

THE NEWSLETTER FOR DODGE CITY
DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



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Notes from the President

by Judy Branden

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"Be an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

1 Timothy 4:12

For anyone who has ever been involved in the educating of our youth, whether as a teacher, support staff, or a parent, the beginning of school always has the feel of a fresh start. Much like the start of a new calendar year, but with the hustle and bustle of new school supplies, school clothes and shoes, we begin the countdown to the first day. As a

former educator, I've found that it's a feeling that stays with us . . . the excitement, the anticipation, the new ideas . . . even after a number of years away from the process of it all. For all of us, then, we can redirect that excitement, anticipation, and new ideas to the beginning of the Fall activities for United Methodist Women. Look around . . . there is much to do and many need our help. Re-examine your current mission projects. Do you need to go a different direction? Our National Mission Institute for this year continues to be Della Lamb Community Center in Kansas City.

Money is tight wherever we look, and I know the missions you choose to support are all very grateful for whatever you feel you can send them. Get excited, get involved, and let's have a rewarding UMW Fall in Southwest Kansas!



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- Sept. List of Officers in local units sent to District Secretary
- Sept. 14 – 15 Annual Conference, Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, KS
- Oct. 8-12 Midwest Mission Distribution Center
Mission Trip to Chantham, IL
- Oct. 12 District Leadership Team Meeting, Scott City
- Oct. 13 Dodge City District Annual Meeting, Scott City

LINKS TO MORE INFO

- [Great Plains United Methodist Women](#)
- [Dodge City District UMW](#)
- [Oasis of Peace](#)
- [Mission U](#)
- [UMW Conference Annual Meeting](#)



Old Church, DodgeCity, KS Photo by Todd Seifert

Annual
Conference
Sept. 14 – 15
Church of the
Resurrection
Leawood, KS

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Oh my goodness, we are into August already. Time for school to start again! I do hope and pray that your summer has been enjoyable and that you have taken some time to rest and relax. Now back to work! Jesus commanded that we serve one another, but obeying this mandate in humility is not natural for us. Sure, there are times we like to help others. But service that involves self-sacrifice is more difficult to do.

Our District meeting is in Scott City on October 13th and those ladies are working hard to make it a very special meeting. We have Cari Pemberton sharing about her work with Mercy Ships International. Read her biography in the newsletter and get excited about learning all about this wonderful mission to the ones less fortunate. Giving them hope and healing. Then we have Lindsey Sill and Cara Payton talking about how domestic violence affects us all. Not only that but we have our very own Conference President, Karen Dunlap bringing us her message. If that wasn't enough we have our District Superintendent Don Hasty giving us his guidance and blessings thru communion and the word. Don't put it off. Put it on your calendar and fill out the registration form found in this newsletter. We will all receive blessings!

What does it mean to serve?
Consider Christ's example.

Serving others was His lifestyle— part of who He was and what He did. As His followers, we should strive to be like Him. You have taken the first step by agreeing to serve as a UMW officer for your local unit. Your service requires that you stay in tune with the Lord's leading and daily ask His direction and guidance. If you don't have a habit of daily spending time in the word and prayer, I would strongly encourage you to do so. It will make all the difference in your life as well as in the life of your UMW unit. Lead by example. Support UMW and its mission and be encouraged by attending the District Meeting and bringing others with you.

See you on October 13th. God's blessings on you and your families.

Love in Christ, Peggy Alford



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Secretaries

I will be contacting unit secretaries in August to remind you that election of officers should be done in your September meeting. I need them asap as I'll be preparing the 2019

Directory and plan to have it ready for our annual meeting in October.

Carolyn Musil
DCD UMW secretary

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Treasurers,

PLEDGE TO MISSION PAYMENTS:

Thank you for your unit mission payments during the summer. With activities beginning again after a summer break I know we can continue to give to our pledge to mission. I have received \$22,000 to date which is 40% of our \$55,000 District Pledge.

5 AND 7 STAR UNITS: A goal set by the Dodge City District is for 75%, or 21 units, to achieve a 5 or 7 Star status. Last year 17 units accomplished this. It's not too late for us all to work toward this goal for 2018. As a reminder:

5-Star Unit

1. Contribute to Pledge to Mission
2. Purchase a Special Membership Recognition pin (\$40.00 or more)
3. Purchase Gift to Mission cards (at least one for \$5.00)
4. Contribute to Gift in Memory (at least \$5.00)
5. Participate in World Thank Offering

7 Star Unit -

Contribute to the above 5 areas plus:

- 6. Purchase Corsage for Missions for \$1.00 (minimum \$5.00)
- 7. Purchase a Dedicated Light certificate (\$45.00)

This all needs to be turned to me by Dec. 15 to count for 2018. For your information I will have a breakdown of each unit's giving in the president's packet at the annual district meeting in Scott City in October. Please email or

call me with any questions you have.

