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OUTREACH

Fall 2021 • Southern Prairie District United Methodist Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Dear Sisters in Christ,

It has been a great honor to be your district president for the past four years. It has also challenged me in many ways. When I started, I hadn't been on this district team and our dear president, Audrey Asp, had had a stroke.

With the help of the executive team and, of course, God, we set out on this new Adventure. Hopefully you too feel more empowered to make necessary changes. United Methodist Women has great power to make changes in ourselves and benefit other women, children, and youth.

Back to my story, when I retired I knew I wanted to be more active in UMW. The purpose suited me perfectly. I believe that the mission projects that we fund are an expression of our faith, and we are to be Jesus's hands and feet in the world. Do you feel the same? Sure you do!

As I look back at all we have accomplished, I realize we are just getting started. God has a plan for us! We just have to follow His lead.

Let's also listen to one another and those women who choose not to be involved in UMW. For example, our unit was about to meet in person and someone commented that every time she goes to a meeting, she is asked to contribute to something. So in our announcement, we put "No Special Offering will be Collected at the Meeting".

Even though I will no longer be your District President, I will be around and will be looking for others to help us to fill our vacancies on the District team. Be Bold and Do Your Part! "We are all in this together." (where have we heard this before??)

With God All Things Are Possible - Matthew 19:26
Trusting in God to Lead the Way.

Your Sister in Christ,

Sherry Scholljegerdes

SP District UMW President



WAKE UP!!!

Our District UMW Has FEW Officers

What does that mean for you as United Methodist Women in Southern Prairie District? You will have no representation at the conference level. What about meetings or events? Who knows??



Do you feel that UMW is important to you and the world around you? If so, volunteer now to be on the executive team of Southern Prairie District UMW. We promise you won't be sorry! Deb Anderson has recently volunteered to be our district Secretary, but we still must have a President and Treasurer to exist. Also all of the Committee Chairs are open too!

How did we get here? The past eight years only three women have been recruited to serve. We need a working Nomination Team. If you are interested in finding others to be on the district team, let Deb Anderson or myself know.

If you feel called to serve on the district team, there is a spot for you. Pay attention to that voice that calls you to serve.

Your Sisters in Christ,

Deb Anderson – debraandersondja@gmail.com; 507-387-7826

Sherry Scholljegerdes - sgscholl2@yahoo.com; 507-835-4304

Here is our present list of officers. If there is no name listed, are you hearing that voice call you to volunteer for this position? Talk with Deb or Sherry soon.

President: _____

Secretary: Deb Anderson

Treasurer: _____

Program Coordinator: _____

Mission Coordinators: _____

Spiritual Growth _____

Social Action _____

Education and Interpretation _____

Membership, Nurture, Outreach _____

Resource Manager: _____

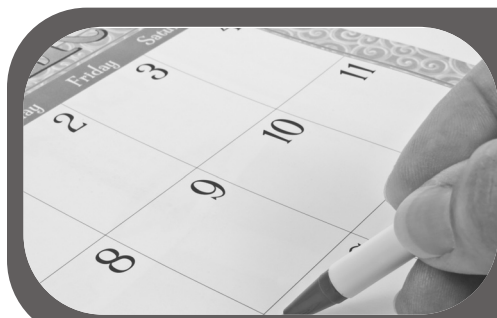
Communications Coordinator: Judith Clark

Mission Today Unit Coordinator: _____

Nominations: Deb Anderson, Sherry Scholljegerdes

Emma Norton Rep: _____

Historian: Char Frankenberry



Southern Prairie UMW Dates for 2022

Spring Gathering: April 23, 2022 First UMC, Windom

Day Apart: June 14, 2022 Redwood Falls UMC, Redwood Falls

Fall Gathering: Sept. 17, 2022 Hope UMC, Blue Earth

UMW Conference Fall Gathering: Oct. 1, 2022 Faith UMC, Waseca

ALMOST OVER THE LINE

Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Update

Last session of the MN legislature proved that there is interest in passing legislation "Dignity in Pregnancy and Childbirth". It passed in the House committee unanimously, and was put in the budget.

The Senate was a different story. The legislation DID NOT get a hearing. Senator Michelle Benson chairs the Health and Human Services Finance and Policy Committee. She makes the decision of what gets on the agenda. She represents District 31, Edina and Hamm Lake. Only 0.7% of her district are Black and 0.7% are Native Americans.

We need to let Senator Benson know that this issue is important to us, the UMW in the Minnesota Conference. Please contact her at 95 University Ave. W., MN Senate Bldg. Room 3109, St. Paul, MN 55155, Phone 651-296-3219, E-mail: Use Mail Form, on her site. Also contact your MN Senator because this is important to us as women, mothers, and grandmothers!

