



GATEWAY DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

From the Gateway District UMW President:

Our theme for Gateway District Fall Meeting is "Make It Happen". I would like for us to think of this scripture: PS 95:6-7 "O come let us worship and bow down down before the Lord, our Maker. For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his land".

Numerous UMW activities are planned for the next few months. Many of us will be attending Mission U, Aug.5-7 at Kearney Holiday Inn. Gateway District gave \$ 200 scholarships at our Spring Retreat. The winners are Alice Krewson and Marge Reed. We are planning Gateway District Annual Meeting for Oct. 8th at Ord. There will be local officer training after lunch that day. Presidents, please encourage **all local officers** to attend. Reports for 2016, from Jan 1-Dec 15 are due Dec.15 to the District officers.

Great Plains Conference is encouraging all local units to have a UMW Sunday in 2017. GP Conference is planning an ALL Conference Retreat at Camp Comeca, April 2017. The format would be like Mission U. There will be more information on this latter. Gateway District will have our Retreat, April 20, 2017

Gateway District has a new District Superintendent, Cindy Karges. She will be installed Aug. 7 at 3 pm at First United Methodist Church, Kearney. Bishop Jones will be there and all are invited to attend.

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Calendar of Events

- Mission U Aug. 5-7
Kearney Holiday Inn
- Gateway Officer meet Aug. 5, 6 p.m.
- Great Plains Conference UMW Annual Meeting Sept,16-17, at Countryside Methodist Church at Topeka, KS [Yvette Richards, National President of UMW, will be the speaker]
- Oct 1: slate of local officers due to District Secretary
- Gateway District Annual Meeting, Oct. 8, Ord Methodist Church (details inside this issue)
- Dec. reports due to district
 - Treasurer
 - Reading program
 - Membership
- Due Jan 15: Mission Do Report
- April 15, 2017—2018 Unit Pledge to District
- April 2017—Gateway District Spring Retreat
- April 2017— Great Plains Conference UMW Spring Event

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Eunice Harrington Honoree from Gateway District

Gateway District Officers are pleased to announce that Sharon Bauer has received Honorable Mention recognition for the 2016 Eunice Harrington Award. The Eunice Harrington Award began in the Nebraska Conference in 2009. It is given to a District officer in our Conference in memory of Eunice Harrington who served as President of United Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service.

Sharon is from Miller and a member of her church for 50 years. She has served in District offices of Spiritual Growth, Secretary and is now on the Committee of Nominations. She is president of her local UMW, and promotes the Reading Program by buying books for their church library. She and her husband Gene are Epworth Partners.

Sharon organizes a summer brunch with a program of music or a speaker for women of the area churches. She has been a delegate to Annual Conference for a number of years. Sharon has served on the local election board, Buffalo County 4-H Council, offices in Extension Club, Kearney Women's Club and Miller Senior Citizens. Sharon is also author of a book she wrote about their granddaughter Caroline who died in a school bus accident.

Congratulations,
Doris Whitacre

Journey in Planning (Vice President) News

Hello everyone--hope you are staying cool during this hot weather. I think we got spoiled when we had all that cooler weather. Just a reminder for you that Mission U is coming up soon--Aug 5-7 in Kearney at the Holiday Inn. Hopefully you've already registered and got your Study Books ordered as they will NOT be available in Kearney!!! Be sure you have a place to sleep too.

Next item I want to remind you about is our Annual Fall Meeting(Gateway) that will be in Ord on October 8th. As usual , district officers will have overnight sleeping on the 7th. We will also bring our own evening meal/drink. As many of you know I've had some health issues the last month or so. Many of you have been asked to help get things ready for Ord, I really appreciate all the help. May God bestow extra blessings upon you. I'm planning on being there unless something changes.

Mary Reusink, Gateway Vice President

Treasurer's Report

Howdy to all of my UMW friends!

