy our lovely Nebraska sun rises and sun sets. And whether you sat quietly and basked in the loveliness of your flowers or hurried away from weeding the flower garden to take in a t-ball or baseball game, I pray you felt the presence of God and gave thanks for all that is provided for us.

Looking ahead to fall, don't forget to mark your calendar for the October 12th Gateway District United Methodist Women meeting. The theme is "Oh For Joy". This year we will meet in Minden for a celebration of all that we do as sisters in faith. We are so excited that the Great Plains UMW President, Karen Dunlap, will be with us as our keynote speaker, speaking on the joy of serving God.

We will be collecting things that day which are in high demand for the S.A.F.E Center in Kearney. We will learn about their outreach and will get to hear from a survivor.

You will find the registration form for the October 12th meeting and a list of items that are needed, elsewhere in this newsletter, so plan to join us and take time to prayerfully consider what you can bring for the S.A.F.E. Center. I am already looking forward to seeing you!

Rita Skiles, Gateway District Vice President

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Hello Unit Secretaries

I can't believe that the year is half over and we are in the middle of summer. Do hope your summer is going well.

At this point in time we need to think about the election of officers coming up in September. I need to have the list that you wish to have in the Gateway District Directory to me by OCTOBER 1. Following is the information that you need to send to me (Nevabelle Howe, 4306 6th Avenue, Kearney NE 68845):

- 1. Name, address, preferred phone number, and email address of all officers you wish to be included in the Gateway District Directory.**
- 2. Date and time of unit meetings.**
- 3. Number of members in the local unit.**

I have been studying the books of the Mission U. I am very impressed with the book on "Living as a Covenant Community" and think it would be a great Bible Study for your unit. You might want to check it out.

I hope your unit sister has met with your unit. It is good to keep in touch with the District and the District with you. If the unit sister has not yet made arrangements to meet with you, you might want to contact her. The list was in the last newsletter.

Best wishes for a great year in United Methodist Women.

Nevabelle How, Gateway District Secretary

Greetings to Gateway District Treasurers:

Thanks to all for pledges and other monies sent to me. I appreciate you using the proper forms for your remittances as well as for Dedicated Light and Special Mission Recognition. These will be honored at our 2018 spring retreat. If you don't have names for your Special Mission Recognition honorees we can still send it in and you will receive the appropriate pins/certificates. Be sure to **submit your final report to me of all your givings by December 15**. I will have extra corsages and cards at our annual meeting which is October 12 in Minden. We will have appropriate forms at this meeting for you to complete for your unit to get credit if you so choose upon purchase of corsages or cards. If you give donations to any of our three missions I will pass along your unit name to the entity for recognition of thanks. I have been negligent to follow up on this. I will go back through my records and see that this is accomplished for 2017. Just came from a Great Plains Conference meeting in Manhattan so now I think I know how to accomplish this for each of your units. Special thanks to all you Gateway unit treasurers for your patience in working with me. You are one great group of ladies and so appreciated!. PLEASE COME to our fall meeting as this is a great way to share ideas and learn from others.

If any questions or concerns please call [308-493-5927](tel:308-493-5927), email: wineland56@gmail.com or snail mail to Mary Lou Wineland, 41536 Road 718, Cambridge, NE 69022.

Mary Lou Wineland, District Treasurer

Journey of Faith and You!

Have you ever stopped and thought about your personal journey of faith with God. We so need to be ready to be lead by him in all things in our life's. We are seeing so many disasters every day on TV, Facebook, and our cell phones If only we can look for the good things that are not making the news. These are the things that God is leading us in our journey. Our journey should always begin with a Pray that he will be guiding us each and every day. Lead us to listen for an answer from him in our busy daily life's, and enjoy the good blessings we will see while we are on this Journey of faith.

See most of you at Mission U. You may need to think if we want to change our Spring Retreat meeting place for 2018. Bring your ideas.

God's Blessing to you,

Marlene Boysen, Journey In Faith Leader

JOURNEY OF GIVING AND LEARNING

Dear Readers: God bless all of you. I always thank God for all of the work that each one of you does. Congratulations to the 51 readers that completed reading plans/reports during the 2016 year. Just a reminder that the due date for reading plan reports to the district coordinator is now Dec. 15th. So get reading!

Now for the "Every Unit a Mission Do" update. 16 units completed reports for activities participated in on our Journey Teams for 2016. A total of 284 activities were reported in the categories of faith, action, giving, growth and learning. The 2017 report will be due Jan. 1st, 2018. The Mission Do form will now include a reference sheet to help units know about national missions, etc.

The Kearney Mission U will be held July 28-30th. There is still time to register. You may even register at the door the day of the event. Come learn all about "The Covenantal Community" and "The Missionary Conferences of the UM".

Our national mission institutions for the Great Plains Conference are Epworth Village, The Big Garden (or United Methodist Ministries) and Della Lamb. As UMW members, we try to support these as much as possible.

