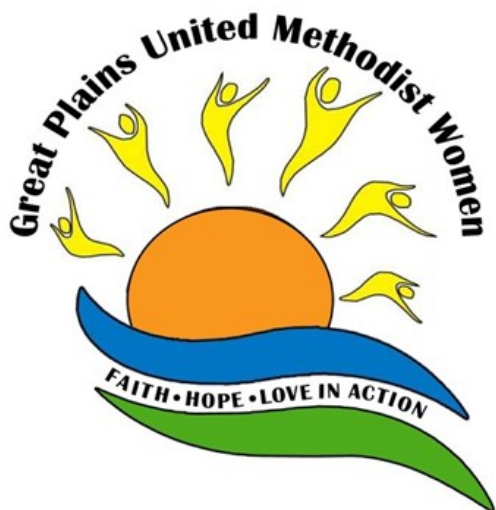


GATEWAY DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Calendar of Events

September 14-15	Leawood KS, Church of the Resurrection
Great Plains Conference UMW	
October 9	Broken Bow UMC
Gateway District Annual Meeting	
October 11	York NE
Epworth Village "Heart of the Matter" Dinner and Auction	
July 27-29	Mission U weekend event - Kearney, NE Holiday Inn
August 17-18	Mission U - Topeka, KS
September 14-15	Leawood, KS - Church of the Resurrection
Great Plains United Methodist Women Annual Meeting	
October 9, 2018	Broken Bow UMC
Gateway District UMW Annual Meeting	
October 13	Big Garden
Fall Festival	
December 3-5	Church Center for the United Nations, NYC
Mass Incarceration Seminar	
May 3-5, 2019	Camp Comeca
UMW Spiritual Retreat	

Check your calendars for due dates for annual reports to District Officers and Journey Leaders.

Great Plains UMW Conference Annual Meeting

September 14-15, 2018

Church of the Resurrection, Leawood KS

Gateway UMW Annual Meeting

October 9, 2018

Broken Bow UMC

"Celebrating UMW"

GP Conference UMW Spiritual Retreat is planned for **May 3-5, 2019**, at Camp Comeca, Cozad, Nebraska. Theme is "Prayer". Save the date!!!

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**-REGISTRATION FORM-
2018 GATEWAY ANNUAL MEETING**

\$10.00

-OCTOBER 9, 2018-

Broken Bow United Methodist Church, 1000 S 3rd Ave

Registration and fee are due September 24th. Mail registration form and \$10.00 check payable to Broken Bow United Methodist Women to **Rita Skiles, 343 Lock St. Huntley, NE 68971.**

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ **Unit** _____

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

Be sure to include at least one thing your unit does that is special or unique or helpful.

Message from your President

There are two upcoming events for us to attend: Great Plains Conference Annual Meeting will be in Leawood, MO. Sept. 14-15 at the Church of the Resurrection.

Gateway District Annual meeting will be at Broken Bow Methodist Church, Oct.9th. We will have local unit officer training. Presidents, please bring your officers and share this news letter with them.

Shirley Pierce was nominated for the Eunice Harrington Award. Carma Brown, Sharon Bauer, and Ruth Ann Hess were scholarship winners for Mission U. They plan to attend.

This will be my last article for the news letter. I have served 4 years as Gateway President. I want to thank all the local units that I have visited for the warm welcome that you have given to me. This has been special. The District Mission Team ladies are Great. It has been a joy and privilege to have served with them and to see you ladies at our meetings. Thank you for your prayers and support. May God Bless all of you.

Doris Whitacre 308-234-2369

To Comment or to submit items for publication in this newsletter, email a.r.davenport@gmail.com.

Plans for Gateway Annual Meeting

Proverbs 31:25-31. She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

I want to invite everyone to the Gateway fall annual meeting for United Methodist Women. This year's theme, "Celebrating UMW," will be immersed in the framework of the *Proverbs*. Our keynote speaker will be Jean Keezer-Clayton, a retired United Methodist pastor who has recently published a book, *Sipping Proverbs, An Eclectic Journey*. We will be celebrating you and all that you do as a United Methodist Woman.