Bill "Dignity in Pregnancy and Childbirth"
a quick overview:

1. Allows the MN Public Health Dept. to get information on Medicaid Mothers who have died or had severe outcomes as a result of pregnancy.
2. Provides one year of post partum care that is pregnancy related.
3. Education for medical and nursing staff, regarding implicit bias.

This is the last year we will be working on Maternal Morbidity and Mortality... soooooo... Get busy and do YOUR part in lowering the maternal death rate here in Minnesota.

Sherry Scholljegerdes, SP District President

From Day Apart groups:

What got us through the Pandemic?

What coping skills did we learn to continue to move forward?

Making Christmas special in new ways, adapting
Reconnect – change habits
Isolation – became closer to partner, more aware
Staying at home: finished projects, cleaning, time to read
Bible studies, play music
Kept connected to elderly, especially through technology
New ministries established
Share food with others
Personal devotion time
Started day with meditation
Called people to stay in touch, facetime and zoom
Wrote letters and cards to keep connected to people
Took walks, read more
Prayer lists, Circle of Care groups
Some worship services outdoors in park
Important to keep reaching out to others
Continue washing hands!
Find safe comfortable spaces to meet
Prayer booklet and activities put together by church
Weekly children's packets instead of Sunday School, continue into future
Note cards written and delivered to health workers
Drive-through church dinner
Drive-by greetings and caroling for shut-ins
Delivered small gifts (flowers, cookies, notes) by car
More family time, a blessing of shutdown

Will we see you at ASSEMBLY on May 20-22, 2022 in Orlando, Florida??

Includes: Soul-stirring worship infused with music and performing arts

Impactful workshops and riveting Town Hall meetings with important leaders

Action opportunities and an Experience Hall with interactive experiences.

Early Registration is \$330 (between Sept 1 and Nov 30, 2021) which includes lunch on Friday and Sat.

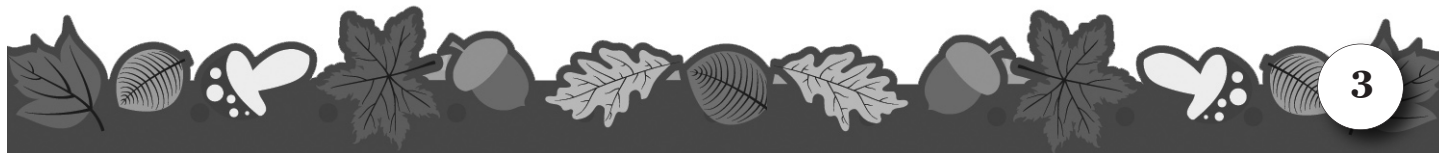
Additional 5 meals -- Friday and Saturday breakfast and dinner, and Sunday breakfast

Hotel expenses \$158-203 per night for up to four people (double/double room)

Fly: recently I saw Delta nonstop (3 hours) for \$300 if booked 25 days in advance.

Ubuntu Day of Service is Thursday, May 19 with field trips to celebrate mission as relational.

Come to Orlando to care for your spirit, worship with your sisters, and celebrate the positive impact women create in the world. **More information at www.assembly2022.org**



Southern Prairie Fall Gathering, Saturday, Sept 18

We hope you'll join other UMW members (in person) for the Southern Prairie Fall Gathering on Saturday, Sept 18 at Belgrade Avenue UMC in North Mankato. Registration and Coffee/Tea with Emma begins at 9:00 am. Bring a mask as they might be required by church policy.

You are invited to bring your offering and items for Emma Norton. Needs they've listed online: Box fans, Pillows, Air mattresses, Microwaves, Vacuums, Welcome Baskets** and Move-In Totes***.

Our speaker is Rev. Susan Mullin, an ordained deacon in the United Methodist Church, who was appointed to Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light (MNIPL) - a nonprofit organization that works in partnership with faith communities to address the climate crisis. As the Director of Faith Community Organizing, Rev Mullin has worked with individuals and congregations to take action that is authentic and effective in their community.

Recently, the Minnesota UMW has received funding to collaborate with MNIPL on several initiatives that support the Just Energy for All campaign of UMW. Rev. Mullin will speak to us about this collaboration, including conversations with legislators about renewable energy, and resistance to the Line 3 tar sands pipeline in northern Minnesota. The title of her talk is "Rooted and Grounded in Love," based on St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians 3:16-17, "I pray... "that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love."

Rev. Mullin is married to a former middle school science teacher and has two grown children living in Ohio and Pennsylvania. She will be retiring at the end of August 2021 to have more time for visiting her children and grandchildren, as well as spending more time in the pottery studio. She plans to continue volunteering with MNIPL and with United Methodists and others who are working for a sustainable future.

