



Wailana Barker

Message from Wailana, our President. . .

Greetings to all women in The River Valley District! As we move forward in 2020, we are thankful for all you do in your units and in your churches.

Amidst all that is going on in our United Methodist Church, it is very important that we as United Methodist Women **stay strong and BOLD!**

The River Valley Spring Gathering will be in Red Wing on Saturday, April 25th. A great day is planned for you so please invite all your church women!

As a district president, I also serve on the Conference Executive Team. One of my responsibilities is to annually advertise and award (by decision of the UMW Conference Designated Fund Committee) **Emma Norton Scholarships**.

The scholarship money comes from Emma Norton herself! Concerned about the struggles of young women to obtain an education in the early 1900s, Emma Norton gave \$25,000 in stocks and bonds to the Women's Home Missionary Society. Her stipulation with this generous gift in 1912 was that the money was to remain intact and that half of the interest is to be used for scholarships for women going into Christian vocations. The other half of the interest is to be used to support a national mission. The stock account has grown since 1912 and hundreds of scholarships have been awarded.

Who is eligible? Women with college degrees and United Methodist backgrounds who are currently enrolled in seminaries are eligible to apply for Emma Norton Scholarships. Previous applicants and recipients are eligible to apply again. The scholarships awarded range between \$400—\$1,000. If you know of any woman who meets this criteria, please encourage her to apply.

This is a great opportunity and if you know someone who might be interested, please ask her to contact me as follows:

Wailana Barker

Chair: Emma Norton Scholarship

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THE PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of The United Methodist Church.



What's on our calendar?

2020

Meeting Dates and Places

River Valley, Conference & Other Events

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| March 28 | River Valley Executive Board Meeting
<i>Wailana Barker's Home in Rochester</i> |
| April 23 | Emma Norton Services
Opening Doors Dinner
<i>InterContinental St. Paul</i>
<i>Riverfront Hotel in St. Paul</i> |
| April 25 | River Valley District Spring Gathering
<i>First UMC in Red Wing</i> |
| May 5-15 | UMC General Conference
<i>Minneapolis Convention Center</i> |
| June 26-28 | UMW North Central Jurisdiction
Quadrennial Meeting
<i>Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls, SD</i> |
| July 17-19 | Mission u
<i>Kelly Inn in St. Cloud</i> |
| July 25 | Mission u Too
<i>Faith UMC in Waseca</i> |
| August 1 | Mission u Too
<i>La Puerta Abierta UMC in St. Paul</i> |
| Sept. 26 | River Valley District Fall Gathering
<i>Stewartville UMC in Stewartville</i> |
| Oct. 10 | UMW Minnesota Conference
Annual Gathering
<i>Riverside UMC in Park Rapids</i> |
| Oct. 24-25 | UMW Leadership Development
Retreat for Conf & District Officers
<i>Kelly Inn in St. Cloud</i> |

**FAITH, HOPE & LOVE
IN ACTION!**

*Do all the good you can,
In all the ways you can,
To all the souls you can,
In every place you can,
At all the times you can,
With all the zeal you can,
As long as you ever can.*

John Wesley

***** Tally Up! *****



2019 Minnesota
UMW Census Due

Your help is needed to count the women who support United Methodist Women (UMW) in Minnesota by reporting the number of women who participate in your local UMW unit. Whether your numbers are small or large, each local unit is important!

One person from each church should submit the UMW census report online; anyone can fill out the form if there is no president in your local unit. If you are not a computer user, please ask for help from your church office, or contact Melinda Kohrt, Conference Membership Coordinator, for help with the census: 952-934-9325 or mnomnumw@gmail.com.

Here is the link to the Census Form:
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2019

****Please submit**
by March 30, 2020!**

Thank you!

SPOTLIGHT ACROSS THE RIVER VALLEY



Your units are encouraged to share a project or event that you've done—these highlights will be published in our newsletters. We'd love to hear what you're doing! This is a great way to not only showcase the worthwhile & loving work you're doing but also a good resource for other units to "borrow" your ideas. Please send your info including your church & UMW name, city/town & a photo representing your project and/or team to Sharon Dougherty (RV Communications Coordinator) at sdsrdougherty@gmail.com.

