

THE SIGNAL

FIVE RIVERS DISTRICT
 GREAT PLAINS CONFERENCE
 UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

2018 Calendar of Events

- April 1** **Deadline for METour Application**
- April 13** **Spring District Meeting Registration Deadline**
- April 16-20** **Midwest Mission Distribution Center Mission Trip
 Chatam, IL**
- April 21** **Spring District Meeting, Iola Calvary UMC, 9:30 a.m.
 Includes Officer Training
 District Executive Meeting to Follow**
- May 18-20** **UMW National Assembly, Columbus, OH**
- June 2-9** **METour to Southwestern United States**
- June 13-16** **Great Plains Annual Conference, Wichita, KS**
- June 29-30** **Summer Leadership Team Meeting, Hastings, NE**
- July 15-19** **Mission u, Salina, KS**
- July 27-29** **Mission u, Kearney, NE**
- Aug. 17-18** **Mission u, Topeka KS**
- Sept. 14-15** **Great Plains Conference UMW Annual Meeting
 Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, KS**
- Sept. 21** **Fall District Meeting, Paola UMC, 9:30 a.m.**

Spring 2018

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Looking Ahead

- March 26-29, 2020** **South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial
 Meeting, Little Rock, Arkansas**



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Nominations Acting

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Nominations

Committee

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Vacant

Big Sister/Little Sister List

Please call us for anything

Barbara Kruger:	Clearfield, Iola, Edgerton, and Wellsville
Carolyn Elder:	Ives Chapel, Lawrence First, Melvern, Richter, Plum Creek, and Osawatomic
Dorothy Miller:	Blue Mound, Parker, and Turkey Creek
Rogene McPherson:	West Liberty, Hiattville, Ft. Scott First, Hammond, Prescott, Fulton, and Pleasanton
Ruth Jansen:	Eudora, Ottawa Trinity, Welda, Princeton, and Richmond
Carol Shobe:	Mapleton, Uniontown, Vinland, Paola, and New Lancaster
Donna Grigsby:	Colony, Garnett, Humboldt, Elsmore, and Yates Center
Rachel Wegener:	Baldwin First, Lawrence Central, Lawrence Centenary, and Worden
Shirley Benjamin:	Gridley, Lyndon, Vassar, and Kincaid/Selma
Sarah Peters & Sheryl Reiter:	Beagle, Fontana, Lane, Mound City, Ottawa First, LaCygne

From our President

The calendar shows early February, and the groundhog so far has proved his prediction correct of six more weeks of winter – just ask the residents of the northeast! However, even with six more weeks of winter, I am starting to think of spring; our spring district meeting, that is. (I actually love winter!)

This year will be my last as your district president – the past three years have flown by! I have learned a lot, and made a lot of new friends! I have also traveled around Kansas and Nebraska to places I'd never been before, and visited many churches. I have really enjoyed the travel and meeting other district presidents from the conference and comparing ideas and suggestions. There are two conference leadership meetings – winter and summer. For the winter meeting, the district presidents and treasurers attend. In the summer meeting, several of the journey team leaders attend with the president and treasurer. The journey teams rotate every summer. Also, there is the UMW Annual Meeting in the fall. All of these meetings are Friday afternoon to Saturday noon. It is a very doable requirement. Car pooling is greatly encouraged!

On that subject...since my term ends on December 31, we will need someone to step up and take over this position. (It's really not that hard – I keep saying that, but it's true!) Our Nominations Team has several key positions to fill, and I know there are ladies in our district who are extremely capable of filling these officer positions. Maybe you just need a nudge, or invitation to step up and volunteer. Well, here is your nudge and invitation! Please listen to that tiny voice inside you that is telling you how capable you are, and that you can step out of your comfort zone to make United Methodist Women a better organization with you more involved!

You will not be thrown to the wolves with any district position! There are many people to help, mentor, and encourage you! Please don't think that just because you might not have held a similar position at the local level, doesn't mean you are not qualified for a district position. Remember, God does not call the qualified; God qualifies the called. I love this quote!

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President (Continued)

In other news, at the conference meeting in January, one district has challenged the rest of us to add new members. They call it '150 for 150th'. The United Methodist Women will celebrate their 150th anniversary in 2019, and we have all been challenged to get 150 new members (per District) by 2019! Start thinking outside the box for ways to invite new women to join UMW; new ways of holding meetings; new types of circles. (Circles don't always have to meet monthly at the church or a member's home...) I will be talking more about this at the spring meeting, but this gives you a chance to start thinking and talking.

I really hope to see all of you in Iola on April 21. Please consider carpooling—invite someone who hasn't attended recently, or ever, and let's fill the church that day! Peace and blessings to you,

Barbara A. Kruger
Five Rivers District President

Secretary

Greetings to all UMW secretaries! To those of you who are new to the position since January, congratulations and thanks for doing the job! When you read this note in the SPRING SIGNAL, we'll be looking for those spring bulbs to pop up. It's been a long, cold, and hopefully a cozy and comfortable winter for all of you.

In my job as secretary of our small local church, I've sometimes put off the job of writing the minutes until I have trouble deciphering my notes from the meeting. I've found the sooner I write, the easier it is to record accurately. After completing the job, I actually enjoy reading the minutes! I realize the importance of what we've accomplished in the meeting.

As we know, we celebrate the 150th year of the women's organization of the United Methodist Church, now our UMW, in 2019. Think of all the things that have been written down in the minutes of those meetings of the past! The history of our units is recorded on those yellowed pages! Wouldn't it be fun to select minutes from one of those past meetings and read it at our gatherings in 2019? Think about doing that!

