

White Bear Lake United Methodist Women



2016

Planning & Membership Directory



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The Purpose of United Methodist Women

“The organized unit of 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 church.”

More than one million women across the country are members of United Methodist Women. Through our organization, we participate in mission through the work of the General Board of Global Ministries of which the Women's Division is a part. Our special emphasis is women, youth, and children. We support mission activities and partnerships in thousands of communities in every state of the United States, and in over 50 countries around the world.

Membership is open to any woman who chooses and commits herself to our Purpose through participation in meetings, prayer, giving, study, action, or service. As an organization, we celebrate our diverse and inclusive membership.

White Bear Lake United Methodist Women
Our Goals

1. To continue support of opportunities for spiritual growth.
2. To make members aware of opportunities for social services and encourage involvement in them, especially in the local community.
3. To increase opportunities for fellowship among the women of the church and be supportive of their needs; to develop programs for all ages.
4. To search out individuals who have special needs and to assist in any way possible.
5. To provide excellent programming at the three seasonal UMW-sponsored programs and for sub-groups, and to increase attendance.
6. To make available scholarships for church-related activities, including the UMW retreat and summer camps for youth.
7. To increase our Pledge to Missions.
8. To extend the awareness of UMW and its purpose in the church.
9. To award a deserving high school senior the Annual UMW Memorial Scholarship.

UMW LEADERSHIP – 2016

President: Stephanie Ondik

Vice-President: Cheryl Larsen

Treasurer: Mary Cripe

Secretary: Carolyn Sayles

Mission Coordinators:

Spiritual Growth Eva Shipley

Social Action/Missions Karen Fairchild-Halsey

Program Resources Amy Swanson

Communications/Publicity Margie Grilley

Circle Chairs:

Dorcas Cheryl Larsen

Sarah Judy Burns

Eva Shipley

Nominating Committee:

Class of 2015 Evelyn Ferris

Class of 2016 Judy Burns (Chair)

Class of 2017 Trudy Bombardier

Class of 2018 Gail Stucky

Sunshine: Gail Stucky

Judy Pedersen

WHITE BEAR LAKE UMW

SPONSORED PROGRAMS FOR 2016

MONDAY, MAY 2 – 7:00 PM

Program: UMW Legacy Fund

Speaker: Becky Coleman

Hostesses: UMW Executive Board

Donations: Food for White Bear Lake Food Shelf

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 – 7:00 PM

Program: Created for Happiness

Speaker: Rev. Cindi McKee

Hostesses: Dorcas Circle

Donations: Paper products for Emma Norton

DECEMBER 2016

Winter Program: Details to be announced later

Hostesses: Sarah Circle

Donations: New Socks and underwear for God's Closet

IMPORTANT DATES IN 2016

January – Circles ask for 2016 Pledges

February 7 – UMW Sunday

February & March – Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

March (TBA) – JRLC Day on the Hill

April 16 – Church-Wide Mission Day

April 23 – Big Waters District Spring Gathering at Monticello
Community UMC, Monticello MN

May (TBA) – Baby Recognition Sunday

July 12-16 – Mission U and Mission U Too
St. John's University, Collegeville

September 24 – Big Waters District Fall Gathering at St. Francis UMC,
St. Francis MN

October 8 – MN Conference UMW Annual Gathering at First UMC of
the St. Cloud Region, Sartell MN

October 22 – 45th Annual Harvest Market

November – World Thank Offering

BIG WATERS DISTRICT UMW DATES FOR 2016

March 4 – World Day of Prayer

March (TBA) – JRLC Day on the Hill

April 22 – Executive Meeting at Monticello Community UMC,
Monticello MN

April 23 – Big Waters District Spring Officer Training and Gathering at
Monticello Community UMC, Monticello MN

September 23 – Executive Meeting at St. Francis UMC, St. Francis MN

September 24 – Big Waters District Fall Gathering at St. Francis UMC,
St. Francis MN

October 8 – MN Conference UMW Annual Gathering at First UMC of
the St. Cloud Region, Sartell MN

DORCAS CIRCLE 2016

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9:45 at church

January 13 - Meet Jan Morey & Libby Turner

**February 10 - Book Discussion: “The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind” by William
Kamkwamba**

March 9 - Sewing Project for Rural Healthcare Initiatives

April 13 - Travels of Paul in Turkey

May 2 - Attend Spring UMW Program

May 11 - John Wesley Tour in England

June 8 - Brunch Pot Luck at Church

September 14 - Visit Emma’s Place

September 19 - Attend Fall UMW Program

October 12 - Baking for Harvest Market

November 9 - Program Planning for 2017 at Keys Cafe

December - Attend Winter UMW Program

December 13 (note change of day to Tuesday) - Christmas Brunch for Staff

SARAH CIRCLE 2016

*Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at church
unless noted otherwise.*