The summer has gone quickly and Doris reminded me it was time for the newsletter again! Thanks to all for pledges and other monies being sent in to me. When you send money for a Dedicated Light be sure to send the appropriate form indicating which will get the certificate - either in Memory or in Honor and their names. The lights will burn at our spring retreat. Also, please send the appropriate form for Special Mission Recognition. I don't need the names at the time of remittance as I can order the pin without a name. I prefer to order the pins at the beginning of the month when I submit my report. Be sure to submit your final report to me of all your givings by December 15. I will have corsages at our fall meeting for purchase. And again if you are purchasing them for your unit please fill out the appropriate form so your unit will get credit. Anyone can purchase corsages for their own personal use. Remember we have special mission cards for birthdays, babies, Christmas, etc. I will also have a selection of these at the fall meeting for your purchase or to order them from me then. Thanks to all of you who have been so gracious working with me as treasurers. You are all a blessing to UMW to fulfilling this mission in your units. I hope to see you at our fall meeting!

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CALLING ALL GATEWAY DISTRICT UMW SECRETARIES...

Please read your newsletter carefully. You Secretaries are doing a great job. We appreciate all you are doing. However, there is more to your job than taking accurate minutes. You are an advocate to all your officers. One duty is to make sure they take advantage of any and all continuing education of which they are able.

We would encourage you and your officers take advantage of Mission U in Kearney, August 6; 7. I ask you to encourage all your officers to attend the Gateway District Fall Meeting in Ord, UMC, October 8. All Gateway District UMW officers will be filling packets for the local units on the evening before. It is important that local unit officers attend because they will be trained at that time. This saves traveling expense as well as time. This is also an opportunity for officers to ask any questions they may have.

Please remember to have your officer lists sent to me on or before October 1. This allows me time to make out the Gateway District UMW Directory before the Holidays begin. Life seems to run out of time before the January meeting.

Please remember to keep those who are ill in your prayers, as well as our country. May God richly bless you. **Gateway District UMW Secretary, Nevabelle Howe**

South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial United Methodist Women Meeting Report

Friday evening worship opened with a procession of Conference Pinwheels, introduction of the South Central Jurisdiction Leadership Team nominees, and election of the South Central Jurisdiction Leadership Team. Charlotte Morrow, President, and Louise Niemann, Chair of Committee on Nominations (both from the Great Plains Conference) were elected to the South Central Jurisdiction Leadership Team. The nominees for the United Methodist Women Board of Directors were also introduced. The keynote address for the evening was given by Yvette Richards, President of the United Methodist Women Board of Directors.

Saturday morning agenda included election of 4 directors representing the South Central Jurisdiction and Bible Study on the focus Scripture of John 3:8 led by Rev. Dr. Janet Wulf of Nashville, TN.

Saturday afternoon were various workshops. I attended sessions on Climate Change and basket weaving.

The Saturday evening banquet program included a Christian comedienne, Rev. Constance Saizon. followed by Buckskin, Hoop, and Fancy Dancers from the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. The program closed with singing by the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference choir.

Sunday morning the new United Methodist Women directors were introduced, the outgoing directors were honored, and installation of the South Central Jurisdiction Leadership Team was accomplished. Harriet Jane Olson, Executive General Secretary of United Methodist Women, spoke. Her message of "a fresh wind blowing" reminded us of the heritage of United Methodist Women responding to the needs of women, children, and youth, and to continue to feel the "wind" in the future.

A powerful closing Communion was led by Bishops Hayes, Bledsoe, Harvey, and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference using the liturgy and rituals of our Native American brothers and sisters.

Joyce Solomon, GP Conference Nominations

Journey in Growth (Membership)

At our Great Plains Conference UMW officers meeting held in Columbus this summer, our Journey in Growth leader shared the very important opportunity we have for bringing the younger women into membership. There were suggestions that will help us to make plans. Our Gateway units will continue to report the number of members you have on December 31, also the number you lost, or gained; the report you can use will be in the packets we will be passing out to all units at our fall meeting at Ord United Methodist Church.

God's Blessings to you.

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Journey in Faith, Laced With An Element of J O Y.

Look for surprises of new and different things for our Great Plains Conference Women. We will be having a special Sunday set aside to celebrate a new Great Plains United Methodist Women’s Day. We will set the date for our conference day in the Spring of 2017. All of our Women in Kansas and Nebraska will be celebrating on the same Sunday. We are joyful for a conference-wide Women’s Retreat to be held at Camp Comeca at Cozad in April of next year. Joy will come flowing out when we get together to worship the King of Joy, JESUS. We are looking to making new friends, laughing and praying together. What a great place for a retreat and enjoy God’s Country.