Unit Highlights from Chatfield UMW



Denise Pagel

We hosted our October meeting at the Chosen Valley Senior Campus in Chatfield. Invitations were sent to our honorary members living at the facility (this included adjacent independent apartments). A short business meeting was held in addition to treats being served along with a 10-15 minute program. Our last event topic was on creativity. The discussion focus began with the very first verse of Scripture that described a creative act as "God created the heavens and the earth." Additionally, from Genesis we read, "God created man in his own image."

This could be interpreted as we are creators just as God created us. We create art, relationships, homes, cities, nations and many more things including inventions even yet to be known. The creative spirit is certainly favored by God and our fellow man. Other Bible verses were shared on creativity (Exodus 35:35, Isaiah 64:8.) UMW member Donna Amundson shared her albums of coloring art. The question was asked, "Why do adults enjoy coloring pages?" Some responses were: a means of relaxation, brings us back to a simpler time and happier time of childhood, helps us focus on the present and helps achieve mindfulness. Donna invited the group to select one of the coloring art pages to keep. Past topics have included: devotion on bread making and sharing old time kitchen gadgets. Our UMW also sends out invitations to our honorary members for our two annual luncheons. Their meals are complimentary; this is our way of honoring them for all the work they have done in our organization.



Beautiful Coloring Art

Chatfield United Methodist Women
Submitted by Denise Pagel,
RV District Committee on Nominations

Did you know?....

We have 76 UM churches & 64 UMW units in our River Valley District.

There are 5 districts in Minnesota (Big Waters, North Star, Southern Prairie, River Valley, Twin Cities).

While the organization of United Methodist Women is one unit, each district has its own color. It's good to familiarize yourself with each district's color. You're encouraged to wear our **PURPLE district color** at meetings, gatherings and events — this helps everyone recognize that you represent the River Valley District.

Wear our color proudly—be strong & BOLD!

River Valley - Purple / *Leadership*

Big Waters – Blue / *Honesty*

North Star – Yellow / *Spiritual Renewal*

Southern Prairie – Green / *Growth*

Twin Cities – Red / *Guidance*

New Officer in River Valley!

Welcome! Sharon Dougherty has joined our River Valley District Officer Team as our Communications Coordinator.



Sharon Dougherty

She is an active member of Holy Trinity United Methodist Church in Prior Lake. Sharon loves scrapbooking, travel and enjoys helping others.

Please consider open positions in River Valley (see page four) and join Sharon & others on the team!



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Claudia Grehl

NOMINATIONS

Greetings to all of River Valley District UMW members!

The snow is blowing about like pieces of cotton let loose in the wind. It makes me think that Mother Nature is showing us that we are beginning 2020 unblemished, fresh and new.

The purity of the white snow looks like a piece of white paper waiting for us to create the course to follow ahead. This will be the new journey which will show us how we will proceed. I would like to start this journey by calling upon all of you. I know you have fresh ideas and willingness to share these with us. I also know you have wonderful talents that we need. River Valley District is full of capable, intelligent, dependable women. **Help us to continue our journey by offering your talents so we can be the best UMW District in MN!**

*Submitted by Claudia Grehl,
Chairman of Nominations
wifeofgrampy2@gmail.com or 507-886-5582*

River Valley District

POSITIONS NEEDED TO FILL

Program Coordinator: Responsible for overall success of Spring and Fall Gatherings. May have a shared responsibility with Co-Coordinator.

Social Action: Keeps us informed of Social Action issues that concern: women, children and youth within our community and our country.

Education & Interpretation: Shows us how the local pledges are used on the District, Conference, National and International levels.

Membership, Nurture and Outreach: Helps nurture the membership by outreach to get women to join UMW, collects membership census.

Committee on Nominations: Acquainted with UMW purpose and officers' duties, encourages and recommends women for vacant positions.

**Please contact Claudia Grehl,
Chairman of Nominations**

Let's fill these positions in 2020!

