



The Twig

Spring Vine Additions

Our Spring meeting will be April 6th
at Wamego United Methodist Church,
600 Lincoln Ave, Wamego, KS 66547

Flint Hills
District UMW

March 20, 2019

DeLynn Hay will be leading our study "What About Our Money? A Faith Response". This is an excellent study. A paragraph from the study book says "But our topic isn't just money. It's faith and money. We are going to explore several aspects of money within the grounding of our faith, for it is here—in this connection between our faith and our money—that we discover how we can live closer to God and to God's people, even in our U.S. Culture that is so deeply defined by money."

We will gather between 9:00-9:30 a.m.

Spring Meeting will begin at 9:30.

The cost of the meal is \$8.00.

Reservations are needed by: April 2nd.

Mail Jenny Sue Hayward your registration with your check or you may email your registration and bring a check to the meeting. (rejoicesinger@cox.net)

Address: Jenny Sue Hayward, 8831 Butterfly Ln., Manhattan, KS 66502-1411
(785) 320-5755

- No refunds are given. If you are unable to come you may send someone in your place. If unable to attend, your payment is a donation to the Flint Hills District UMW.
- *Call all your officers, committee members, circle chairs. Offer to carpool, give members a special invitation to join you this day, forward this email to all members whom you have an email address for and print a the flyer and share at church services.*

2019 SPRING/SUMMER UMW EVENTS

April 1 **Registration Deadline for METtour---Mission Education Tour**
Young women ages 15-20 will tour the southeast area of the US.
(Visits will be made to UMCOR Sagar Brown, Red Bird Mission, Upper
Room in Nashville, Cookson Hills Center---Oklahoma)
(for details go to: <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/metourmissioneducationtour>)
See if any young women in your area are interested in attending and
help pay their cost---\$450/ individual.

April 1-5 **Midwest Mission Distribution Center Mission Trip (MMDC)**
(Chatham, IL)
"Midwest Mission shows God's love in a practical way through the
distribution of education, health and disaster relief supplies, meeting basic
human needs around the world and around the corner."
Additional information: www.midwestmission.org Great Plains trip leader:
Teena Faubel 402-217-3775

April 6 **Spring District UMW Meeting**
Wamego UMC 9:00-3:00
Mission Study: "What About Our Money" led by DeLynn Hay

May 3-5 **GP Conference Spring Spiritual Retreat**
Based on "Sensible Shoes" by Sharon Garlough Brown
Retreat led by Rev. Billie Blair
Held at Camp Comeca and Retreat Center Cozard, NE

God calls us to come to Him in prayer. He wants our praises and petitions; He wants the concerns of our hearts. He invites us:

- Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
- This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.
- Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

(Philippians 4:6, 1 John 5:14, Matthew 7:7,8)

Message from the FHD UMW President•Cathryn Harrison

Welcome to the "Twig"

It was decided at our team meeting to send out an extra communication every now and then. We want to keep all our members up to date on events and programs and happenings regarding the Flint Hills District United Methodist Women of the Great Plains Conference.



The Dedicated Light service has now become a tradition at District and Conference Annual Meetings Of the Great Plains Conference United Methodist Women. It is symbolic of the light of Jesus Shining in dark places, bringing joy and new hope to those who walk in darkness.

This memo is in regard to "The Dedicated Lights" gift.

We will be honoring any member you have submitted for this at our

Fall District Meeting on September 28, 2019

Emporia First UMW

805 Merchant, Emporia, KS 66801

We, as a District, have extended the deadline for submission to **May 1, 2019**. We would like a short bio on your submission that we can share at that time. We will be celebrating the Legacy 150 year in September; what better time to celebrate our dedicated members.

This is a requirement to fulfill the 7 Star Women program. If an individual wants to support a member/person she may qualify as a Gem. The gift for this is \$45.00 each nomination, this helps support our **National United Methodist Women's work**.

The "Love Candle" will be kept burning for one minute for each gift. The gift can be in honor or memory of an individual that has exemplified the purpose of United Methodist Women.

I look forward to seeing as many as possible April 6, 2019 , in Wamego, KS, for our mission study. I am so excited for you to meet our new and returning officers of the District. This is a dedicated group of 12 women who are here to support your works in fulfilling the purpose of United Methodist Women.

Blessings always, Cathryn Harrison

President FDH UMW

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Mission Do Reports • Connie Converse



Deadline for submission of this report passed some time back.

However, because I'm new to this position and because there seemed to be confusion about what to do, our District Leadership Team is encouraging units to go ahead and submit their 2018 Mission Do report by May 1st.

By going ahead and reporting on your unit's activities for 2018, we will all have a much more accurate picture of what has been accomplished this past year.

