



# Blue River Ripple



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## News From the President

I attended the Blue River District One Day Mission u event in Beatrice and the Blue River Spring Event on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Both events were outstanding. It continues to amaze me every time an event is hosted by a Blue River UMW. This District team has so much talent for pulling together educational, inspirational and interesting events.

The Spring Event was a great event with two outstanding speakers whose presentations dealt with incarcerated individuals, one of the groups of people mentioned in Matthew 25 ...I was in prison and you visited me. Sometimes we find it difficult to forgive this group of people; however through prayer we can hopefully

find it in our hearts to recognize they too are God's children.

We will be holding our Blue River District Executive Committee meeting Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will focus on the budget and nominations for next year. We ask you to pray for the Executive team as we tackle these two important tasks. Please contact any district officer if you have questions or issues you would like to have discussed at our Executive Committee meetings. and also if you or another United Methodist Woman you know would be interested in serving on the Blue River District team. We will hold Executive Committee meetings on July 1<sup>st</sup> and

November 18<sup>th</sup>.

By the time you read this it will be over, but prayers go out to all of our UMW sisters who are attending the UMW Assembly in Kentucky this weekend. What a wonderful experience Assembly is and I regret that I was not able to attend this year. As I watched the national news tonight I was excited to see a story about the Assembly and one of the speakers – Hillary Clinton who just happens to be a Methodist. Whatever or whom ever helps to get the word out that the United Methodist Women are definitely newsmakers it okay in my book.

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## Number of Sisters Have Passed Away

We have had a number of our UMW sisters who have passed away this year and all hold special places in our hearts. However it was very sad news that Judy Weber, who was our Coordinator for Spiritual Growth last year, had passed away

on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Both Judy and Nancy Miller (who was our Nominations Chair and passed away last December) will be missed. In the time they served on the Blue River District Executive team they made a difference. Both will be remembered

often and their memories will always bring a smile to my heart.

## Two Events Coming Up!



As we head into the Summer we have exciting events that will be held in our District. The Great Plains United Methodist Church will hold their annual meeting in Lincoln at the Lied Center in June and in conjunction with this event the UMW Dinner will be held at Lincoln St. Paul UMC. Then the Great Plains United Methodist Women's Annual Meeting will be held at Lincoln St. Paul UMC in October. Hope to see

all of you at each of these events.

Vicki Leech  
President Blue River District

## From the TREASURER



First of all, I wish to thank all the organizations who sent in their forms for the 2015 Pledges. Unfortunately, I have only received these pledge forms from half of the organizations. It would still be helpful to receive the forms from all the organizations if possible. We need to submit the total

pledge for the District to the Great Plains conference.

At our first Executive Meeting of the Great Plains conference, held in January 2014, it was decided that the award requirements for 5 and 7 star would be based on a calendar year instead of July 1st to June 30th.

Therefore, for 2014, the timeline for the award requirements will run from July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2014 (a period of 18 months). **It would be extremely beneficial if everything would be submitted to the district no later than December 20, 2014 so final reports can be submit-**



## A Big THANK YOU

**ted to the conference by the end of the month.** Then starting January 2015, the award requirements will be based on the actual calendar of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 (12 months).

The Blue River District Annual Fall Meeting is

scheduled for September 13, 2014 in Seward. At this meeting, the 5 and 7 star organizations plus the Dedicated Light and Special Mission Recognition Pin recipients will be listed in the program at our District Annual Meeting. If you would like your organization listed, then the requirements

need to be to me by September 1, 2014. Otherwise, you can still submit the remaining requirements by December 20, 2014 and still receive a certificate for the proper award.

## 5 and 7 Star Requirements

5 Star Requirements are:

- Pledge to Mission (2013 Pledge paid by December 2013)
- Special Mission Recognition Pin
- Gift to Mission Cards
- Gift in Memory
- World Thank offering

7 Star Requirements are:

- Corsage for Mission
- Dedicated Light

When sending in monies, please always fill out a remittance form along with any additional forms which include:

- Special Mission Recognition Pin
- Gift to Mission Cards (type of cards that you want)

Your check should be made payable to the "Blue River District Treasurer". It is helpful if you would send only one check for all entries listed on the remittance form.

