



Southwest Airwaves

Southwest District United Methodist Women

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – from Sheri Watson

August 2014

John 21:17 *He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."*

Where has the summer gone? I know that my grandchildren are shopping for school supplies and know school will be starting in just a few days. It seems the summer gets shorter every year.

I pray you all had a good summer. The weather was hot and at times raining with many areas experiencing damaging winds and hail. I pray those of you that had severe weather are back on your feet and beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. It looks like things are settling down and we have been blessed with some beautiful days so that we can enjoy God's handiwork with Mother Nature.

I know that the SW District UMW units have been working on their various projects and know many of you held Guest Days this summer. I have heard wonderful praises for your hospitality to your guests. We also gathered around the district for the T.E.A.M. meetings and know those that attended had a great day with friends and neighbors. **I want to offer a big Thank You to the units that hosted the T.E.A.M. meetings: Dow City, Locust Grove, Fontanelle and St Marks-CB.** Learning and sharing in small groups is definitely a "Methodist thing" as John Wesley preached that meeting in small groups was the way to teach and learn our faith and how to live serving others.

Several of us attended the **Mission U session in July** and had a great time of learning, sharing, and fellowship. Our own Judy Marnin was an instructor for the Roma study and will be again in the fall. Another presenter was Rev Mary Kathryn Pearce from the Illinois Great Rivers Conference and a District Superintendent. She presented the Spiritual Growth study "How is it with your Soul" and it was outstanding. She has been asked to present again this fall. I know if you consider attending in the fall, you will find it well worth your time.

Your SW District Officers are busy working on the planning for **Annual Day, Saturday Sept 27th at Villisca UMC,** and **Mission Study October 30th at Guthrie Center.** Our special guest at Annual Day will be Rev Terra Amundson, our new SW District Superintendent. I am excited for her to meet all of you, as I am sure **we have the best group of United Methodist Women in the Conference!** A speaker from Shesler Hall will join us at Guthrie Center as we gather for our Mission Study in October. I know you will enjoy her message. **PLEASE mark your calendars and plan to attend both.** Together we make an outstanding group of women working for the betterment for Women, children and youth across the world, something we are commissioned to do! I look forward to seeing you all at Annual Day and Mission study.

Blessings and Love,

Sheri

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PURPOSE -- 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.



“MAKE IT HAPPEN!”

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
SOUTHWEST DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING
ON Saturday, SEPTEMBER 27TH
at the VILLISCA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

Coffee and gathering at 8:30a.m.

Meeting at 9:30a.m.

*It will be a great day for CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESSES and
LEARNING HOW OUR ORGANIZATION can CHANGE AND GROW
as we work together!*

New District Superintendent Rev. Terra Amundsen will join us for the morning.

Reservations for lunch @\$7.00 per person are due Friday, September 20, to
Amy Cooper, 600 East 3rd St., Apt, 15, Villisca, IA 50864; 712-826-2356 (h); 712-370-6910 (c)

Remember your gifts for Bidwell, Shesler Hall, and Hawthorn Hill: Campbell soup labels, paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo, women's and children's underwear and socks. Unload at south door of Villisca church for easy access to collection room.

The Villisca UMC is at 203 South 3rd Avenue, Villisca, Iowa

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SECRETARIES/COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR – Judy Marnin

As **District Secretary**, I'm looking forward to seeing all you secretaries at our Annual Meeting September 27, where I will share ideas that I received at Mission u from our Conference secretary, Linda Blazek Garvin (we call her Linda BG). And, as **District Communications Coordinator**, I would love to have at least **one email address from each local unit**. It's handy to email reminders, breaking news, and the Airwaves, and would be wonderful if at least one person from each unit would receive it. It's so much more timely than regular mail. **It would also be great to have email addresses of all those who go south for the winter.** Most of my returned newsletters are from "snowbirds." We envy you being in the warmth, but hate to have you miss out on the news!

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Program Resources Coordinators– Sandra Welch

Proverbs 16:31--Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a Righteous life. (NRSV UMW Bible)

(A bit of humor to start my "column." -- Laughter IS the spice of life!)

I wish to thank those units that submitted their Reading Program Reports. So happy to see that so many women, youth and a few men enjoy our books. So ...which unit will receive the **coveted award** for the most



readers? **Come to the annual UMW District meeting on Saturday September 27th at Villisca to find out!!**

The new 2015 books will be available for purchase, as well as the **Mission Study Books**. You can also purchase the yearly **Program Books and 2015 Prayer Calendar**. Some interesting ideas for your unit meetings can be found in the Program books.