2019 PLEDGE: Fall is the time to prepare your budget for the coming year. I suggest this be done at your September meeting. Once this is approved send it on to me. Please have your unit prayerfully consider their 2019 Pledge to Mission. Then, please fill out the pledge form below and send it to me by Nov. 15. It's important I have an accurate

district pledge total to report as we make our budget. If your members make individual pledges I can provide a pledge service and pledge cards for you.

Thanking you as we serve Christ through UMW.



PLEDGE TO MISSION

The _____ Unit of United Methodist Women pledges to support the MISSION emphasis of our organization.

We pledge \$_____ for 2019 to join with other units of the world to reach out to others less fortunate.

Note, the amount you pledge does not include extra gifts such as World Thank Offering, Call to Prayer, and supplementary gifts.

Treasurer

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Helping Children to Cope With Bullies

School will begin and bullying in and out of school is a growing concern nationwide. Bullying goes against the teachings of Jesus Christ, the general rules of the United Methodist Church, and the golden rule that is recognized in religions the world over. How can parents, teachers, church leaders and others learn about and address these concerns with young people who face bullying? And what can be done to work with youth to help stop bullying?

Actions for adults: Explore tools for becoming an advocate against bullying in your community by going to:

[www.thebullyproject.com/tools_a
dvocates](http://www.thebullyproject.com/tools_advocates) (there is an underscore between tools and advocates)

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32.



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Our sermon Sunday was based on John 15:1-11. "Jesus is the true grapevine and we are the branches" God is the gardener and He prunes us so we can produce more fruit! Have you been pruned lately? I know I have! If a branch is cut off the vine, it dies and cannot produce anymore fruit. It becomes useless. So in order for us to be fruitful we must stay connected to our source of sustenance and nourishment! For me that means spending time with my Lord who gives me spiritual nourishment. It doesn't really matter where or when but in order for me to hear what God is telling me, I have to have quiet. As women of God we think we're producing fruit as we run here and there and accomplish this job and that job. but the truth is sometimes we run ourselves ragged. Could it be pride when we think we are the woman for the job? Actually there may be someone else equally or more qualified to do the job at hand! Or possibly God

doesn't require a particular job to be taken on anymore. The key to life, of course, is to keep our eyes and focus on Jesus. He will guide and sustain us for each situation as it comes along. Remember Philippians 4:6 & 7 "Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He's done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand and His peace will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus".

Please remember to send me the names of those UMW women who have gone to heaven since October 2017. I need them for our October 13, 2018 Dodge City district UMW annual meeting in Scott City. My e-mail is jbrown@pld.com or address is 613 E Maize, Ulysses, KS 67880.

God Bless each one of you,

Holly Brown



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Greetings,

Time for all units to gear up for our fall meetings. May each Unit have a great time and enjoy their projects of giving. A big reminder of our October District Meeting in Scott City, would love to have everyone attend. Wishing everyone a safe and fun time the rest of the summer.

Blessings, Lois Modlin
Giving Leader



Sunken Gardens in Lincoln, NE

Photo by Todd Seifert

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There isn't a lot to report about membership this time of the year. I will provide the membership reporting forms in your packets at the district meeting in Scott City and they will be due in January, 2019. I will be in touch with you this fall with further details.

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Hello to all you UMW ladies! Summer is a time to relax, enjoy the great outdoors and READ! I spent a week in Hawaii and did a lot of reading and relaxing! I have worked on the bookmarks for our reading program participants, and am pleased to see so many readers!! Challenge your unit to become readers, you do not have to complete a plan, just read and see what happens. I will have new books to pick from at our district meeting on October 13th in Scott City, so come prepared to purchase some, or order from the Great Plains UMW Conference library.

Plan I- 5 books, one from each category

Plan II- 10 books, 2 from each category

Plan III- 15 books, 2 from each category plus 5 additional books from any category

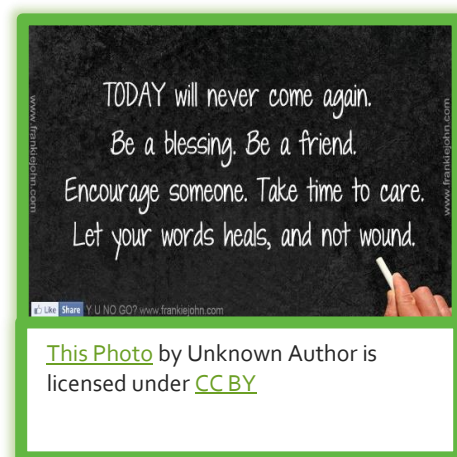
Plan IV-20 books, 2 from each category plus 10 additional books from any category

Titles can be from the 2013-2018 list plus regular reading of Response magazine.

I am also working on the "Mission Do Unit" certificates as I had 17 turned in! So interesting to see what other units are doing, great ideas for others. Some of the new ideas I saw were- sending cookie boxes to college students, collecting money for flood

buckets, Billy Graham shoe box project, presentations by missionaries for their community, paying camp fees for kids and the list goes on.