January 11 – Alisha Olson

February 8 – Libby Turner

March 9 – Emma Norton Services

April 11 – Dr. Donna Dempewolf

May 2 - Attend Spring UMW Program

May 9 - Video

June 13 at 6 p.m. – Pot Luck Picnic at Marcia Faust’s Home

September 19 - Attend Fall UMW Program

October 10 - Jodi Mullin: Trip to Churchill, Manitoba

November 14 - Program Planning and World Thank Offering

December 5 - Attend Winter UMW Program

December 12 - Christmas Gathering

Members At Large 2016

Val Ackerman

Beverly Bosse

Ruth Brink

Randi Bruns

Agnes Danielson

Marion Hastings

Ruth Janzen

Betty Morey

Ellyn Morton

Maxine Rathjen

Ruth Sass

Sarah Stotesbery

Ruth Teichroew

Gerry Todd

Susan Torgerson

Val White

Joyce Wissink

Lorene Youngquist

Special Mission Recognition Pin Recipients

- 1991 - Margaret Arnold, Vivian Parsons
1992 - Doreen Fronsoe
1993 - Delores Lofgren
1994 - Arlene Kipp
1995 - Ruth Heinen
1996 - Marion Hastings, Marilyn Olsen
1997 - Marlyce Lee, Jean Werner
1998 - Betty Ebel
1999 - Ruth Brink
2000 - Nancy Rausch
2001 - Sandra Craighead, Betty Lowder, Carolyn Odegard, Lois Olson
2002 - Evelyn Ferris, Carolyn Sayles, Joyce Wissink,
Mike Ferris (donation to Guatemala Common Hope in his honor)
2003 - Judy Burns, Eva Shipley, Terry Sayles (donation to Emma
Norton Services in his honor)
2004 - Jan Keller, Jean Manaige, Allan Lewison, Jerry Shull (donation
made to favorite charity)
2005 - Beverly Bosse, Betty Roppe
2006 - Betty Doyle
2007 - Marcia Faust, Shirley Hegdahl
2008 - Barbara Dean
2009 - Doreene Magnuson, Gail Stucky
2010 - Joan Lewison
2011 - Trudy Bombardier, Mary Hullsiek, Bill Hullsiek (donation to UMCOR)
2012 - Cheryl Larsen
2013 - Willie Bloomer
2014 - Margie Grilley, Joan Shull
2015 - Barb Hinz, Mike Hinz

Opportunities for Volunteer Service

1. **Cerenity Care Center** - 1891 Florence Street, White Bear Lake. Needs one-to-one social visitors, helping residents within facility to therapy and beauty shop, office workers, persons to assist with church services on Sundays or Thursdays at 2:30 pm, volunteers to assist with outings, and persons to help with gardening in the summer. Call 232-1818 if you are interested in helping residents on the computer.
2. **The Center for Victims of Torture** - Needs help with client transportation, data entry, and garden hosts. For more information, call 612-625-0611.
3. **Solid Ground** - 3521 Century Avenue North, White Bear Lake. Needs mentors, tutors and drivers; household items and miscellaneous supplies. Mentor training available throughout the year. Call 773-8401 for information.
4. **Emma Norton Services** - Needs volunteers to work at front desk and groups to do special projects. Need paper products and cleaning supplies. For more information, call 651-224-1329. 670 North Robert Street, St Paul.
5. **Emma's Place** - Needs donations: Clorox spray, 409 spray, Pine Sol, Soft Soap (no Comet-type cleansers, please), paper towels, toilet bowl cleaner, air fresheners, and toilet paper. 2163 Van Dyke Street, Maplewood. 651-747-8766.
6. **Family Violence Network** - Need childcare workers and women's advisors. Answer phones either at the crisis center or at home (training available). Needs speakers. Call 770-8544.
7. **God's Closet** - 820 White Bear Avenue, St Paul. Free clothing store. 651-771-4627.
8. **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** - adjacent to St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, East County Road E, White Bear Lake. Need workers for 3-hour shifts in used-clothing store for the benefit of no-interest loans to people in White Bear Lake area in crisis situations. Hours are Mon., Wed., Thurs. - 10 am to 4 pm; Tues., Sat, - 10 am to 1 pm. Call 429-8694 for more information.
9. **Ramsey County Nursing Home** - Desperately needs people to work in the canteen, assist with activities, be coffee hostesses or hosts, help feed patients at meal times, assist patients in going to therapy, be a special friend to a resident. Call 777-7486.
10. **Simpson Shelter** - 2740 1st Avenue South, Minneapolis. Simpson Housing Services: Needs help with overnight shelter, meal serving, special events, and working with children. For more information, call 874-8683.