So many people and places touched by our Mission giving are highlighted in the Prayer Calendar.

A few ideas to promote the Reading Program:

- Have a basket of books from the reading list at every UMW meeting. Share several ideas from a book at meetings.
- Make the books available to the congregation. This may encourage more readers!!
- Check the public library to determine how many of the books are in their library from our list.
- Be enthusiastic!! Read many books yourself.

Blessings to each one of you valuable women!

Sandy

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Education and Interpretation Coordinators – Carol Rogers

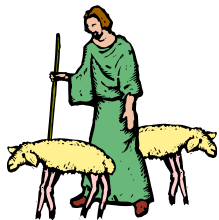
As I write this, we have just returned from Mission u. It was such a great time to be with other United Methodist Women all having the same heart for mission. If you missed it, you have another chance: **Fall Mission u is October 17-19 at Marshalltown**. The studies are "Roma of Europe" from last year, "The Church and People with Disabilities," and "How Is It with Your Soul?" At the fall school, there are studies for children, youth, Hispanic, and Korean women. The teachers were excellent. If you have never been to this Mission u before, the Southwest District has scholarships available. The event has plenty of music, learning and fellowship for you to enjoy. Try it!

Thank you so much for sending me the **Mission Today and Mission Study reports**. I received 38 Mission Study Reports and 34 Mission Today reports. You outdid last year. Many of you have learned a lot about the Roma. It was a very good study and Judy Marnin was the study leader for many of you. Your certificates will be ready at Annual Day, unless you received a Platinum Certificate, which will be presented at the Conference Annual Day on October 4.

Mark your calendars for **October 30th for Mission Study Day**. We will be making our plans for the program after Annual Day. It will be at **Guthrie Center** this year in the Northeast part of the district. We try to move our meetings around so that United Methodist Women from the whole district have a meeting near them once in a while. Blessings to you all.

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MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH COORDINATORS– Deb Volz



When our pastor would ask "How Is It with Your Soul?" I did not really know what he meant. This past week I attended Mission u; it was our spiritual growth study. All who attended were blessed with outstanding speakers and programs.

"How Is It with Your Soul?" is about prayer, learning, and mentoring.

Prayer is patience to listen with an open mind and heart. Do we pray? Do we listen with open hearts? accept?

Do we pray with ACTS?

- A - adoration expressing your praise for God
- C - confession of shortcomings
- T - thanking God for all
- S - sincere and humble requests known to God.

Learning is about learning the will of God. Are we learning? Do we spend time in the Bible in community with others? John Wesley encouraged us to read the Bible with others. He also shared that reading and discussing the Bible is "a spirit of

openness to dialogue," learning scripture with those who hold different views. He said, "I want to know one thing, the way to heaven."

Mentoring is making us faithful in all our contacts with our family, neighbors and community. Mentoring is intentional, hospitality and friendship. What better way to become, as the PURPOSE of UMW says, "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."

Are we aware that we are appointed by God to forgive and receive God's Grace?

Please plan to attend Fall Mission u October 17-19, 2014.

Deb

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►►► **Save the Date!**

SW District UMW Mission Study Day

Thursday, October 30!

Guthrie Center UMC: Registration 9:00, Studies 9:30 – 2:30

More info in Oct. 1 Airwaves

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEES – Margot Young, Chairperson

"Now in light of all that, Israel, what does God ask of you? Only this: to revere the Lord your God by walking in all his ways, by loving him, by serving the Lord your God with all your heart and being." Deuteronomy 10:12, Wesley Study Bible. At DOTE we were encouraged to have all local units get the United Methodist **Women Handbook for 2013 - 1216. Does your unit have yours?** We hope to see all of you at local officers training on Annual Day September 27 in Villisca. Have you completed your local ballot for 2015, ready for election in September or October? Remember to send your new officers to Judy Marnin by October 30. The Southwest District still needs a candidate for Vice-President. Pray about it, and call one of us! Thanks!

Margot

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Treasurers – Helen Pollock



Hello Treasurers,
Summer is flying by! I don't know about you, but the weeds are growing better than the flowers at my place. I wonder sometimes if my thoughts and habits are like those weeds – I try hard to direct my mind and heart in the ways of Jesus to become a beautiful bloom for Him. But there are times when my mouth speaks without thought or I “judge” someone based on appearance without knowing their circumstances. Those nasty weeds keep interfering with my pleasantness. If others are to see Jesus in me, they need to see flowers rather than weeds! Just as I spend time pulling weeds out of the flower beds in my yard, I spend time studying the Bible, doing devotions, praying for guidance – all the while hoping to become more like Jesus each day.