Please remember the upcoming dates starting with Mission U in Kearney and our fall meeting in Ord. We will be having our Gateway District Retreat at Camp Comeca in April of 2017. All of the United Methodist Women are a J O Y to be with and work with please join us in the activities. Be Joyful with the Lord may he bless you in your journey of faith

Marlene Boysen, Journey in Faith Leader

2017 Ballot

News from the Committee on Nominations

We wish to thank those who have volunteered their services to be on Gateway District United Methodist Women team We are looking forward to a great year in His service. Next year our slate will need more volunteers, so be thinking and praying if that is where God is leading you. Looking forward to our fall meeting in Ord! See you there!

Wanda Chessmore; Shirley Pierce; Linda Lawrence; Sarah Hansen; and Sharon Bauer

Gateway District UMW Officers nominees:

Journey on Planning- Rita Skiles
(2yrs)

Treasurer – Mary Lou Wineland
(2yrs)

Journey on Action- Kathy Mann
(2yrs)

Journey on Growth- Charlene Schauer (2yrs)

Co-Chairs on Committee on Nominations;

Wanda Chessmore Class of 2020
Shirley Pierce Class of 2018

Gateway District UMW officers previously elected:

President- Doris Whitacre

Secretary-Nevelle Howe

Journey of Faith- Marlene Boysen

Journey of Program & Learning- Rose Hamilton

Communication- Ardith Davenport
Committee on Nomination

Sharon Bauer class of 2017

Linda Lawrence class of 2019

Sarah Hansen class of 2019

Tenure for each office is four years except treasurer may serve for 6 years. Elections for each office is for a two year term. Officers may serve in another position for 4 years (a total of eight years) and may then serve on nominating committee or be President. Also, a person who has been off for a term of four years may come back and serve a two year term in another position.

Offices to be elected in even years:

President
Secretary
Journey of Faith
Journey of Program & Learning
Communications

Officers to be elected in odd years:

Treasurer
Journey of Planning (VP)
Journey of Action
Journey of Growth
Chair of nominations

Journey in Action and YOU! YOUR UNIT! YOUR CHURCH! YOUR COMMUNITY!

The Social Action activities that you provide in your units are very important to the vital role of God’s mission for us in caring for one another. Each unit completes many unique and useful projects.

As a local Social Action officer, I led our unit in brainstorming all of the activities that the Burwell UMW accomplishes. As a district officer I have visited the Miller and Morning Star churches and brainstormed with them about their Social Action activities. Arapahoe mailed me a list of their activities. Listed below are some of the Social Action projects that Burwell, Arapahoe, Miller, and Morning Star implement. I have found that each unit has one or more activities that are pertinent to the community in which they exist which makes them unique. Please look over this list and list activities that you do. Please bring this list of ideas to the fall District meeting in Ord, Nebraska on October 8, 2016. I wish to collect all Social Action projects and compile them into a reference for the district to use and share. —**Kathy Mann**

Burwell

- Christmas Boxes
- Clothing Closet
- College Care Boxes
- Courtesy Cards
- Food Pantry
- Fund Raisers for special needs
- Funeral meals for families
- Hanna teXstyle--supplies for charity sewing and quilting days
- House of Hope Haiti
- Human Trafficking--Central Nebraska Human Trafficking
- Kids Klub
- Lakota Sioux Tree of Life
- Lenten Meals with youth group and church members
- Meals for those recovering from illness, new babies, etc.
- Reading Program
- Senior Citizen Center Pie/roll donations twice a year
- Serendipity Soup Supper raise funds for Missions: Friends of Fallen, Camp Comeca, House of Hope: Haiti
- Sunrise Service Breakfast
- Team Mate Mentors and Board Members
- Treats for Cantata
- World Day of Prayer
- Meals for teachers on days of PT Conferences
- school kits and health kits for UMCOR
- UMCOR and Epworth offerings at each meeting
- Wall of Prayer for students in local schools

Arapahoe

- UmcOR Cleaning buckets
- UmcOR school supplies

Baby Quilts

- Prayer Shawls
- Epworth Village
- Christmas Trees with names
- Christmas trays for shut-ins
- Gifts for nursing home