- Recognition of units' and individuals' contribution to

missions will occur at the Fall District UMW meeting. I hope to email unit presidents a copy of the requirements for the individual "She's a Gem" recognition in the next couple weeks.

- One important reminder to all units. Even if you are not able to complete all requirements for the 5 or 7 Star Units, please make every effort possible to fulfill your unit's Pledge to Mission.

Being new to the Leadership Team, I was amazed to see the extent of monies contrib-

uted to Missions, both locally and globally, by the Flint Hills District UMW! God's Blessings are definitely being shared!

Included attached to the email is a copy of the Mission Do report form available at the Great Plains UMW website for those unfamiliar with the form.

<https://www.greatplainsumc.org/umw>

Connie Converse Journey in Learning

Mission in Giving • Patricia Logan



Greetings to my UMW sisters!

Early in the year is a good time to investigate the requirements for the 7 Star Units and "She's A Gem" givings.

- One of the requirements is that you are to purchase Gift in Mission and Gift in Memory cards (\$5 minimum). These cards will be available at our next district meeting in April.
- Plan now to purchase several of them as they can be used for many occasions. There are cards for Christmas, births, thank you's, birthdays, special days, congratulations, thinking of you, peace, and "On your special day".
- The Corsages for Mission will also be available for \$1 each.

You may also email me at pj_66852@yahoo.com and I'd be glad to send them via mail. I hope to hear from each of you soon!

Looking forward to seeing you all! Patricia Logan



Help, I'm Confused and Can't Find District Information!

Is this you? I know for a long time I had to spend a lot of time finding District UMW information or Conference information. So, hopefully, some of the following information will help you to find information!

- Newsletter: the newsletter gets emailed to unit officers. Plus it is on to our Facebook page. "Flint Hills District UMW"
- The newsletter is also posted on the District webpage.

<https://www.greatplainsumc.org/flinthillsdistrictumw#District%20Newsletters>

- When you have a few minutes go to the webpage for the Great Plains UMC-
<https://www.greatplainsumc.org/umw>

If you click on Flint Hills District and all our information will come up. Standing rules and policies are easily found also. You will also find forms you may want.

- One of my favorite sites is:

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

On this site you can find EVERYTHING United Methodist Women may need or want. If you have some time go to this site and check it out.

Communication is key to active units. We all need to be mindful of sharing information. Empower you members by:

1. Encouraging them to join you at district meetings. Call your circle chairs if your unit has them and ask them to share district meeting information.
2. Offer to pick others up or offer to carpool. Many times all they need is some encouragement.
3. Print the newsletter for members, forward the newsletter to your members.
4. If you want active members and future leaders for your units share information and invite them to events.
5. Encourage members to check the websites sited in this article.

Happy Spring-Anna Scharenberg, Communications

Mission Giving

Through their generosity United Methodist Women members help empower and improve the lives of women, youth and children in the United States and around the world.

- About 70 percent of Mission Giving funds from members go to programs and projects supporting women, children and youth.
- Around 20-30 percent stays with the local, district, and conference organizations of United Methodist Women for local mission. Only 9 percent covers administrative costs.

She's a Gem Individual Giving Recognition (replaces 5 Star Woman Recognition)

PEARL LEVEL: Pledge, 1 Gift to Mission Card 1 World Thank, Gift in Memory.

SAPPHIRE LEVEL: Pledge, 1 Gift to Mission Card 1 World Thank, Gift in Memory, 1 Special Mission Recognition.

AMETHYST LEVEL: Pledge, 1 Gift to Mission Card 1 World Thank, Gift in Memory, 1 Special Mission Recognition, 5 Corsages.

EMERALD LEVEL: Pledge, 1 Gift to Mission Card 1 World Thank, Gift in Memory or Dedicated Light 1 Special Mission Recognition, 5 Corsages.

RUBY LEVEL: Pledge, 1 Gift to Mission Card 1 World Thank, 1 Gift in Memory, 1 Dedicated Light 1 Special Mission Recognition, 5 Corsages.

The 5 National Giving Channels are:

Pledge to Mission (Pledge)
Gift to Mission Card (GTM)
\$5 minimum Gift in Memory Card (GIM)
\$5 minimum World Thank Offering (WTO)
Special Mission Recognition (SMR) \$40 minimum

The Great Plains Conference Additional Giving Channels are:

- Corsages for Mission (Corsages) \$1 each
- Dedicated Light in Honor or in Memory (DL) \$45

The individual chooses her level of giving, keeps her own record and verifies with her local Treasurer. The information is then submitted by the Local Treasurer to the District Treasurer.



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.