So, come, come, come October 9, 2018 to Broken Bow United Methodist Church. Event registration on page 2 of this newsletter.

**Rita Skiles, Vice President, Journey in Planning
308-995-7103 brskiles@atcjet.net**

Epworth Village Heart of the Matter Benefit Dinner and Auction "Honoring the Past - Looking to the Future" will be held Thursday, October 11, at the Holthus Convention Center, 3130 Holen Avenue, York NE.

Silent Action 5:15 - 6:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Plated Dinner provided by Chances "R"

6:20 p.m. Freddie Award Presentation/Short Presentation about Epworth

6:45 p.m. Live Auction

Single Ticket: \$50 each
Half Table (4 people):
\$200
Full Table (8 people): \$400

For more information call 402-362-3353 or for reservation form go to <https://www.epworthvillage.org/>

Hello, Unit Secretaries, July 2018.

We had a wonderful HOT summer. That is NE. Go from Winter to Summer. Hope you are having a great Summer.

I am sure that your nominating committee is busy at work getting officers. Please remember that I need your list to be included in the Gateway District Directory no later than October 1, 2018. Following is the information that you need to send to me (Nevabelle Howe, 4306 6th Ave., Kearney NE 68845):

1. Name, address, preferred phone number, and email address of all officers you wish to be included in the directory
2. Date and time of unit meeting
3. Number of members in local unit

I have been studying the books for Mission U. It would be great if you would be able to attend Mission U here in Kearney, July 27-29.

I hope your unit sister has been meeting with your unit. It is good to keep in touch with the District and the District with your unit. If no arrangements have been made for such a visit, you might want to contact her.

Best Wishes and May God Richly Bless You

**Nevabelle Howe, Gateway District Secretary,
308-440-6933, ahowe@frontiernet.net**

Journey in Growth

I would like to share with you the results of the national census, but it is not available at this time. Is your unit helping to meet our district goal to add 150 new members in honor of 150 years of UMW?

**Rose Hamilton, Journey in Growth,
rosebudd61@hotmail.com**

Unit Treasurers and Members:

Pledges have been slow for the summer. I know some of you don't have meetings during the summertime. The last few months have been a "zoo" for me with my husband's health issues and a little vacation in May.

Gearing up for Annual Meeting in Broken Bow - please plan to attend. There will be packets for each of you treasurers at this meeting for 2019. The upcoming treasurer will be Barb Buescher from Gibbon. I am excited for her to be part of this great sisterhood. If you can't attend but someone from your unit will be there, please have her pick up the packet so we don't have to spend the money on postage for mailing. This packet contains much information and copies of forms for 2019.

Remember that the deadline for monies for 2018 are due no later than December 15, 2018. As I receive requests for SMR I send those almost immediately so that you should receive them in just a few weeks. If not please let me know. Dedicated Light recipients will be honored at the Spring Retreat.

If your unit purchases Corsages for Mission at the fall meeting, please let me know in order for your unit to get credit towards your 5-7 Giving Report. Please complete your 5-7 Star report and get to me by the end of December in order for you to get your certificate. I try to keep track of this but I can sometimes miss something so please help me out.

I look forward to seeing you in Broken Bow! I enjoying working with each of you.

**Mary Lou Wineland, Gateway District Treasurer
41536 Road 718, Cambridge, NE 69022
308-493-5927, wineland56@gmail.com**

**Thank you, Shelton UMW for hosting a
wonderful spring retreat! And to Pastor
Bonnie Brock for her wonderful program!**

Greetings from your Nominations Committee.

I want to thank everyone that helped to fill the slate of officers and also a big *thank you* to the ones that are not yet on our team of district officers. Romans 12-7 “If your gift is serve others, serve them well.” GREAT NEWS! We have a full slate of officers for 2019-2020.