If you have any questions, please call or email me.

Carol Wilhelm—Blue River District Treasurer  
308 298th Street  
Elmwood, Ne 68349  
402-310-6627  
cgewiss@gmail.com

## Reading Program

The District Meeting was a great meeting and it gave those who attended a chance to see and purchase the 2014 Reading Program Books. There were some that were not available at the time that I ordered. Using Bing, Google, etc. type in the name of the book and find a review of the book and where you may be

able to order it. Many of the books may also be available to use a Kindle, iPad or Nook. Also available were the two books that will be the Mission u study this summer. The books are **How Is It With Your Soul** by Priscilla Pope-Levison and Jack Levison, and **The Church and People with Disabilities:**

**Awareness, accessibility, and Advocacy** BY Peggy A. Johnson. You will find these books available in the UMW Resource Catalog at [www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org). They are \$10 each.

Hopefully the ladies in your organizations have been reading and will have their lists ready for you so you can send the



of persons completing a Plan to me. Please have those to me by June 25, 2014 so the names can be sent to Mary Ellen Kilmer in a timely fashion. Be sure to give an earlier date to your organization so the list will be complete to send to me. Please look for the form in this Newsletter.

In a conversation with Mary Ellen it sounds like we will see a few changes in the Reading Program, but more to follow about that when plans have been finalized. Encouraging others to read may seem difficult but someone talking about a book they have read is a good

way to engage everyone in the program. I recently finished the book:

**The Dressmaker of Khair Khana.** I have to admit that I could not read all of the beginning pages about the restrictions of the Taliban, but once I got past that, the true story was interesting and heartwarming.





### Keep Reading

It seemed amazing that one woman could accomplish so much, especially with so many obstacles. Please read the book if you have the opportunity. Remember you may also borrow books from the UMW Library.

me about your concerns. I may not have answers but together we can find out who may know.

Ellie Quiring  
608 South 25th St  
Beatrice Ne 68310  
Or email  
ellieq2@yahoo.com

I will be looking forward to seeing more of you at the District Meeting on September 13, 2014. Be sure to bring the list of books you would like to purchase.

I will try to keep you up to date about the reading program for next year when I learn what is happening. Please feel free to email or call

Remember to send me the names of your readers!



### What Advice Would You Give.....

I have two questions for all the local secretaries, past and present, in the Blue River District.

for being a successful UMW secretary?

the Blue River Ripple. Please put "Secretary Advice" in the subject line so I can easily recognize them. You can Also mail them to me at

1. What advice would you give to someone who is considering becoming the secretary of her local UMW?

Send your answers fot me at

Joyce Gettman

jgettman@windstream.net

18800 Midway Rd.

2. What is your best tip

And I'll share some of them in future issues of

Walton NE 68461



### February Newsletters Have Been Found!

The February newsletters were lost and have been found. Don't worry if your name isn't correct on the February newsletter, I am just trying to get them out as quickly as possible. Thank you all for being so patient. I have been assured that this problem will not happen again.

Also I am more than happy to post items to the Blue River Ripple News Flash. Please send your items to umwblueripple@gmail.com at least 10-12 days before the event. That way I can be sure to have it out at least one week before you would like it

published. If you do not receive a confirmation in two days please call me at 402-223-9203. It happens that sometime I don't get all the emails that are sent to me. I make every effort to send the information that I receive. Also if you can send the information in your email or as a pdf would be greatly appreci-

## Blue River District UMW

Denise Larsen  
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[www.greatplainsumc.org/umw](http://www.greatplainsumc.org/umw)



## Collection Sheets

ted. Make sure that you have the what, where, when, and who covered, plus contact information for someone who needs more information.

Did you know that if you go to <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/Get-Offers/Bonus-Offers>, that you can print off sheets that will give extra Campbell's points to Epworth Village. If you have trouble printing them off let me know and I'll see what I can do to help you get the sheets.

[www.boxtops4education.com/collectmore](http://www.boxtops4education.com/collectmore) for collections sheets also for the box top programs.

It doesn't hurt to check out either website and make sure that you are collecting all the labels and box tops available.

