



THE LINK

THE NORTHEAST DISTRICT UMW NEWSLETTE JULY 2019

Upcoming Dates 2019

- August 30** **Final Day** to add names to “In Memory and in Honor” for World Thanks Offering Candle Burning
- Sept 6** Human Relations Day, CWU
- 5** NE District Leadership Team – Workday – Strawberry Point UMC
- 6** NE District Annual Meeting, Strawberry Point UMC
- October 4** IA Conference UMW Ubuntu Day, Des Moines
- 5** Iowa Conference UMW Annual Meeting, Des Moines Staves UMC
- 18-20** Fall Mission U, Iowa Valley Conference Center, Marshalltown
- Nov 1** World Community Day, CWU
- 11** NE DISTRICT Leadership Team, 9:30 am., Waterloo First UMC
- 19** DEADLINE for December “The Link” District Newsletter. Send items to Ruth MF Tucker
rmftucker@gmail.com
- December 1** “The Link” District Newsletter online at United Methodist Women link on NE District webpage
<https://northeast.iaumc.org/united-methodist-women>

FROM YOUR DISTRICT PRESIDENT
Becky Ullom

“Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased”.

Greetings, Ladies,

I have been thinking a lot about being a servant of God. It requires more than just doing the work.

These are a few of the requirements for being a good servant:

- **A willing spirit-**
Be excited to do what needs to be done. Volunteer without being asked or accept the invitation eagerly.
- **Go the distance-**
Sometimes we have to travel a distance to accomplish the work at hand. Go with a friend or listen to a Christian tape to inspire you as you travel.
- **Do your best-**
Don’t cut corners, give the least of your time or put the cheapest item in the bag. Do what you would do if you were doing it for Jesus. Because you are!
- **Be humble-**
Do quietly and without ‘wrangling’ those things you are called to do. Expect NOTHING in return. And be delighted for God when you are recognized.
- **No grumbling or complaining-**
Do it all with a cheerful heart. Rejoice in knowing you have been chosen for this work.
- **Don’t struggle.**
If you are chosen and don’t think you are able ask God to provide instruction and ability. Don’t ask Him to replace you.
- **Do it with Thanksgiving!**
In all things we give Thanks! We are chosen! Let us do our best, our brightest, and our boldest on behalf of God’s women and children.

This has been a peculiar year for our District. Weather has complicated and canceled things several times. And for the first time in a long time our Annual Meeting is very early. But we can do this, too. We can prepare and be ready for all of you United Methodist Women of the Northeast District

to come together and celebrate our 150th year, as well as, all we are doing for Methodist women around the world. With computers, laptops, cell phones, and so much new technology at our fingertips our work should be easier than ever. We so look forward to hosting all of you at Annual

Meeting. Come with your questions and answers... and we will work together to figure things out for your unit.

Our executive board has had its share of loss and illness this year, too. These are the things that can discourage us from moving forward sometimes. These are the things that should encourage us to be supportive of each other in every way. Our hearts and prayers are still with the Reams family in the loss of our dear friend and Spiritual Growth Leader, Jackie Reams. We thank Bev Kester for filling that position for us. We also hold Kristin Stewart in our hearts in the loss of her mother. Like the trooper she is, she attended our last meeting just a week after her mother passed away. She did her work as God's chosen servant and made no complaints. We keep her in our prayers as well.

And for all those battling illnesses or injuries, we are your prayer warriors. We pray for your healing and recovery in God's will and time.

I hope to see all of you at Annual Meeting in September. We come together to fellowship and continue as chosen servants to:

"Do all the good we can. By all the means we can. In all the ways we can. In all the places we can. At all the times we can. For all the people we can. As long as ever we can." -- John Wesley

Becky Ullom,

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FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT
Cleo Farris

The Northeast Iowa District of the United Methodist Women will hold our **Annual meeting at the Strawberry Point United Methodist Church, 202 W. Mission, St. for coffee and treats at 9:30 am on Friday, September 6, 2019.** The meeting will begin at 10:00 am with opening and devotions. The business meeting will follow that and then our speaker will be Lynn Calvert, President of the Iowa United Methodist Women. We will have a salad lunch with each car load bringing a salad. After lunch we will hold officers training and conclude the day with communion and sending people home.

It was decided that we would continue the silent auction to support our missions. This will be open at the beginning of the day and close after lunch.

We are hoping to have a good turnout for this annual meeting and are looking forward to seeing many of the ladies from our district churches. As this is my first meeting as your Vice President I'm really looking forward to meeting many of you for the first time. I also look forward to seeing many that I only see at these meetings.

God bless you as you serve Him.

