

FLINT
HILLS
DISTRICT
UMW

FALL
2018



The Vine

Journey in Planning•Mary Lou DeLong

Don't miss your opportunity learn about:

“The Big Garden”

Nathan Morgan will speak on
how it was established in rural communities in
Nebraska, Kansas and Southwest Iowa.

Plan to attend the Flint Hills UMW Fall meeting. October 6th

What will we be doing? Officer training, business meeting, learning from our speaker

- The meeting will be in Reading.
- Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m., meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.
- The cost of lunch is \$8.00.

Let your unit treasurer know if you are attending, she will email Lucille Constable lvcwhitegirl@gmail.com with the following information:

- Name of local unit
- Contact person, including phone number-this includes reservations for pastor, district, conference officers.
- The treasurer will then mail a check made payable to “Flint Hills District UMW” to Lucille Constable, 2429 12th Road, Blue Rapids, KS 66411

Encourage others to come to the fall meeting!

Many people are interested but are reluctant to go.

You may be doing them a great favor by extending an invitation to join you or your group!

Ask a new person, someone who recently joined your church.





From President Linda Combes

Hello Ladies,

I have just returned from Mission U at Salina. It was awesome and inspiring. I want to encourage everyone to go to one of the Mission U's in our Great Plains. It is a time for great fellowship, friends, food, fun and learning. I recommend staying in the dorm as it builds and adds to the fellowship and fun while learning.

We will have a speaker from "The Big Garden " in Nebraska at our fall Meeting. This is one of our Missions. It's a great opportunity to learn what our Nebraska neighbors are doing in the Mission field.

The fall meeting is at Reading UMC and will be on October 6th. Register by September 29th. The cost is \$8.00 for the meal. This money goes to the Reading UMC to help with their Missions.

You may register by email to Lucile Constable, Treasurer. Money is due and payable at sign in. If you register and are unable to attend please send a substitute. Your money is non refundable since it is for missions of UMW. If you find you are able to come at the last minute contact us by phone or email and we will work it out

The annual UMW Celebrations will be held at the Church of the Resurrection in Lenexa. It is September 14-15. The 14th will be officer training. I encourage all officers (both local and district) to attend. If you are going to be an officer at local or district level. This is a great opportunity to learn about that office.

Registration is online at the www.greatplainsumc.org. Click on United Methodist Women on the right side of page, then on the left side click on 2018 Great Plains UMW annual event. Registration page will come up. Go to UMWGPC registration for online.

If you prefer a paper registration it is there also. Print it out and mail it in. Deadline for registration is August 31st. Looking forward to seeing everyone September 14-15 at annual meeting at the Church of Resurrection in Lenexa and October 6th at Fall Meeting in Reading. Romans 8:31 "If God is for us who can be against us?" In these troubled times I ask everyone to pray for our Pastors and Leaders our country. We need to pray and ask God for guidance in all things. He is our guide.

In Christ's Love, Linda K. Combes FHD President

Secretary of the FHD UMW•Anita McDiffett

I am the secretary for the District UMW team. I take minutes at the spring and fall District meetings. After these minutes have been approved, they are filed in a notebook along with the District meeting program books and newsletters. This is my third year in this position.

Previous to being secretary I was on the Nominating Committee. I have met some wonderful women by serving on the team that I may not have otherwise. It is always interesting to see what others are doing in their units.

Anita McDiffett



Journey in Growth•Cathryn Harrison

Happy Fall!

We are almost there, it has been a very fast summer. As we approach the next season, some of us are thinking about our upcoming UMW reports that will be due by the end of the year. The need for some of these reports may seem irrelevant to some of us but they tell an overall story of our involvement to our missions and purposes.

I am the membership, Journey in Growth officer for the FHD-UMW. It is my responsibility to gather the list of our membership numbers from each unit, and how we communicate with each other. This helps the conference and the national office find better ways to keep us informed of the United Methodist Women's upcoming and present mission and social action projects.

We only had reports from 15 units from our district for the year 2017. I will be going to the Annual Conference in September to review our reporting needs and directions for 2018. It really only took about 5 minutes online if everything was working as planned. I made several phone calls and email communication with our national office to confirm which units had reported. I thank each unit that sent me a report, that truly helped me keep track.

My vow this year is to contact each unit by email or phone to get a 100% participation of our membership reports. This helps the National office know our strength potential in numbers when they are bringing issues supported by UMW to legislators and organizations we support or oppose.

I'm asking each of you to follow through with your annual reports, I know each district and conference officer will truly appreciate your efforts, and we will help you in any way we can with this obligation.

I pray for you to have a productive year in mission and social action work through your units of United Methodist women. We are here for each other, and women and children in need of justice in their lives in all ways.

I look forward to meeting more of you through the year, hopefully seeing a large delegation from the Flint Hills District at our Annual Conference.

Blessings to all, Cathryn Harrison
eyesmiletoo@yahoo.com



Treasurer•Lucille Constable

This will be my last year to serve as your treasurer. We urgently need a treasurer to continue after my term. Each one of you is capable-we all work with numbers each day. If you are interested but hesitant-perhaps the Lord is nudging you in this direction-spread your wings and try a new adventure!

In God's love, Lucile Constable

Communications•Anna Scharenberg

Greetings to all! I "make" the newsletter and send it out to all officers of the district. All officers submit information I can include in the newsletter. In fall, after all the officers are elected for the next year, I put the information into a spreadsheet and that is used to email the newsletter. There are a few presidents who do not have an email and I hand address a newsletter to them. Pretty simple stuff-for which I am grateful!