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Communications Coordinator  
402-223-9203  
[umwblueripple@gmail.com](mailto:umwblueripple@gmail.com)

Also you can go to

**GREAT PLAINS WEEKDAY MISSION u REGISTRATION FORM**

**Kansas Wesleyan University 100 E. Claflin Salina, Kansas**

**Monday, July 21, 2014 – Thursday, July 24, 2014**

**“Learning Together for Transformation of the World”**

Mission u is an opportunity to study current issues impacting society

Mission u is open to everyone: clergy and laity, men and women, children and youth

Studies Include: Spiritual Growth – How Is It With My Soul?

Geographic – The Roma of Europe

Issue – The Church & People with Disabilities

Children & Youth – The Church & People with Disabilities

Registration fee non refundable \$25  
Cost for adults \$210 per person  
Cost for youths grades 7-12 \$100  
Cost for children taking study \$40  
Cost for nursery age child \$25

The fees all include room and board. Children must stay in room with their adult parent or sponsor.

Commuter flat fee \$100 includes all meals

Deadline for non refundable registration fees to reach the registrar is **JULY 10, 2014.**

Refunds for room and board can be made prior to July 10th by contacting the Deans of Mission u.

No refunds after July 10.

Deans of Mission u

Charlotte Morrow  
[mazlimo@kc.rr.com](mailto:mazlimo@kc.rr.com)

913-685-3491  
816-225-7480 cell  
5819 West 148th Place  
Overland Park, KS 66223

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[mbzehri@megavision.com](mailto:mbzehri@megavision.com)  
402-564-0756  
402-270-7046 cell  
4822 34<sup>th</sup> Street  
Columbus, Nebraska 68601

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**You may register on line and pay by Paypal at [www.greatplainsumc.org](http://www.greatplainsumc.org) All mailed registration must be accompanied by a \$25 non-refundable deposit. Balance may be paid at sign in time by credit card.**

You are responsible for purchasing the study books and reading them.

Order from Mission Resource Center at 1-800 305-9857

Registration begins Monday, July 21 at 8:30 – 2:30 (Lunch on own)

Classes begin at 2:30 with Spiritual Growth Study

Ends Thursday, July 24 after Lunch.

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**Please be sure to bring your Health form with your registration.**

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN & YOUTH AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST TIME: \_\_ LOCAL CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT OFFICER: \_\_ CONFERENCE OFFICER: \_\_

Adults are registered for the Spiritual Growth Study: How Is It With Your Soul?

Choose one of the following for your second study:

\_\_\_\_\_ Geographical Study – The Roma of Europe

\_\_\_\_\_ Issue Study – The Church & People with Disabilities

All Children & Youth – The Church & People with Disabilities

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Preferred Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

Health factors requiring consideration when assigning rooms: \_\_\_\_\_

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Registration fee	non refundable	\$25	_____
Cost for adults		\$210 per person	_____
Cost for youths grades 7-12		\$100	_____
Cost for children taking study		\$40	_____
Cost for nursery age child		\$25	_____
Commuter flat fee		\$100 includes all meals	_____
Total			_____
Total sent			_____
Total Due at registration			_____

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**CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GREAT PLAINS MISSION u**

**Registration Due July 10**

**Mail this form and check to: Judy Grant, 1539 S 104<sup>th</sup> Terr, Edwardsville, KS 66111**

**620-877-7774**

[judy@thegrantclan.org](mailto:judy@thegrantclan.org)

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For Mission u Office Use Only:

Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Owe: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Dorm: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

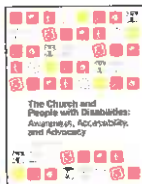


**REGISTRATION—2014 Great Plains Cooperative Mission u: Learning Together for the Transformation of the World**  
 August 1-3 (check in time 3 pm –6 pm Friday)  
 Held at: Younes Holiday Inn  
 110 Second Ave Kearney Nebraska  
 Make checks payable to : **Great Plains Mission u**



Studies will be  
**How Is It with Your Soul?**

**The Church and People with Disabilities: Awareness, Accessibility, and Advocacy**



You are responsible for purchasing the study books and reading them.  
 Order from Mission Resource Center at  
 1-800-305-9857