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT & APPOINTED OFFICERS

President – Wailana Barker – 1711 Lakeview Dr SW, Rochester, MN 55902 – 563-940-9154 – lanayb268@gmail.com

Program Coordinator – Vacant position - CAN YOU HELP?

Secretary - Jane Baker – 727 Hi Park, Redwing, MN 55066 – 651-764-2505 – janekbaker@yahoo.com

Treasurer - Deb Jensen – 6304 30th Ave NW, Rochester, MN 55901 – 815-535-3710 – debjen_mad@yahoo.com

Nominations Chair – Claudia Grehl – 190 Niagara Court NW, Harmony, MN 55939 – 507-886-5582 - wifeofgrampy2@gmail.com

Nominations (Class of 2022) – Denise Pagel – 1008 Main Street NE, Chatfield, MN 55923 – 507-273-3188 – denpag@q.com

Spiritual Growth – Christina Brown – 1610 Greenwood St, Red Wing, MN 55066 – 651-212-3269 – rlb1949@msn.com

Social Action – Vacant position - CAN YOU HELP?

Education & Interpretation – Vacant position - CAN YOU HELP?

Emma Norton – Barbara Payne – 10833 County Rd 20 SE, Stewartville, MN 55976 – 507-273-8637 – chamois09@gmail.com

Membership Nurture & Outreach – Vacant position - CAN YOU HELP?

Resource Manager – Kathleen Svien – 16712 County Rd 14, Utica, MN 55979 – 507-226-2465 – kathleensvien@gmail.com

Communications – Sharon Dougherty – 14150 Woodchuck Trl, Prior Lake, MN – 612-280-2103 – sdsrdougherty@gmail.com

Historian – Vacant position - CAN YOU HELP?

Lending Librarian – Janet Ewing – 5995 133rd St Court W, Apple Valley, MN 55124 – 952-431-7751 – janete9@charter.net

River Valley District Superintendent—Cynthia Williams

122 W Franklin Ave, Suite 400, Minneapolis, MN 55404 - 612-230-6153—cynthia.williams@minnesotaumc.org

Conference Leadership:

Diana Eickelberg—Grace Swanson—Teri Arnold—Julie Adams—Wailana Barker—Thelda Haack—Janet Ewing



**Thank you to those who serve in leadership!
You continue to bless our Sisters in Christ by
the sharing of your talents and gifts.
As you serve others you're serving Christ.**



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2020 READING PROGRAM



Kathleen Svien

Readers!

Please get your reading report forms to me **by April 1.**

The form can be found at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram (under “Members & Leaders” heading, click “2020 reading program reporting form”) or if you prefer, please call me and I can print out the form and mail it to you. Another option you may choose would be to report your list to me via e-mail by sending the info to me at kathleensvien@gmail.com.

Include on your form (or list): the book(s) in each reading category, your name, your UMW unit/church, your email address and phone number (in case I have questions) and your home address (in case I need to mail your certificate to you), and mail the info to me: Kathleen Svien, 16712 County Road 14, Utica, Minnesota 55979.

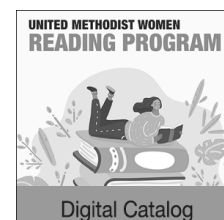
Books for the 2019 program can include selections from 2014 on, if not reported previously.

You may give me a call with any questions at 507-226-2465.