READING PROGRAM for 2016

11. **Tubman Family Alliance** - PO Box 854, Lake Elmo, MN 55042.

Can use clothing or food donations. 651-770-8544.

12. **White Bear Area Senior Center** - Needs Meals-On-Wheels drivers

(call 653-3123); home visitors (call 653-3124); newsletter workers, office, and center volunteers (call 653-3121).

13. **White Bear Lake Area Emergency Food Shelf** - 1884 Whitaker Street,

White Bear Lake. Needs receptionists, general office help, stockers and daily workers. To volunteer call Katie at 651-407-5310, ext 223. Donations gladly accepted from 9:00 to noon, call 651-407-5310. For more information, visit website at: www.whitebearlakefoodshelf.org

Choose from 1 to 4 books to read from each category.

BONUS BOOKS count as two books from that category, or as one book from each of Education for Mission and Social Action.

See the UMW shelf in the church library for books and information packets.

Social Action:

***Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson (BONUS BOOK).** A powerful, true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us and a call to fix our broken system of justice. Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system.

***We Shall Not Be Moved* by Jane Ellen Nickell (BONUS BOOK).** This work looks at The United Methodist Church's conversations around the issue of whether to ordain gays and lesbians, to see what can be learned from earlier periods of change. In light of Methodism's historic contests over the leadership of African Americans and women, and using the uniform context of the Methodist General Conference, where denominational policy is set, this book analyzes transcripts of floor debates in key years of these struggles, letting those who argued for and against the changes speak for themselves.

Education for Mission:

***Uprising: A New Age Is Dawning for Every Mother's Daughter* by Sally Armstrong (BONUS BOOK).** Meet the game changers . . . from New York to Nairobi and from Kabul to Caracas, women are altering the status quo and organizing to protest rape, honor killings, polygamy, stoning and a dozen other religiously or culturally sanctified acts of violence against females.

***Our Rights: How Kids Are Changing the World* by Janet Wilson (Youth - BONUS BOOK).** Here are true stories of kids who are standing up for their rights and making a difference. Learn about Dylan, who started an online charity to raise money to fight child poverty, and child-bride Nujood, who inspired other girls forced to marry too young. All of these young people are making a difference for children's rights, and you can, too.

***The Underground Girls of Kabul* by Jenny Nordberg.** In Afghanistan, where a son's birth is celebrated, but a daughter's is mourned, there is a third kind of child — a girl temporarily raised as a boy. This is the story of Azita, a female parliamentarian who sees no other choice for her fourth daughter — but what happens when the girl refuses to change back?

Nurturing for Community:

Lend A Hand: Poems about Giving by John Frank, illustrated by London Ladd (Children). Simple acts of kindness, like sharing a sandwich, volunteering, planting a tree or offering your seat to an elderly person on a bus are the first steps to changing the world. This collection of tender and empowering original poems celebrates the joys of bridging invisible boundaries among people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

Dreamers by Eileen Truax. Truax illuminates the stories of the roughly two million undocumented immigrants living in the United States who came here as children. They grew up here, going to elementary, middle, and high school, but are ineligible for financial aid for college and are unable to be legally employed. In recent years, this young generation of dreamers has begun organizing, becoming the newest face of the human rights movement.

Leadership Development:

The Weight of Mercy: A Novice Pastor on the City Streets by Deb Richardson-Moore. Richardson-Moore spent 27 years as a journalist in the Deep South. She then retrained as a Baptist pastor and accepted a post at a run-down, inner-city church where the homeless gathered. Initially shocked, she gradually learned whom she could trust and whom she couldn't. She found that sometimes the best person to handle a situation was a drug addict, and that sometimes Jesus has the face of a prostitute. All were fiercely welcomed into this bewildering church family.

Spiritual Growth:

Cured But Not Healed by Kymberley Clemons-Jones. In this book, you will find instructions on how to develop a better relationship with your Creator. You will find the author's words challenging and comforting at times, and you will find encouragement to keep seeking the Lord with all your body, mind, and spirit. By the end, you will find restoration in your newly engaged relationship with God. Bible study is included.