Nominated are:

- Pres- Kathy Mann, Burwell
 - Sec.- Courtney Klein, Pleasanton
 - Treas.- Barb Buescher, Gibbon
 - Journey in Action-Sonja Wagner, Burwell
 - Committee on Nominations-Kathy Pierce, Gibbon; Georgia Dutt, Cambridge; Nevabelle Howe, Kearney
 - Retiring from Dist.:Doris, MaryLou, Wanda and Nevabelle
 - Nominated to GPUMW CON—Doris Whitacre
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Shirley Pierece, Nominations
308-325-2976, spierce@gpcom.net

Greetings Gateway District UMW

My how the months speed by. I look forward to seeing all at the Fall Gateway District Annual Meeting on October 9, 2018 in Broken Bow. I will have a selection of Reading Program books available for purchase/order at that meeting. Likewise, I will plan to have the Program planning books (for local organization meeting messages) available. If you specifically know you would like a Program Book, Prayer Calendar, Datebook, etc, and would like to contact me with that information, I would appreciate that.

Thank you again to local organizations that sent me the info on their members that completed Reading Program levels and the activities toward the “Mission Do” categories.

Thank you again for all you do for UMW on your local, district, conference, and global levels.

Sarah Hansen, Journey in Giving & Learning,
402-981-2795, hansenst@juno.com

Thoughts For Your Journey in Faith

Things God Won't Ask by Lil Phoenix

1. God won't ask what kind of car you drove. He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
2. God won't ask the square footage of your house. He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
3. God won't ask you about the clothes you had in your closet. He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
4. God won't ask what your highest salary was. He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
5. God won't ask what your job title was. He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
6. God won't ask how many friends you had. He'll ask how many people you befriended.
7. God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived. He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.
8. God won't ask about the color of your skin. He'll ask the content of your character.

As you read “Things God Won't Ask”, take a look at your personal journey in faith. Can you as one person make a change in the community around you? Yes you can! Your faith in God shows through you in the way you live and love others. Make each and every day a blessing from God to you in this “Journey of Faith”.

Marlene Boysen, Journey in Faith, 308-325-3936

Journey in Action

Once again, thank you to all of you and the work you do in your units to promote the purpose of the United Methodist Women to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. As a reminder, the Issue Priorities for 2016-2020 include the following: *Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration, Economic Inequality, Climate Justice, and Maternal and Child Health.*

Please continue to pray for the immigrant families that are separated and continue to do the "good works" that you are accomplishing in your local units.

Please attend the fall annual meeting at the United Methodist Church in Broken Bow on Oct. 9, 2018, for additional updates and training.

God Bless each of you!

**Kathy Mann, Journey in Action, 308-214-0798
308-214-0798, kmann1947@gmail.com**

The Big Garden Fall Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 13, 2018

5:00 PM 8:00 PM

Help us celebrate our 3rd annual Harvest Festival!

FREE! Fun for all ages!

Featuring:

- live music
- games
- haunted greenhouse
- food & drink
- beer
- face painting
- costume contest
- pony rides

Street parking available. Additional parking available at Olive Crest UMC on 60th & Read.

Please leave pets at home.

Mass Incarceration: "Remember Those Who Are in Prison"

**A Seminar for the Great Plains Conference, UMC
December 3-5, 2018, Church Center for the
United Nations, NY, NY**

Let mutual love continue... Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

Hebrews 13:1, 3 (NRSV)

How is it that the United States with only 5% of the world's population incarcerates more than 20% of the world's prison population? What does it mean as people of faith to actively remember members of our family and society who are incarcerated, isolated, and removed from our communities?

You are invited to join United Methodist Women's Seminar Program in New York City to bring a faith lens as we critically explore our country's criminal justice system, the prison industrial complex and how our current "War on Drugs" and anti-immigration climate disproportionately incarcerate black, brown, and poor whites. With Mass Incarceration as our current UMW priority issue, what might be our collective role as United Methodists in responding to this crisis?

Peg Walters cleaner5830@msn.com

GP UMW Conference Communications Coordinator

A statement of concern had been issued by Yvette Moore, National UMW, recently and been circulated around our conference. Good news is that all three detainees have now been released! Just FYI! Thanks for your prayers on their behalf!

Peg Walters cleaner5830@msn.com

**GP UMW Conference Communications
Coordinator**