Morning Star Social Action Projects

- Health Care Kits
- Seek information from local sheriff as to what children need Care Bags
- Youth Group Prayer Partner
- Hold SS at Good Life retirement home
- Bingo day
- Christmas Day secret pal
- Guest Day
- Library Fund Raiser
- UMW garage sale

Miller UMW

- Health Care Kits
- Epworth Village-prayer partner and \$25/mo
- Youth group prayer partner
- Breakfast for Seniors on their last day
- May baskets to nursing home
- Family night-singer and finger foods for community
- July Brunch for community--speaker
- Christmas party and a theme for each year---Joseph
- World day of Prayer
- Healthy Congregation
- Prayer blankets--pray over blanket placed on alter and then give the blanket to the person in need.



Thank you for all you do!!!! Bring your ideas to the UMW District meeting in Ord, on Saturday, October 8, 2016, OR cut this off and send to me: Kathy Mann 46479 826th Rd Burwell NE 68823. Email me the info at kmann1947@gmail.com

Unit Name and Location: _____

Address: _____

New Activity: _____

List of Journey In Action projects and a brief description:

Journey in Giving and Learning: Three Emphases

Mission Do: Each local unit is to fulfill the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women. Each unit is to determine how they will do this in their unit. The Great Plains Conference (GP Conf) is using Journey Teams to identify the journey each United Methodist Woman and each unit makes as we put Faith, Hope and Love in Action. Your unit's programming for the year should have something from each of the Journey Teams as part of your program. By selecting the activities your unit will do, you will have participated in a Journey in Planning. Mission Do report forms will be in your unit packet available at our District meeting in Ord in October. Hopefully you are already actively engaged in many areas of mission in your local organization. You are encouraged to try at least one new thing that you haven't done before as well as continue your ongoing mission work.

Reading Program:The Conference UMW Library is a great tradition for our readers. United Methodist Women and their predecessor organizations have benefited from the services of our Library since 1940. The Library includes the books from the current United Methodist Women's Reading Program (2011-2016). While the physical location of the Library is in Lincoln, Nebraska, the services of the Library are available for all United Methodist Women in the Great Plains Conference, no matter where you live. To learn more, contact our Conference Librarian, Mary Ann Bede by email at stringbedes@windstream.net or by calling 402-421-8264. We will gladly make a plan that works for you and the Library. Let's read!

Send a young woman from your church on the MET Tour!

Mission Education Tour

2017 METour

Chicago

Sponsored by

The Great Plains United Methodist Women

www.greatplainsumc.org/METour

What: The METour (Mission Education Tour) is an eight-day mission experience for young women (age 15-20) sponsored by the Great Plains United Methodist Women. METour participants have the opportunity to engage in mission, learn about United Methodist Women and experience the United Methodist connection by visiting and working at National Mission Institutions, Volunteer in Mission sites and United Methodist-related agencies. It's so much more than a mission trip!

Who: Up to 32 young women are selected from throughout the Great Plains Conference.

Tour Dates: Saturday, May 27 – Saturday, June 3, 2017

2017 Tour Destinations: Chicago. Information will be updated when possible on the web site.

Cost: \$400 - \$25 due with the application and the remaining \$375 due before trip

Contact: Please contact the METour director, Debra Rukes or via phone at 785-836-3481.

For more information about the Reading Program, Mission Do, or the MET Tour, contact:

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GATEWAY DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016
 Ord United Methodist Church, 304 S. 16th
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Making It Happen

Overview of the Day:

Arrival: 8:30-9:30 for Registration, Refreshments, and Fellowship
 Speaker- Cindy Karges, Gateway District Superintendent
 Review and approve Budget for 2017
 Local officers training update from District Officers.
 Not an officer? You also have a session to attend.
 Election and installation of District UMW Officers and retirement of District Officers.
 Communion
 Offering for Missions (Della Lamb)

REGISTRATION FORM
 Registration Fee-\$12.00 (make checks payable Ord UMW)
 Registrations due by Sept 28th

Name-

Address-

Tel:

Email

Special Dietary Needs-and other Accommodations

(The Ord UMC building is ADA compliant. Registration will be at the West doors.)

Mail your registration and fee to be received by September 28, 2016 to Ord UMC, ATTEN:
 Mary Sevenker, 521 So.23rd St. Ord, NE 68862