I have enjoyed looking through the new 2020 books. This year, for some reason, there were only two books in the Education for Mission category, but they were good ones. ***When Others Shuddered*** is about women who were extraordinarily dedicated, back in the day when few had an easy life. Fannie Crosby, who wrote the words to so many hymns, was one of the mini-biographies in the book. Her life was one of extreme hardship, but her faith still shines through the words of her hymns. I found ***The Pilgrim Journey: A History of Pilgrimage in the Western World*** to be a little different from the usual book in the EM category. Pilgrimages seem to be having a resurgence, and this book is a good reference, though not a dry book at all. For instance, I had never heard of Santiago De Compostela, which is described in ***The Pilgrim Journey***, until a dance company/choir put on a wonderful modern dance/modern music performance in our church in Winona. We, the audience, “pilgrimage” through our church with the performers, who stopped and put on musical/dance vignettes at different stations. We gloriously arrived to a festival at the shrine! I also just finished a book, ***A Pilgrimage to Eternity: from Canterbury to Rome in Search of a Faith***, written by Timothy Egan, who took a pilgrimage hoping to regain the Catholic faith of his childhood, lost after child sexual abuse affected a friend. He (mostly) walked the Canterbury to Rome pilgrimage, which is described in ***The Pilgrim Journey***. Besides being brought into contact with places where famous historical events took place, and miracles were said to have occurred, the author had the feeling of joining with the many others who over the centuries have made the same journey on foot. He came away with perspective and peace, and maybe a reawakening of a belief in the miraculous. As I write this, I am on the eve of going on the Walk to Emmaus, perhaps the original pilgrim encounter with Christ. I will be “walking” where many others have trod. There is something in the air about pilgrimages! ***The Pilgrim Journey: A History of Pilgrimage in the Western World*** is an informative book about a subject few of us Protestants have explored. Perhaps you will be inspired!

***Submitted by Kathleen Svien,
RV District Resource Manager***

See website mentioned
above for program.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Scripture: *Mark 4:30-32*

Parable of the mustard seed

Small Beginnings



Christie Brown

A traveler through a dusty road strewed
acorns on the lea;

And one took foot and sprouted up, and grew
into a tree.

Love sought its shade, at evening time, to
breathe its early vows;

And age was pleased, in the heats of noon, to
bask beneath its early boughs;

The dormouse loved its dandling twigs, the
birds sweet music bore;

It stood a glory in its place, a blessing ever-
more.—*Charles Mackay*

Focus: When and where have you witnessed
the smallest of dreams actually “seed” the fu-
ture? Or change a life? When did a few small
words or little gestures completely re-make
your world?

From my pastor Katie Matson-Daley, First Unit-
ed Methodist Church in Red Wing.

*Submitted by Christie Brown,
RV District UMW Spiritual Growth*



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

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Volunteers Needed at General Conference 2020

What an opportunity!

General Conference 2020 takes place at the Minne-
apolis Convention Center on **May 5-15** with the Dako-
tas-Minnesota Annual Conferences hosting.

This host team is looking for volunteers of all ages,
interests, and abilities to great guests and help them
make the most of their stay. Volunteering at General
Conference provides a tremendous opportunity to see
the United Methodist connection up-close and wel-
come siblings in Christ from around the world. Volun-
teers will be deployed to the Minneapolis-St. Paul In-
ternational Airport, various hotels, the Convention
Center, and other venues. Most host team volunteers
will select **three-hour shifts** during some or all of the
10 days of General Conference. There will also be op-
portunities to help with General Conference prepara-
tion and training prior to the event itself.

Go to <https://gc2020welcome.org/volunteers/>
to learn about and sign up for one of these volunteer
opportunities:

- *Greeters*Drivers*Prayer room hosts*
- *Technology specialists*Skyway guides*
- *Off-site venue hosts*Translators*
- *Administrative support*

Questions? Send an email to:

GC2020.volunteers@dkmnareaumc.org



God gave YOU 2 hands:

**1 to help yourself
& 1 to help others!**

EMMA NORTON SERVICES NEWS



Barb Payne

Happy New Year and Happy New Decade!

Much has happened at **Emma Norton Services (ENS)** in the past year. 2019 saw growth in its fundraising, expansion of programs to help more individuals, completion of planning for a facility renovation and discussions on a new campaign for a replacement building.

The annual **Opening Doors Dinner** was held at the InterContinental St. Paul Riverfront Hotel, and the stretch fundraising goal was exceeded! This was my first time attending, and I encourage each of you to consider attending this year. It was easy to find, had inexpensive and convenient safe parking, good food, auctions and an opportunity to connect with other donors and ENS staff, while learning about how our donations have helped make a difference in women and families lives. The next dinner is **April 23**; please mark it on your calendar and carpool! Hope to see you there.