Cleo Farris

Vice President Northeast District UMW

FROM YOUR SECRETARY
Karen Page

COMMUNICATION IS SO IMPORTANT!

As we struggle just to maintain our current membership, we should invite recent retirees to join UMW and support our current members.

You should get a copy of the LINK from the UMW website and share it.

Sometimes support just means a friendly call to remind them of a meeting.

It might be an offer of a ride to a meeting. Or it could be an invitation to a woman you meet at church who does not attend UMW events or reach out to those women in neighboring churches who do not have an active UMW unit. Invite them to join yours.

Also consider attending MISSION U and inviting someone to go with you. There are scholarships available to first time attendees.

Events such as Mission Study Day, Day Apart, Mission U and the Annual Meeting are an important part of the communication for NE District.

So do your part to COMMUNICATE the message of UMW and attend these events!!

Karen Page,

Secretary

MINUTES

The NE District UMW Leadership Team met at First United Methodist Church, Cedar Falls, June 20, 2019. President Becky Ullom called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. after the group was served coffee and coffee cakes and breads by United Methodist Women of Cedar Falls First. Those present were Becky Ullom, Pat Huxsol, Cleo Farris, Kris Stewart, Karen Page, Barb Collins, Norma Orum, Ruth Tucker, Donna Hoffman, Joann Lambertson and

Penney Morse. President Becky read a devotional message titled, Becoming a Woman of Excellence.

The forms that UMW units need to fill out will hopefully be located on the website for UMC Northeast. Ruth is still waiting for approval from our district superintendent, Rev. Paul Wilcox.

The minutes from the April meeting were approved as printed.

The treasurer's report as of the end of May was given by Kris Stewart. She reported a beginning balance on May 1, 2019 of \$2272.80. Receipts totaled \$3726.00. Disbursements were \$3776.00 resulting in an ending balance on May 31 of \$2222.80. Kris stated that we need to set our pledge for 2020 now so that it can be reported in August. She recommended that we keep our pledge the same as for 2019; that is \$55,000. Kris moved that the pledge be \$55,000 for 2020. Joann Lambertson seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

It was reported that \$25 was sent to the conference from NE District in honor of Jackie Reams. For her funeral, Penney Morse ordered a bouquet of yellow roses and each member of this board contributed \$5 to help pay for the flowers. It was suggested that a special candle be lit in Jackie's memory at the annual meeting this September.

The list of shepherdess assignments was reviewed. Ruth will include the newly revised list in the next issue of the LINK. The due date for reports for the LINK will remain the same: July 30th.

Discussion was held about Midwest Mission which will receive our donations to the Ingathering. Information can be obtained from their website about kit instructions and contents.

Spiritual Growth report was given by Barb Collins in the absence of Bev Kester (her mom). The last Day Apart was cancelled because of bad weather and a make-up date is being considered for later September or October. Bev has the program prepared and would be able to give it then. She will consider a date and a location – maybe Osage or Edgewood.

Barb Collins, coordinator for Education and Interpretation, said that only a few Mission Today reports have been received to date. Barb will be taking over for Penney Morse as coordinator of Program Resources.

Nominations chair, Norma Orum, and her committee are still searching for a replacement for treasurer and perhaps another member to serve on the nominations committee. Kris agreed to provide a list to the committee on nominations of unit treasurers who have just completed their terms.

Donna Hoffman has agreed to serve as coordinator of Education and Interpretation. Bev Kester will serve as coordinator for Spiritual Growth and also on the nominations committee. Ruth Tucker asked to be replaced as Communications chair who publishes and edits the newsletter.

Donna Copper, chair of Social Action, was not able to attend and had no report. President Becky brought us up to date on the health of her husband – he is doing well.

Vice President, Cleo Farris, reviewed the agenda for the annual meeting to be held on September 6 at Strawberry Point UMC. The leadership team will meet the day before, September 5 to prepare folders and packets. Lynn Calvert will be the speaker during the time right before lunch.

It was agreed to continue with the silent auction and also to collect quilts to display and for the host church to give to the charity of their choosing. We also agreed that some kind of skit will be given by the leadership team. Cleo has some ideas about this. Cleo will also check with some churches to host the 2020 Annual Meeting of NE District UMW. Suggestions were West Union, the 2 Waverly churches and New Hampton.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30. A lunch of sandwiches, a variety of pickles and watermelon slices and Rice Krispy bars was served by the UMW of Cedar Falls UMC.

The next leadership meeting of NE District UMW will be held Thursday, September 5, at Strawberry Point UMC beginning at 9:30. There will be a short meeting with most of the time given to preparing officer packets and folders for each attendee.