You'll find a registration form elsewhere in this newsletter.



****Welcome Baskets** include one laundry basket filled with: Flat and fitted twin sheets, pillow and pillow case, blanket (comforter, quilt, winter blankets), hand & bath towels, toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, bar soap, deodorant, and a coffee mug. Optional but appreciated: a lint roller, a 4x6 picture frame, lotion, and a journal.



*****Move-In Totes** include one large tote bag filled with: 1 roll paper towel, 1 box facial tissues, 4 rolls toilet paper, 1 container disinfecting wipes, 1 bottle each of multi-purpose cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, hand and dish soap, laundry detergent, shampoo and conditioner. 1 toilet bowl scrubber, 1 box of large garbage bags, 2 sponges, 2 dish cloths, 4 plastic plates, 4 plastic tumblers, 4 sets of cutlery, 1 kitchen towel, 1 shower curtain, 1 package shower curtain rings, 2 hand towels, 2 washcloths, 3 bars body soap, 1 deodorant, 1 tube toothpaste, 4 toothbrushes, 1 floss, 1 box assorted bandages, 1 box rolled gauze, 1 roll medical tape, 1 box gauze pads, 1 box alcohol prep pads, 1 tube antibiotic ointment, 1 tube hydrocortisone cream, 2 lightbulbs, 1 blanket (twin or queen), 2 bath towels, 1 bed sheet set (twin or queen).



2021 ANNUAL GATHERING/CELEBRATION REGISTRATION

OCTOBER 2, 2021 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm (deadline September 24, 2021)

Anoka UMC 850 South St. Anoka, MN 55303

Cost: \$15 for in-person meeting. No cost for ZOOM attendees, but an offering is encouraged.

You can pay online at: <https://www.mnconfumw.com/mission-giving>

OR send a check payable to MN Conference and mail to:

Linda Oberg, 715 E. Larpen Ave., Unit G, St. Paul, MN 55117

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT RETREAT REGISTRATION

DEADLINE September 24, 2021 (LDR), for all district officers will be held following the Annual Meeting starting at 6pm on October 2, and concluding at 1pm, Sunday, October 3. A complete schedule will be sent later but save the date and time. Expenses are paid by Conference UMW.

Questions regarding registration: Contact Sandy 952-270-1157 regmnumw@gmail.com

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I plan to attend: ___ in-person ___ via ZOOM

District Name: _____ Local Unit Name: _____

Local Church Name: _____ Local Church City: _____

Connection to UMW:

___ member ___ guest ___ interested in learning more about UMW ___ presenter

If you are a Conference or District Officer please fill out this portion for LDR

I plan to attend LDR ___ yes ___ no

I am a: ___ Conference Officer ___ District Officer Position Held:

I plan to: ___ Commute ___ stay overnight Friday ___ stay overnight Saturday

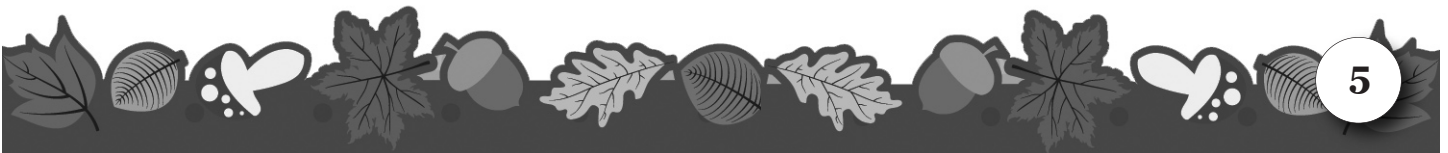
Roommate preference name: _____ **OR SINGLE** (you will pay ½) _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Emergency Contact: Name and Phone: _____

Please print legibly and return before September 24 to:

Sandy Meyer 8724 Valley View Place, Chanhassen, MN 55317



Minnesota Conference UMW invites you to an Evening with Jane Rubietta

Thursday, September 23, 2021 from 7-9 PM

in-person at Lake Harriett UMC (mask required), 4901 Chowen Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55410

OR via ZOOM

Weary of worry and its tagalongs, anxiety, discouragement, and exhaustion? Jane Rubietta invites you to leave behind your heavy heart and learn to truly live again. Join us and experience joy and rest in the moment-by-moment pleasure of a God who delights in you—and has all your tomorrows under control. You will laugh and you might cry but you will leave knowing you are delighted in—and with an arsenal of unusual helps to worry less. And really live.