In addition to the Opening Doors Dinner, new partnerships were established with the St. Paul Saints, Winter Carnival and Ham-line Dining Hall (at the State Fair). Your help also made the Winter Coat/accessories Drive and Holiday Gift giving for residents a success. **THANK YOU!**

Over 300 individuals and families were helped with safe housing (at Emma Norton Residence, Emma's Place or scattered housing). Also, assistance with applications for SOAR and programming to promote healing and wholeness were offered.

This year Emma's Place will have its 13 townhouses and community building, located in Maplewood, renovated. Additionally, planning for a replacement building/location in St. Paul for Emma's Residence will be moving forward. This process will take about 5 years and will provide more trauma-informed care and increased capacity for individuals in need. The campaign will be starting this year (2020).

In 2019 ENS Executive Director, Tonya Brownlow, was recognized by the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits with the Visionary Leader Award. She was selected for her ability to develop and implement creative & effective organization leadership strategies, create & nurture collaborations and partnerships with tangible benefits to the community. Tonya just completed 6 years at ENS and we are fortunate to have her as ED. Please thank her and congratulate her when you have an opportunity.

During my first year as your UMW ENS Representative, I have made numerous trips to St. Paul to deliver your generous gifts of paper products, welcome baskets, Christmas gifts, coats, winter accessories, personal care products, 'store' items, checks, gift cards and much more. I have seen your generosity and heard how much it has helped so many. **THANK YOU!** Emma Norton Services is extremely grateful for your support and quick response whenever there is a need. (i.e. fans for ENR when air-conditioning failed in June).

Change at ENS seems to be the norm so there is always a **need** for welcome baskets, paper/cleaning supplies and items for their resident store. This year there is also a need for moving boxes, mattress bags, packing tape, bubble wrap, packing paper and stretch wrap as families are moved out and around during renovation at Emma's place. For full details needed for moving, welcome baskets or general items, please go to their website www.emmanorton.org or call 651-747-8766 or email Victoria Virasy at vvirasy@emmanorton.org.

I hope to see many of you at the Spring Gathering on April 25th in Red Wing and would love to be able to deliver another truck load of items to St. Paul!

Lastly, please let me know if you are not receiving emails about happenings at ENS throughout the year. My list of contacts at the 76 churches in RV district is difficult to keep updated without feedback from you.

May you and your family be blessed with health and peace as we begin a new decade.

**Submitted by Barb Payne,
RV District ENS Representative**

Emma Norton website: www.emmanorton.org

RIVER VALLEY UMW LENDING LIBRARY



Janet Ewing

Greetings, Book Lovers -

Books will continue to be available for loan at all district meetings and executive meetings. Please be sure to fill out the check-out card and place it in the corresponding colored envelope. Kathy Svien, our RV UMW Resource Manager, will bring the books from her unit. The return information half sheet in each book will have her address for returning the Winona Wesley books to her. Please pay attention.

A **list of all the books** in the Lending Library including the ones from Wesley is available, at meetings or by email or snail mail. Fewer books were checked out in 2019 than in the past years. In order to make more books available, please return all books you check out via "Media Mail" as soon as you or others in your unit are finished with them. This will allow more books to be read. The cost is only \$2.00- \$3.00, even two or three books in one package. You may request a book from the list and Kathy or I will "Media Mail" it to you, if it is not checked out.

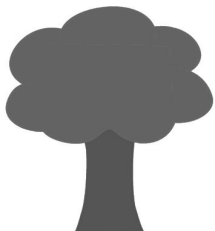
All the Lending Library books have been donated. Donated books should still be available for reporting for at least four years, 2017-2020. Please let me know two weeks ahead of the meeting so I can have a check-out card available. Write the program year and category inside the book. If you would like it returned to you after it can no longer be counted, place your address label in the book.



Since the National UMW only posts the Reading Program Books on the website, I have decided to make a Reading Program Catalog of the books available in the River Valley Lending Library. This will be available at meetings or I will email or snail mail it to you. If you would like the catalogs for each year of the LL books, please let me know ahead of the April 25 district meeting, so I have time to print them.