Our conference will be holding a METour again in 2018. In 2017, there were a total of 23 young women that attended. However, only 4 were from Nebraska. We need to figure out a way to help our Nebraska counterparts become more familiar with this program. Our goal is to have representation from each district. **–Rose Hamilton**

Top Three Missions by Unit

Collected by Kathy Mann, Journey In Action

Buffalo County

Kearney First United Methodist: East Lawn Trailer Food, UMCOR, Camp Comeca

Miller UMW: Epworth, Funeral dinners, food pantry

Pleasanton UMW: Community Sr. Citizen Dinner, Youth & teacher support as needed, sew for UMCOR and Haiti

Shelton UMW: Food Pantry and Back Packs with food, Gloves & mittens, Epworth Village

Custer County

Broken Bow UMW: Quilt, Epworth,

Callaway UMW: Garage sale and lunch, concert, ham & bean soup supper

Merna UMW: Epworth, Local food pantry, Pledge to missions, Valentine baskets

Oconto UMW: Collect paper products, Collect food for needy, gloves and hats and scarves

Dawson County

Cozad UMW: Sponsor children to Camp Comeca, Thrift shop, Kids of the Kingdom

Farnam UMW: Camp scholarship for our youth, Epworth, Ladies Night Out evening for community women in Dec.

Grace UMW: Funeral dinners, School backpack program, Prayer quilts

Lexington UMW: Local community mission projects–Country store, meals, crafts, pies, home baked goods, Epworth

Furnace County

Arapahoe UMW: Quilts, Days for Girls, Sole Hope, Della Lamb, Big Garden, Epworth, Lydia Patterson, Backpack

Garfield County

Burwell UMW: Clothing Closet, Breakfast in a Bag, Annual Bazaar

Harlan County

Republican City UMW: Community, Love of sisters, missions

Phelps County

Holdrege UMW: serving funeral dinners & coffees, supplying feminine hygiene products to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Prayer quilts.

Sherman County

Loup City UMW: Children's Cancer Caps, Christmas gift to families of incarcerated, Christmas mitten tree, prayer shawls

Valley County

Mira Valley UMW: Health and school kits, VBS, Epworth Village

Ord UMW: Epworth, Rummage sales-for members moving, Bible studies

Nominations News

Election of District Officers will be held at the fall district meeting at Minden. Find the slate of nominees below:

2018 Ballot: Gateway District UMW Officers nominees

President-Doris Whitacre[1yr.]

Secretary-Nevabelle Howe[1yr.]

Journey in Faith-Marleen Boysen[2yr]

Journey in Program & Learning-Teresa Malcom [2yrs.]

Communications Coordinator-Ardith Davenport [2yrs]

Chairperson on the Committee on Nominations- Shirley Pierce class of 2018

Committee on Nominations-Rose Hamilton- class of 2021

Gateway District Officers Previous Elected

Vice President- Rita Skiles

Treasurer- Mary Lou Wineland

Journey in Acton- Kathy Mann

Journey in Growth - To be filled

Committee on Nominations

- Linda Lawrence-class of 2017
- Sarah Hansen-class Of 2019
- Wanda Chessmore- class of 2020

Retiring: Sharon Bauer, Nominations Class of 2017 and Charlene Schauer, Journey in Growth. These officers will be honored at the Gateway District meeting in October.

Great Plains UMW Update

...The Theme for the GP UMW Annual Conference is "I Choose Joy - Nehemiah 8:10" on Sept 29-30, 2017, at First UMC, 309 E 7th St, York, NE. Registration of \$30 includes Friday supper and Saturday lunch. A block of rooms is being held at York Best Western, 4619 S Lincoln Ave, York (855-516-1092) at a cost of \$101.00. When you call, ask for rooms under United Methodist Women's Conference.

There will be Friday afternoon offsite bus tours between 3:30-5:00: 1) Tour to Epworth Village will include light landscaping work there, 2) Tour through Epworth Village and Orphan Cemetery will include work at cemetery (Those on tours #1 and #2 need to wear appropriate clothing and bring gloves); and 3) Bus tour to Epworth Village for those with mobility issues will then return to the church to watch a video and do hands-on work.

(cont.) Supper, fellowship, worship and keynote address by Louise Niemann Friday evening. Saturday morning meeting will be followed by two breakout sessions. Officer training is for district officers only, but there will be other choices available to all attendees. Registration will be available on the website, (<http://www.greatplainsumc.org/2017gpumwconferenceannualmeeting>) with deadline of August 21, 2017.

Peg Walters cleaner5830@msn.com
Great Plains Conference United
Methodist Women Communications
Coordinator

Just a Word...

At the April Gateway District Executive Officers meeting, a newly established policy regarding mailing of the district newsletter was set. This new guideline calls for mailing the district newsletters only to Gateway UMW Unit Presidents and to the Pastors of the churches where units are inactive. We want all women of the Gateway District to have current information regarding UMW.

Our district newsletter is also posted each time on the Great Plains UMW website and may be read, downloaded, or printed from that site

(<http://www.greatplainsumc.org/gatewaydistrictumw>) Please encourage local unit members to find the newsletter there. Newsletters from other districts can also be read there allowing us to keep up with UMW activities all over our conference.