Jane Rubietta speaks internationally, and is an award-winning author with 21 books to her credit, four on the UMW reading program (Worry Less So You Can Live More, and Heartbeat of a Mother most recently). A UMC Clergy spouse and the mother of three (tall) grown children, Jane's hilarious and filled with hope. You'll think she's been reading your journal because she gets you.

Then she just loves and blesses you.

more information about Jane at <https://janerubietta.com>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Email: _____ Phone _____

I am attending: ____ in-person ____ via ZOOM

District Name: _____ Local Unit Name _____

Local Church Name _____ Local Church City _____

My relationship to UMW:

____ member ____ guest ____ interested in learning more about UMW

Please print legibly and return before September 20 to:

Sandy Meyer, 8724 Valley View Place, Chanhassen, MN 55317

Registrations Questions: Contact Sandy 952-270-1157 regmnumw@gmail.com

Update to Liaison List

The newest Southern Prairie UMW Liaison List was printed in the last newsletter. Since then, Coleen Ford has moved to Iowa! We thank Coleen for her dedication and leadership, especially as our Spiritual Director. If you do not know who your Liaison is or how to connect with her, contact Judy Clark (see her info on bottom of mailing page.)

If Coleen was your Liaison, here are your new Liaisons:

Deb Anderson: Tracy and Wood Lake
Shirley Hansen: Danube Zion and Hector
Berneda Hawton: Redwood Falls First and Renville
Sherry Scholljegerdes: Marshall Cornerstone

Coleen Ford's new address: 1603 NW Abilene Rd, Ankeny, IA 50023 cfford@yahoo.com

Southern Prairie District Fall Gathering

Saturday, September 18, 2021

Belgrade Avenue UMC: 385 Sherman Street, North Mankato

(Masks may be required depending on church policies)

8:30 a.m. Registration and Coffee/Tea with Emma

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Gathering Time

Theme: Rooted and Grounded in Love (Ephesians 3:16-17)

Speaker: Rev. Susan Mullins recently with Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light

Giving Opportunities: Supplies for Emma Norton (as requested in this newsletter)

Offering for Emma Norton collected at the 8:30 Coffee/Tea

Offering for Southern Prairie District collected during Gathering Time

\$12 Registration includes lunch. Please register by September 11, 2021.

Information requested for registration:

UMW Unit _____ City _____

Name of person submitting form: _____

Email or phone of person submitting form: _____

Names of those registering: _____

Total Registrations ____ x \$12 = _____ (Checks to Belgrade Avenue UMW)

Any special needs (including dietary needs)? _____

Request for child care? If yes, names/ages of children _____

Dependent care voucher requested? (available up to \$35)

Registration information can be mailed to

Deb Anderson, 2038 Roe Crest Drive, North Mankato, MN 56003

or emailed to debraandersondja@gmail.com by September 11

District Treasurer's Update

We are aware that many of our UMW Units have not been meeting, nor raising mission funds during the COVID pandemic. We have also had to cancel some of our in-person district events where we would have received special offerings. This means Offering and Pledge Monies are really slow coming into the District Treasury.

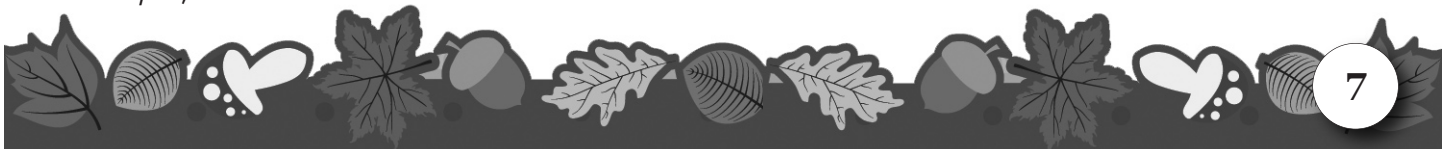
Through July 2021, we have received Pledge offerings of \$6,027.00 and offerings for Emma Norton of \$2,736.00

Our district budgeted amounts we expected to pay with offerings from the combined UMW Units of the District were Pledge at \$70,000 and Emma Norton at \$10,000. Monies towards these two budgeted pledges may still be sent to me at any time this year.

We are thankful for your UMW's faithful giving.

Berneda Hawton, District Treasurer

29439 US Hwy 71, Redwood Falls 56283





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Return Service Requested

Let us know!

Have you moved? Do you have a change of address? A new email address?
A Snow Bird address for winter (or however long you'll be gone from home)?

We hate for you to miss the Southern Prairie District UMW Outreach because we have an incorrect address for you. The USPS will eventually return your undelivered newsletter to the coordinator, but if you correct the information with her, you won't miss out! Send changes to Judith Clark at her address below.



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