Contact me via telephone—always leave a message 952-431-7751 or via email janete9@charter.net.

***Submitted by Janet Ewing,
RV District UMW Lending Library***



SAVE OUR EARTH! SAVE A TREE!

**By subscribing to our newsletter by email,
we are able to put these economic savings into more missions!**

Just let Sharon Dougherty know if you would like to change your paper copy to email.
(sdsrdougherty@gmail.com)

TREASURER'S CORNER

Here is our district financial record for the year 2019 (1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019):

Our District Pledge was \$58,000.00, and our Actual was \$60,822.07.

Emma Norton Pledge was \$10,000.00, and our Actual was \$12,066.50.

For Administration & Membership Development Expenses, we budgeted \$12,300.00 with Actual coming in at \$6,262.84.

Our district financials for 2020 (1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020) are:

District Pledge is \$56,000.00.

Emma Norton Pledge is \$10,000.00.

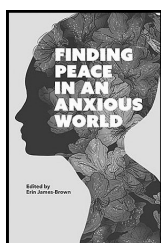
A&MD Expenses are budgeted at \$11,800.00.

Submitted by Deborah Jensen,

RV District Treasurer



Deborah Jensen



Come and Learn!

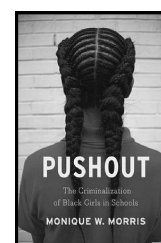
2020 Mission u and Mission u Too

for United Methodist Women of the Minnesota Conference

Be inspired. Be challenged. Respond to God's call.

Continue the powerful legacy of compassionate service and passionate advocacy.

Join us— all are welcome—this event provides opportunities for learning, fellowship, and inspiration.



Mission u is held July 17-19 at the Best Western Plus Kelly Inn in St. Cloud

Studies: ***Finding Peace in the Midst of Anxiety*** (Learn how to use the Serenity Prayer as a guide to help find your way through anxiety, worry and fear towards God's peace that passes all understanding) and ***Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools*** (Learn about the school-to-prison pipeline, school-to-confinement pathways and school push-out through the words and stories of dozens of young people from across the country, historical information and careful reflection).

Cost: \$375 Double Room, \$475 Single Room, \$265 Commuter (no breakfast)

Mission u Too is offered in two locations:

July 25 at Faith UMC in Waseca

Study: ***Finding Peace in the Midst of Anxiety***

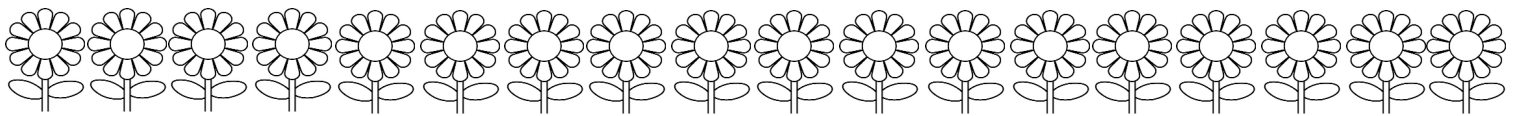
August 1 at LaPuerta Abierta UMC in St. Paul

Study: ***Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools***

Cost: \$30

Note: Study books will NOT be available at Mission u or Mission u Too. *Finding Peace in the Midst of Anxiety* is available through the UMW Resource Store online, www.umwmissionresources.org. *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools* is available through Amazon and Kindle.

Check out www.mnconfumw.com for **registration (opens April 1)** and scholarship application.



All Women are Invited!



United Methodist Women *River Valley District* **SPRING GATHERING**



Saturday, April 25th

**Red Wing First United Methodist Church
403 East Avenue, Red Wing, MN 55066**

—Hosted by the United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church—

Hear Keynote Speaker

ERIN MARCKS

talk about

The Art and Soul Program



The *Art and Soul Program* is a non-profit program sponsored by the First United Methodist Church of Red Wing, MN. It is dedicated to impacting individuals who are incarcerated at the Goodhue County Adult Detention Center (GCADC) in Red Wing. *Art and Soul* benefits the inmates in the following ways: increasing self-esteem, self-awareness, building relationships within units, relieving stress, promoting safe self-expression, teaching and learning from each other, appropriate emotional expression and regulation. *Art and Soul* has also positively impacted the lives of our volunteers and staff at GCADC.