Happy Reading!!
Kim Stevens-Learning Team
Leader-(Program resources)



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Even though we probably don't think about it as an everyday thing—but each day is history !! Some days the history is monumental others hardly anything but it is still history. Hoping many can come to the District meeting in Scott City, October 13. A large number would make a great day in history.

Patsy Wise,
Historian

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The METour for 2018 toured the Southwest. There were 32 girls, 3 from Nebraska, and there were 4 scheduled to go from the Dodge City District. I'm thinking maybe one was unable to go. The tour left on Saturday, June 2, from Colby, Kansas. They went to Pueblo, Santa Fe, NM, El Paso, TX, Albuquerque, Farmington, NM, Durango, CO, Pagosa Springs, CO, Canon City, CO and back to Colby on Saturday, 9, 2018. They not only worked at different ministries, like McCurdy and Four Corners Native American Ministries, and other volunteer food facilities, but were able to do some sightseeing. As Deanna Castle, who went on the tour, stated, "It was an amazing trip and [we had] a great bunch of hard-working, talented girls". It is such a good opportunity for the girls. They are able to experience helping others and assist with missions in so many of the ministries that the Methodist Church participates in.

Blessings and enjoy the rest of the summer

Geneva

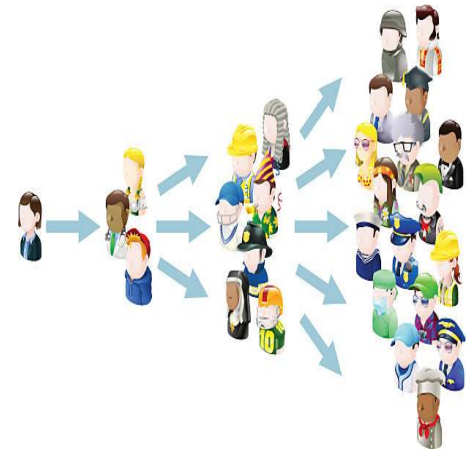
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We all need our batteries recharged once in a while. What better way to do it than to attend the district meeting in Scott City this year? It promises to be a fun, spiritual day of fellowship with your sisters in Christ.

Pray about how you can clear your schedule to be there.

I do want to remind you all to Share the Bulletin Board with others in your UMW Units either by email or USPS. Typically the newsletter is emailed to the officers of each chapter but this year I have had a lot of returns due to incorrect email and postal mail addresses. So please help spread the news. Thank you.



Needed by Ember Hope, Newton, KS

Judy has received word from Robert DeLeon that Ember Hope is in need of 6 or 7 bean bag chairs for their cottages. Please contact Judy or [Ember Hope](#) if you can help.

EmberHope, Inc.
900 W. Broadway
PO Box 210
Newton, KS 67114
855.260.HOPE

REGISTRATION FORM
DODGE CITY DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING
SCOTT CITY, KS OCT. 13, 2018

For UNITED METHODIST WOMEN committed to . . .

“I CHOOSE HOPE THROUGH PRAYER”

DODGE CITY DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY 10/13/18

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Scott City – 412 S. College

620-872-2401

SPEAKER: UMW Conference President Karen Dunlap

WORKSHOP: Mercy Ships – Cari Pemberton

WORSHP: Domestic Violence – Lindsey Sill and Cara Payton

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

The Registration Table opens at 8:00 a.m. (coffee, etc.) with Gathering in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m.

Memorial Service begins promptly at 9:05 a.m.

(General Contact Person – Jodi Patton – 620-874-1483)

-----CUT AND KEEP UPPER PORTION-----

-----MAIL LOWER PORTION TO SCOTT CITY-----

NAME: _____

MAIL REGISTRATION INFORMATION TO:

ADDRESS _____

Dorothy Hutchins

CITY, ZIP _____

P O Box 106

HOME CHURCH _____

Scott City, Ks. 67871

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAKE CHECKS (\$15.00 FOR EACH ATTENDEE)

PAYABLE TO: DODGE CITY DISTRICT UMW

CHILD CARE PROVIDED Please list names and ages of children. Parents are responsible for child's lunch. If your plans for child care change, please contact Jodi Patton (info above). In Gathering: Diapers, Gift Cards for Clothing, etc. for Ember Hope, Oasis of Peace and Peace House.

Annual Meeting

DATE: SEPTEMBER 14-15, 2018

LOCATION: CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION, LEAWOOD, KS

THEME: A CELEBRATION OF OUR LEGACY

FEATURED SPEAKER: HARRIET JANE OLSEN, GENERAL SECRETARY, NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

TO VIEW AND SHARE VIDEO INVITATION FROM CHURCH OF RESURRECTION, GO TO

[HTTPS://VIMEO.COM/233832580](https://vimeo.com/233832580)

REGISTRATION

Conference will cover \$40.00 registration cost for conference and district officers. Registration covers meeting, Friday supper, and Saturday lunch. Register by _____.

- On-line registration
- Mail in registration
- 2019 Slate of Officers

SCHEDULE

Friday Registration -

Friday evening -

Saturday morning gathering and business meeting -

Breakout sessions -