Ardith Davenport,
Communications Coordinator

**REGISTRATION FORM- 2017 GATEWAY ANNUAL MEETING-\$12.00
-“Oh For Joy”—OCTOBER 12, 2017-**

**Minden United Methodist Church, 340 North Newell Avenue
Registration and fee are due October 2. Mail registration form and
\$12.00 check payable to Minden United Methodist Women to
Kay Lyn McBride, 141 North Smith, Minden NE 68959.**

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ **Email** _____

Please list any special dietary needs or accommodations. The Minden UMC building is ADA accessible.

The S.A.F.E Center Wish List

Immediate Needs

Paper Towels
Clorox Wipes
Canned or Boxed Food
Fresh Produce and Meal
Bug Spray
Freezer Bags
Cookware

Toilet Paper
Trash Bags
Vacuum
Laundry Soap
Sunscreen
Paper Plates

Ongoing Needs

Body Wash
Toothpaste
Diapers, size 4,5,6
Household Cleaners
Dishwasher Soap

Hair Products
Toothbrushes
Baby Wipes
Dish Soap
Dryer Sheets

Provide Survivors a Helping Hand

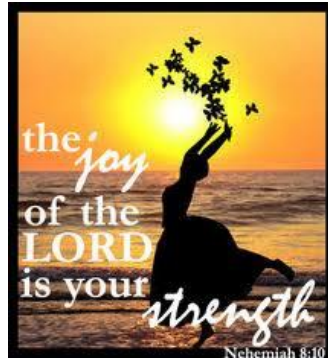
Postage Stamps
Grocery Store Gift Cards
Cell Phones (working or not)
Gas Cards
RYDE Tickets

Agency Dreams

First Aid Kits
Shed (8'x8') for Shelter
Donations to expand our Endowment

Financial Donations are used for the provision of services.

**The S.A.F.E. Center, 620 E 25th St., Suite 14,
Kearney, NE 68847. 308-237-2599
www.safecenter.org; www.facebook.com/safecenter;
email: staff@safecenter.org**



"I CHOOSE JOY"

**Great Plains Conference United Methodist Women Annual Conference
September 29-30, 2017 at First UMC, 309 E 7th Street, York, NE**

Registration – 3:00

Bus tours include educational video – 3:30-5:00 (Wear appropriate clothing, shoes, and bring gloves for #1 or #2)

1. Bus to Epworth Village – light landscape work at Epworth
2. Bus thru Epworth & Orphan Cemetery – Work at cemetery
3. Bus tour to Epworth Village - (for those with mobility issues) will return to church for hands on work.

5:30- 8:30 – Supper, fellowship, worship and keynote speaker, Louise Niemann

Saturday morning business meeting – 7:45 – 10:00

Breakout sessions – 10:15-11:00 and 11:15-12:00

These will be officer training for district officers only, as well as additional sessions open to all attendees.

\$30 Registration fee includes Friday supper and Saturday lunch.

Optional bus from Wichita, KS, with stop in Salina at \$45-50 (Contact Diane Thompson at rdthompson1942@sbcglobal.net)

Contact York Best Western, 4619 S Lincoln Ave, York at 855-516-1092 for rooms at \$101.00 and let them know you are with UMW Conference.

Register using the form on the next page or register online at

<https://gp-reg.brtaapp.com/>

GreatPlainsConferenceUnitedMethodistWomenAnnualMeetinginYorkNebraska

September29-302017 (link found at gpumc.org)

Great Plains Conference United Methodist Women Annual Conference
 September 29-30, 2017
 First UMC, 309 E 7th Street, York, NE

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ cell / home
 I am a ___ Conference ___ District officer ___ other _____
 District/Conference office: _____
 District: _____
 ___ I need a single room Friday (cost 50.50) ___ I need a double room Friday
 Roommate requested: _____

Friday Tour Sessions – Indicate your choice:

- ___ 1. Epworth Village Tour and landscape work
- ___ 2. Epworth drive through and work at Orphan cemetery (limit to 14)
- ___ 3. Epworth Bus tour and work at church (handicap accessible choice)

Officer training on Saturday: Indicate which training you will attend.

Saturday Breakout #1: (Select only one)

- ___ President ___ Treasurer ___ V President ___ Communications
- ___ Journey in Faith ___ Journey in Action ___ Committee on Nominations (non-officers)
- ___ Climate Justice Pipeline – Abbi Kleinschmidt
- ___ Released and Restored – Ruth Karlsson
- ___ METour (#1 only) ___ Big Garden ___ Della Lamb

Saturday Breakout #2: (Select only one)

- ___ Secretary ___ Journey in Growth ___ Journey in Giving ___ Journey in Learning (non-officers)
- ___ Climate Justice ___ Released and Restored ___ Charter for Racial Justice (#2 only)
- ___ Big Garden ___ Della Lamb

Conference will pay registration and make room reservations for conference and district officers. Non-officers need to make their own reservations.
 Return this with your \$30 registration payable to "Great Plains Conference United Methodist Women" and mail to:

Jackie Pope, Registrar
 324 SE Calle Columbo
 Columbus, NE 68601
 (questions: jacalynpope@gmail.com)

Registration deadline: August 21, 2017

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