Each week two to four volunteers use art-making to benefit the inmates in the above mentioned, positive ways. On average, *Art and Soul* serves 15 inmates per week.



Hear BRENDA BLAIR give an update on *Project Mondema* in Sierra Leone.

Brenda spoke to us at our RVD Annual Meeting in Rochester (Sept. 2019).

Current Needs for the *Project Mondema* in Sierra Leone are: sleeping mats for all the school classrooms to allow nap time, \$180; food to feed all children for a month, \$200 each month; and buckets that need to be replaced at handwashing stations, \$30.

*****Please bring paper products for Emma Norton*** Thank you!**

Special Note About SOUND at First UMC

Red Wing United Methodist Church has T-Loop technology to assist persons with hearing loss. This technology works through a signal in a person's hearing aid to receive everything that passes through the microphone at the right level for the individual's unique hearing amplification needs. Members of the church who have experienced this in worship are amazed at how clear worship has become.

In order to experience the T-Loop technology, a person must first visit their audiologist to have their hearing aids adjusted for it. The church has several headsets available that use the same technology for people without hearing aids to use during programs.

River Valley District United Methodist Women

SPRING GATHERING 2020

Saturday, April 25, 2020

8:45am-2:30pm

Cost: \$12, includes lunch

Red Wing First United Methodist Church

403 East Avenue, Red Wing, MN 55066 Phone 651-388-3262

Katie Matson-Daley, Interim Pastor

Morning Keynote Speaker: Erin Marcks, Art and Soul, Our Jail Ministry

8:45am Registration and Emma Norton Coffee; Visit Resource Tables/Displays/Lending Library
9:20am Gathering for Singing/Worship in the Sanctuary
Worship and Offering**
Business Meeting
10:00am **Program: Keynote Speaker Erin Marcks**
Announcements
Lunch With time to Visit Resource Tables/Displays/Lending Library
1:00pm Gathering/Singing in the Sanctuary
Update on *Project Mondema* in Sierra Leone—Brenda Blair
2:15pm Closing

****Offerings go to:** UMW Mission and Emma Norton Services. *Thank you!*

Send Registrations to: Bertha Tiedeman, 1937 Gernentz, Red Wing MN 55066

Please make checks payable to "River Valley District UMW." Registration due by April 20, 2020.

Directions to Red Wing First UMC

From Hastings and the Minneapolis area: Come into Red Wing on highway 61. Turn right onto West Avenue at stop light just beyond Dairy Queen on right and Caribou on the left. Then follow underlined directions below:

From the south on Highway 61: Go through downtown shopping area past the St. James Hotel on the right, turn left onto West Avenue at the stop light beyond the St. James (YMCA building will be on the left). Then follow underlined directions below:

From the south on Highway 58: Stay on 58 until reaching 5th Street (Salvation Army Store is on left, firehouse on right), turn left onto 5th Street, go two blocks and turn right onto East Avenue. Follow underlined directions below from **:

Go three blocks (4-way stops at 3rd St. and 4th St.) to 5th St. Turn left on 5th, then take first left onto East Avenue. **Get into right lane, church entrance is on the right just beyond the alley between 5th and 4th streets. Note that West Avenue and East Avenue are one-way streets. Park in front of the church to unload passengers and Emma Norton donations, then drive to parking garage which is a right turn onto 4th Street and a left into the garage just across from the church's back door. Parking is free.



REGISTRATION FORM

Due by April 20!

Name: _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone: _____

Food Allergies or dietary concerns: _____

Church _____ Local/District Officer? _____ Office Held: _____

Child Care: Yes, I need child care for 1 or more children. Indicate number _____

Include children's names with this registration form _____. Include a lunch & snacks with your child.

Children must be pre-registered to have child care available on site.



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