I like the creativity of putting it together and isn't a very time consuming commitment. Anna Scharenberg

Journey in Action•Sheryl Crooks

UMW has a long and rich history of working for mission and justice.

The Flint Hills District fall meeting will have the honor to hear Nathan Morgan share what is happening at The Big Garden in Omaha. If you are not familiar with the services the Big Garden provides:

<https://biggarden.org/history/>

The Big Garden was founded in 2005 by United Methodist Ministries through funding from the USDA's Community Food Project. The initial goal was to create 12 community gardens in three years. As of today, The Big Garden has helped to establish more than 160 community gardens in urban and rural communities throughout Nebraska, Kansas, and Southwest Iowa.

I hope everyone is able to attend the meeting in Reading on October 6th to hear Nathan and maybe considering a community garden in your area.

Sheryl Crooks
Journey in Action

From Peg Walters

Please see the updated Slate of Officers for 2019 Conference Leadership Team, which should be published 30 days prior to our Annual Meeting in Leawood, KS September 14-15.

I added the registration links and slate of officers to the MAIN page of www.greatplainsumc.org/umw website, because many appeared to be having issues pulling up the sub-page for the GP UMW Conference Annual Meeting. Sorry about that...I hope this helps.

GREAT PLAINS UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2019

Leadership Role	Name	City	District
President	Karen Dunlap	Derby	Wichita East
Secretary	Pat McGill	Waverly	Blue River
Journey in Faith	* Lori Collins	Scottsbluff	Great West
Chair of Nominations	* Carolyn May	Colby	Hays
Kansas Program Resources	Margee Castle	Basehor	Kansas City
CON Class of 2019	* Becky Pishney	Blue Rapids	Flint Hills
	* Doris Whitacre	Kearney	Gateway
Class of 2020	* Avalyn Reissig	Overland Park	Kansas City
Class of 2021	* Barbara Kruger	Eudora	Five Rivers
	* Barbara Wright	Manhattan	Flint Hills
	* Teresa Whitehead	Papillion	Missouri River

* New to position in 2019

CURRENT OFFICERS CONTINUING INTO 2019

Vice President	Joyce Solomon	Merna	Gateway
Treasurer	Barbara Smith	Lake Winnebago, MO	Kansas City
Communications Coordinator	Peggy Walters	Broken Bow	Gateway
Journey in Action	Gwen Sharpe	Wichita	Wichita East
Journey in Giving	Virginia White	Grand Island	Prairie Rivers
Journey in Growth	Margaret Thomas	Norton	Hays
Journey in Learning	Marge Zakoura-Vaughn	Wichita	Wichita East
Nebraska Program Resources	Rogene Silletto	Lincoln	Blue River
CON Class of 2019	Judy Grant	Edwardsville	Kansas City
Class of 2020	Janice Elmore	Wichita	Wichita East
	Mary Ellen Kilmer	Mitchell	Great West



Labor for the Love of Books!

I am the current Flint Hills District Secretary of Program Resources.

It's a great position to take a turn at to serve UMW on the district level if you love books and reading. It's like experiencing Christmas twice a year when preparing the book displays for the Fall and Spring Flint Hills District meetings!

As Secretary of Program Resources, duties include promoting the UMW Reading Program. Promotion includes keeping others informed about the requirements of participation in the program, collecting the reading reports from each unit by the first of December and sending a very abbreviated report of the number of people that completed the required number of books for each level to the Great Plains Conference Secretary of Program Resources. Names of readers and specific books read are not required in the report. Another aspect of promoting the Reading Program is to write a brief article for the district newsletter, **The Vine**, twice a year relating to the Secretary of Program Resources position – especially sharing about the books on the reading lists, highlighting the UMW **Rresponse** magazine, **The New World Outlook** and other available resources that keep us informed.

The “like Christmas” part of the position is ordering books from the UMW Resource Center on consignment for both the Fall and Spring meetings. It's so much fun when all those books arrive to go through them, hold them and look at them. It's heaven on Earth if you love books! It's also a joy to see them purchased from the book display at each district meeting. The challenge is to not buy too many personally so they're not available to other UMW Sisters attending. Part of the book display duty at each district meeting event is to tally up the purchases made, collect the monies and do a cash box accounting at the end of each meeting before returning the cash box to the district treasurer. The bumper part of the job is to have to pack up books not purchased and send them back to the Resource Center when you really want to keep them all!

Another aspect of the position is to be part of the training sessions at each UMW Fall District Meeting. During this feature of the Fall meeting, information is shared with the Secretary of Program Resource UMW sisters from other units represented at the meeting. For the Spring district meetings, those who participated in the Reading Program during the past year are recognized for their reading accomplishments.

2019 will be my final year as Secretary of Program Resources. As with other positions, four years is the term limit before the fun must be shared with another UMW Sister. It's a labor of love to benefit all of us in UMW, but you'll love the labor – it's minimal considering the maximum book high you'll experience!
Judeen Bachura

We have several positions open on the board. We ask everyone in local units to consider stepping up and being on the district team.
Journey in Planning (Vice-President), Treasurer, President,
Program Resources (Reading Program)

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UpComing Dates:

Please also note that there are dates now for 2019 METour: **June 2-11, 2019**. Plans are to travel to Red Bird Mission, Beverly, KY; the Upper Room, Nashville, TN; Cookson Hills Center, Cookson, OK: and more.....share with your young girls 15-20 and have them SAVE the DATES!

Also, dates have been set for 2019 Mission u Weekend in Kearney, NE: **July 26-28, 2019**. Studies will include "The Gospel of Mark" and "United Methodist Women in Mission: 150 Years and Beyond". You can still register for August 17-18 Topeka Mini Mission u until August 10th!