Karen Page

Northeast District UMW Secretary

FROM YOUR TREASURER
Kris Stewart

Summer Greetings! Hope everyone is staying cool on these warm summer days!

As of July 23 ,2019, \$30,046.00 has been paid toward the NE District 2019 pledge of \$55,000. This would not be possible without your mission contributions. Thank you all!

Unit giving reports were emailed/mailed out on July 27th showing activity through July 23rd.

Please send World Thank Offering to me by August 31st. If I receive it by then, those dollars

will be included in the Candle burning at the September 6th annual meeting.

REMINDER: To be a 5 Star giving unit, you must give in the following categories: Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and World Thank Offering. Please refer to your 2018 Treasurer's Reference Calendar to see what is due.

Continue to submit the following if you have not done so yet: \$1/unit for magazine fund and \$1.00/member for Bidwell Riverside, Hawthorn Hill and Shesler Hall and Mission u.

2020 Pledge Forms: These can still be mailed/mailed to me until August 15.

NE District Annual Meeting is September 6 in Strawberry Point. If you bring a love gift, be sure to complete a remittance form to include with your check. This will ensure your unit gets credit for it.

Also, look for the "Blue House". Anyone wishing to donate to our 3 Iowa projects can leave their donation in the house. It will be divided equally between all three. This donation also needs a remittance form.

As always, you can call or email me with any questions you may have.

Hope to see you at the Annual Meeting!

God Bless!

Kristin Stewart, NE Dist. UMW Treasurer
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MEMBERSHIP NURTURE & OUTREACH
Donna Flint

Greetings NE Iowa UMWs,

Thanks for trying to get our totals in now. Some changes were made to the Shepherdess list.

Becky Ullom Phone # (319) 240-6228
Pat Huxsol has added Marble Rock and Greene
Bev Kester has added Rudd
Cleo Farris has added Waterloo-St. Paul

Donna Flint
Membership Nurture & Outreach

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION
Barbara Collins

Once again it is time to get your Mission Today forms sent in so you can be recognized at the annual meeting for the level of criteria met. Please check if your unit has filled the form out and sent it in. If you are not sure who is supposed to fill it out it is probably you. The forms were included in your president's packet that you received last September at the Annual Meeting. If you need a copy of the form please contact Ruth Tucker, Mission Coordinator, rmftucker, for a copy of the forms.

I am looking forward to seeing how many of our NE District Units we can recognize as Mission Today Units at the Annual Meeting in Strawberry Point on Sept. 6, 2019!

I have heard from 20 units a increase of 3 from last year. I will have certificates for each of those units at the Annual meeting in September. I will be reporting to Mary Fredrickson any units I hear from yet this week (July 29) for Platinum level to be announced at the Iowa Annual Meeting. I will however continue to take forms through the end of August to be recognized at the NE District but they won't be in my reports to the Iowa Conference.

Barbara J Collins
Coordinator of Education and Interpretation
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NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
Norma Orum, Chair

I am resigning as a member and chair of the Nominations Committee effective now and Pat Huxsol has agreed to chair the Committee on Nominations. I have some health problem which I need to take care of. I will be meeting with Pat to hand over the box of material this next week.

I will not be able to attend any more meetings or the Annual Meeting in September. I do have the ballot typed up with what changes and additions I know of. I will give that to Pat to handle.

I have enjoyed working with all you ladies. I wish you all good luck and happy days.

Norma Orum



**2019
DISTRICT UMW ANNUAL
MEETING AND OFFICER
TRAINING**

Friday, SEPTEMBER 6th

**STRAWBERRY POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
202 West Mission Street**

**REGISTRATION 9:30 A.M.
MEETING 10:00 A.M.**

**SPEAKER
Lynn Calvert
President**

Iowa Conference United Methodist Women

**BRING A LARGE SALAD FOR EACH
CARLOAD
SANDWICHES, BEVERAGES, AND
DESSERT PROVIDED**



**BABY QUILTS AND SILENT AUCTION
ITEMS
ARE ALSO NEEDED**

PROGRAM RESOURCES Penney Morse

Summer is always a good time to sit on the porch and read a good book. If you have readers who have completed even one book in the reading program for this year, send me a report. Everyone who participates will be recognized and receive a personalized book mark. I need the reports by the end of July or early in August. Contact information is below.

This is my last year as the Mission Resource Coordinator and I will miss my contact with all the district readers. I am in the process of getting our library in order before I leave and I'm asking each unit to look through your library and make sure you return any district books. The fall meeting provides a chance to return books while checking out more books.

The following units have books that need to be returned. If you see your unit's name listed and would like to know what titles and who checked them out, please contact me and I can let you know.