One of the most helpful events in my life lately was attending **Mission u** at Marshalltown. It was truly a wonderful experience and I strongly encourage you to attend in October or next summer. We have scholarships to help with the cost, so consider investing some time and effort to your soul's garden by going next time. In the meantime, happy blooming☺

Thanks to those of you who sent your pledge amount for 2015 to me. If you did not make the June 30 deadline, please

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just send me a note saying what your unit plans to pay in 2015 in the Pledge to Mission category. Some of you send me your entire budget (impressive) but all I really need is pledge amount. It will be payable any time in the calendar year of 2015. I sure hope to see you in September at our annual meeting! I'll be giving you a page that shows the receipts from your unit thus far in 2014 to make sure it agrees with your records. You have until the end of the calendar year to make payments so this is just a guideline / reminder / check to be sure I haven't made any major errors yet checkup.

Remember that to be a “5 Star Unit” you need to fulfill the top 5 lines of the Remittance Forms: Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, and World Thank Offering. At the Sept. meeting I will be giving certificates to the units who qualified for 2013. Other districts mail the certificates soon after the first of the year and list the receiving units in their newsletter so the award is more timely. What do you think? Would that be a good change for the Southwest District to consider? Let me know your opinion. I would love to hear from you. Thanks for all you do to help UMW be a world-improving organization of women who love Jesus.

Helen

Send me your 2015 pledge!

Social Action Coordinators – Betty Frazee

Many of us have just returned from Mission U in Marshalltown with a new study to share. “The Church and People with Disabilities” study certainly is an area we need to become more aware of. How is your church doing? Materials will be available **to help you audit your facilities** and we will be learning how to be more welcoming this year. My instructor had a severe hearing loss, and we easily made accommodations so everyone could participate fully in our classroom discussion.

Immigration is in the news daily, with Central American children arriving at the southern U.S. border. The church is there to keep them safe and cared for until decisions are made about their status. **Judy Kading**, our former conference social action coordinator, has gone to Texas to help in any way she can.

Human trafficking continues to be on our hearts and minds. There are many people who are working to end this activity locally and worldwide. The web has plentiful information on the subject for those wanting to know more.

Politics continues!! Attend those local meet and greet events. **Listen carefully to the candidates with an open mind.** Prayerfully make your decisions.

And remember to GO GREEN!! Stay aware of how we are using our natural resources.

Resources: Action Alerts -- www.umwmission.org

National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hot Line 888-373-7888

www.polarisproject.org; www.brakingtraffic.org; Iowa Religious Media Services in Des Moines for study materials. **FAITH,HOPE,and LOVE IN ACTION!!**

Betty

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**United Methodist Women
Conference Annual Meeting
October 4, 2014**

**Indianola First United Methodist Church
307 W. Ashland Avenue
Indianola, Iowa 50125**

If coming into town on Hwy 65-69, turn west onto Ashland Ave, go 4 blocks.

If coming into town on Hwy 92, turn north on B Street, go 2 blocks.

Guest speaker: Julie Taylor

Executive Secretary for Spiritual Growth, United Methodist Women

Silent auction with proceeds going to Iowa's 3 National Mission Institutes

Coffee and registration: 9 am

Meeting begins: 9:30 am

Choice between 5 breakouts after lunch

Closing worship: 2:30 pm

Lunch: \$7.00/person

Registrations due September 26, 2014

Send lunch reservations and money to: Pat Hicks

906 North C Street

Name of Unit: _____ Indianola, IA 50125

515-961-3902

Names of persons:

Number for lunch: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

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with all officers
and members!

Websites to remember: United Methodist Women: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org
Mission Resources: www.umwmissionresources.org or 800-305-9857
Iowa Conference site: iaumc.org/umw
UMW email messages—Register at umwonline.net to receive news from our national directors.

2014 Conference and SW District Events

September 27 District Annual Meeting, Villisca
October 4 Iowa Conference Annual Meeting,
Indianola (see enclosed flyer)
October 17 – 19 Fall Mission u, Marshalltown
Register now at
<http://www.iaumc.org/pages/detail/1717>
October 30 Mission Study Day, Guthrie Center
List of new officers due to Judy Marnin

2015 Conference and SW District Events

July 19 – 22 Summer Mission u, Marshalltown
September 17 SW District Annual Meeting
October 10 Conference Annual Meeting
October 16 – 18 Fall Mission u