You may register on line and pay by Paypal at [www.greatplainsumc.org](http://www.greatplainsumc.org)  
 All mailed registration must be accompanied by \$25 non-refundable deposit. No refunds of amount over \$25 after July 21. Balance may be paid at sign in time by credit card.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2 to a room, 2 nights, 4 meals,  
**\$90** each person balance due  
 Roommate Preference

If no one listed one will be assigned

\_\_\_\_\_ Single room, 2 nights, 4 meals **\$130**  
 balance due

\_\_\_\_\_ Commuter lunch and dinner  
 Saturday **\$25** balance due

\_\_\_\_\_ Weekend Commuter 2 breakfasts,  
 lunch and Dinner **\$40** balance due

\_\_\_\_\_ No meals needed

**Dependent care provided if needed. Name of dependent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of roommate not attending studies:** \_\_\_\_\_

(NOTE: Mission u attendee must register for a single room )

\_\_\_\_\_ Will eat meals with Mission u

\_\_\_\_\_ Week end 4 meals **\$40**

\_\_\_\_\_ No meals needed

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

\_\_\_\_\_ United Methodist Women \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Winner

\_\_\_\_\_ UMW Conference Officer District \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ UMW District Officer \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Time Attending

\_\_\_\_\_ Mission u Committee \_\_\_\_\_ United Methodist Men

\_\_\_\_\_ Clergy \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male

Mail completed form and \$25 non-refundable deposit (checks made payable to **Great Plains Mission u** to:

**Denise Larsen, Registrar**  
**902 S 25th St**  
**Beatrice NE 68310-4108**

Questions e-mail to [missionu2013@gmail.com](mailto:missionu2013@gmail.com)  
 Or call Denny (Denise) 402-223-9203

You will receive confirmation by e-mail or regular mail along with a Medical history form.

**PLEASE BRING COMPLETED MEDICAL HISTORY FORM TO CHECK IN. Medical History form will be held during Mission u and then it will be returned upon request or shredded at the end of Mission u.**

Special Request for room or food

For Great Plains Mission u Office Use Only  
 Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount Due \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Paypal \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_



**MISSION u Adult Health Information (One per Adult, please)**

Please indicate any health factors requiring special consideration when assigning rooms. (Keep in mind there are no elevators in the dorms.)

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I have been or am currently being treated for:

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Please list any medications, dosages and frequencies:

List Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Co: \_\_\_\_\_

Group #: \_\_\_\_\_ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's name and phone:

Emergency contact (name, address and phone): \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name Here \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I give **Great Plains United Methodist Women** permission to take and use photographs or other media representation of me in promotional materials, including website, brochures, videos and other means.

\_\_\_ I DO NOT want **Great Plains UMW** to use any images of me for promotional materials.

**A copy of this form must be included with each adult registration form.**

**READING PROGRAM UNIT REPORT**

DUE DATE: June 25  
SEND TO: Ellie Quring  
608 S 25th  
Beatrice NE 68310

Secretary of Program Resources:

Complete the names of those in your Unit who completed a plan in the Reading Program. Enter reader's name under the plan completed. Please print clearly.

Name of Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Unit Sect of Program Resources \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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PLAN 1 - 5 Books. 1 book from 5 different categories. Regular reading of Response.

1. _____	7. _____
2. _____	8. _____
3. _____	9. _____
4. _____	10. _____
5. _____	11. _____
6. _____	12. _____

PLAN 2 - 10 Books. 2 from 5 different categories. (Including youth books) Regular reading of Response & New World Outlook.

1. _____	7. _____
2. _____	8. _____
3. _____	9. _____
4. _____	10. _____
5. _____	11. _____
6. _____	12. _____

PLAN 3 - 15 Books. At least 2 from each category. Additional 5 from any category. (Including children's & youth books) Regular reading of Response & New World Outlook.

1. _____	7. _____
2. _____	8. _____
3. _____	9. _____
4. _____	10. _____
5. _____	11. _____
6. _____	12. _____

PLAN 4 - 20 Books. At least 2 from each category. Additional 10 from any category. (Including children's & youth books) Regular reading of Response & New World Outlook

1. _____	7. _____
2. _____	8. _____
3. _____	9. _____
4. _____	10. _____
5. _____	11. _____
6. _____	12. _____