One Year in the fall:

- Strawberry Point—9 books

- Independence—7 books
- Green—5 books
- St. Marks/Evansdale—4 books
- Cedar Falls 1st—1 book
- Janesville—1 book

Books checked out for 2 or more years

- Independence—2 books
- Toledo—2 books
- St.Marks/Evansdale—2 books plus 2 books check out for 3 years
- Strawberry Point—1 book
- FUMC Cedar Falls—1 book
- Monona—1 book
- Jesup—1 book for 3 years
- Joyce Dahlquist, no unit listed, has 1 book for 2 years

You are always welcome to contact me if you would like to know what is available in our district library and I can mail them to you. Don't forget to check with your local library for titles. You may contact me at:

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 615 Pine St., Osage, IA 50461

Hello from your Conference Co-Vice Presidents!

Are you busy planning your district annual meetings? We're sure you are and that they will be great! We are also working hard on the Conference annual meeting and would like to tell you about it.

The **Iowa Conference Annual Meeting** will be held on October 5 at Staves UMC in Des Moines so it is fairly centrally located. We have a really dynamic speaker coming from the National UMW and we are thrilled to have her. Rev. Dionne P. Boissiere, MDiv. is excited to share her thoughts about our legacy and our future and meet her Iowa UMW sisters. She is the Chaplain of the Church Center for the United Nations and we heard her speak at the Leadership Development Days in St. Louis in November of 2017. Trust us, you will NOT be disappointed!

We will also be having a bake sale and a basket silent auction to help raise some additional money for UMW. We thought it would be fun for you to share your favorite treats, maybe a recipe your grandmother might have made. Please put your baked goods on a disposable plate and mark it with a price that you think is fair. If you, your unit, or your district would like to contribute a basket for a silent auction, please keep the value of it under \$25.00. We hope both of these activities will be fun and raise money for a good cause.

Another opportunity to show our UMW spirit of mission is the Ubuntu Day scheduled for October 4, the day before the conference meeting. Nancy Stockdale has been arranging that day for us and most of the plans are set. We will meet at Staves UMC and then go work at the Food Bank of Iowa in the morning, beginning at 10:00 AM. We will come back to Staves for a box lunch (\$10.00) and then set off for Bidwell-Riverside and Hawthorn Hill in the afternoon.

If you don't think you can go work somewhere, there will be another way to share in mission. Sue Smith, the Central District E&I, will supervise 3 or 4 different crafts at the Staves church. These crafts will also go to mission.

Our fear is that only a "handful of women" will show up in October. Please mark your calendars now and come to Des Moines and show Rev. Dionne how much Iowa women care about United Methodist Women!!



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Save the Date

**Iowa Conference
UMW Annual Meeting
Saturday, October 5, 2019
Registration/Coffee 9:00-9:30 Meeting 9:30-2:30
Staves UMC
2747 E. Madison Avenue, DSM, 50317**

Theme: "Continuing Our Legacy"

National UMW Speaker: Rev. Dionne P. Boissiere, MDiv.
Chaplain of the Church Center for the United Nations

You are encouraged to share a basket for a silent auction valued at no more than \$25.00.

OR

Share some goodies (marked with a price) for a bake sale.

Children are welcome. If they need a break, there will be childcare provided. Please let us know if your child will be joining you for the day.
We would love to see young people in attendance on October 5!

Mail check and reservation form to: Myra Bowman, 911 Golfview Ave., Britt, IA 50423
Meal Reservations Due By: September 28, 2019

Name of Unit: _____ Contact Person _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Number of: Regular Meals: _____ x \$9.00 = _____
Gluten Free Meals _____ x \$9.00 = _____
Number of Children _____ x \$9.00 = _____

Total Amount Due: _____ (Checks to "Staves UMW")

For further information: jlmkbowman51@comm1net.net or call 641-843-4086

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Address Correction Requested

Invite someone new to Mission u 2019!
Friday evening, October 18 – Sunday, October 20, 2019
Information in “The Link”, May 2019 issue
Online at Northeast District UMC webpage under United Methodist Women link.

Scholarships offered for two first time attendees!

The Northeast District UMW will pay the registration fee for two persons who have never attended our annual mission school event. Contact Kris Stewart, NE District treasurer, for information.

READ-COPY-SHARE

Notice of publication of each issue is sent to all Northeast District UMW officers who have email addresses on file. **Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurers** of Units who do not have email will receive a printed copy. It is the responsibility of these officers to **distribute copies to other officers** in their unit, if they are unable to access the issue via the NE District UMC website <https://northeast.iaumc.org/united-methodist-women>

The entire newsletter should be shared so that all officers and members will be better informed about UMW beyond the local level.