I copied this sentence from a secretary training print out that was used in a UMW training session: "It has been said that secretaries are part of the written link for UMW, as you preserve the past, present the present, and project to the future".

Hope you can all attend the Five Rivers District Spring meeting on April 21, 2018 at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Iola. There will be officer training sessions at the meeting.

Dorothy Miller, Secretary
Five Rivers District UMW

Incoming Treasurer

Let me introduce myself as your new District Treasurer. My name is Donna Grigsby. My husband, Stan and I live in Iola. I have a BA in Finance and I am the treasurer of the National Grigsby Family Society, a 300-member organization. I have been the District E&I Coordinator for the past four years.

The first thing I would like to say is that each unit should have at least two persons who have signature authority on the checking account. This is usually the treasurer and the president. You may also want to add another person such as the secretary. This means that someone is available to sign a check in the absence of the treasurer.

By the time, you receive this newsletter, you should have received the new Remittance Forms. The main change to the form is the removal of pennies as they are no longer being listed separately. Your unit is encouraged to increase your pledge to mission by the amount you would give for pennies.

The Conference is also encouraging each unit to strive for either 5-Star or 7-Star giving. This is a great way to support the UMW Mission work.

The GP Conference has designated a rotating schedule for giving to National Mission Institutions (NMI). For 2018, the NMI designated for receiving Five Rivers District offerings is **The Big Garden** in Omaha, NE. This is not set in stone so if your unit prefers to give to one of the other NMIs, you may still do that.

When submitting your checks to the District Treasurer, please write them to "Five Rivers District UMW". They can also be written to "UMW, Great Plains Conference".

I look forward to meeting you at the District Training Spring meeting at Calvary UMC, Iola, April 21.

Blessings,

Donna Grigsby, Treasurer
PO Box 661, Iola, KS 66749
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Farwell from our Outgoing Treasurer

Wow, I cannot believe it is time for me to leave you.

I just want to say to each and everyone of you **THANK YOU** for the patience and kindness. It has been a pleasure being your district treasurer. I will miss you, but I pray for Peace and Blessings. Keep up your amazing work in your local units! Five Rivers District is the **BEST!**

Kim Mullins
Outgoing Treasurer

Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Spring is on the horizon and many of us are glad to say good bye to the cold. I hope that so far 2018 is starting off well for everyone. Even though many of us have not seen very much snow this year I would like to share this poem called "The Meaning of the Snowflake" by Holley Gerth.

Every new snowflake comes to the earth as a picture of our Savior's birth because they are sent from up above and remind us of God's care and love. Each one is so intricate and small because Christ sees the details of us all, and just as two are never the same the Lord knows and calls each by name. Snowflakes gently cover the world in white and hide what's unlovely from our sight, showing us how He covers our sin and gives us His grace when we come to Him. So may every snowflake bring Christ to mind and in every bit of white may you find a reason to celebrate anew and a reminder of His love for you.

I hope that many of your units are planning to have a UMW Sunday celebration so that you can share your accomplishments and events with the members of your churches. Hopefully that will spark interest and bring in new members. If I can help in any way please let me know.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Spring District Meeting on April 21, 2018 at Calvary UMC in Iola. There will be training and information available for those who are Spiritual Growth Coordinators for the local units. See you then.

Carol Shobe, Spiritual Growth Coordinator
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Great Plains Conference UMW Local Unit Mission Program “Every Unit a Mission Do Unit”

Each local unit is to fulfill the PURPOSE of the United Methodist Women. Each unit is to determine how to do this in their unit. The Great Plains Conference is using Journey Teams to identify the journey each United Methodist Woman and unit makes as we put Faith, Hope and Love in Action. Your unit’s programming for the year should have something from each of the Journey Teams as part of your program. By selecting the activities your unit will do, you will have participated in a Journey in Planning.

Below are some ideas to get you started thinking about the Journey; however, use your creativity to make the PURPOSE come alive for your unit. You are encouraged to try at least one thing you haven’t done before as well as continue ongoing mission work.

Put a check mark by the activity your unit completed. Use the blank lines for a one sentence report of something new that you tried.

Name of Unit: _____ District: Five Rivers

Name of person completing this form: _____

Address _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

REPORT IS DUE JANUARY 10, 2019 to: Shirley Benjamin, 2757 SW Maryland Rd., Garnett, KS 66032. Units will be recognized at the Spring District Meeting.

Journey in Faith – Activities might include the following:

- Use the Prayer Calendar to **pray** regularly for a Missionary/Church and Community Worker.
- Use a United Methodist Women’s resource to provide a devotion for each meeting.
- Have a program on one of the recent spiritual growth mission studies:
 - 2016 *The Bible & Human Sexuality – Claiming God’s Good Gift*
 - 2017 *Living As A Covenant Community*
 - 2018 *Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living*

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Journey in Action – Activities might include the following:

- Attend Legislative Event for Advocacy in Faith (LEAF)
- Become a Green Unit and implement one step.
- Study the difference between mercy and justice then do a justice activity.
- Have a program on one of the recent Social Action Studies:
 - 2016-2017 *Climate Justice – A Call to Hope and Action*
 - 2018 *What About Our Money*
- A focus on Maternal and Child Health is a new initiative of United Methodist Women. Do your women know that part of your Pledge to Mission goes to help improve Maternal and Child Health globally?

- Make **UMCOR Health Kits**

Journey in Giving – Activities might include the following:

- Sponsor a young woman for the METour, June 2-9, 2018.
- Adopt one of the three Great Plains Conference National Mission Institutions (NMIs) and give a designated financial gift to them each month—**Della C Lamb**, Kansas City, KS and **Epworth Village**, York, NE are paid through your District Treasurer. **The Big Garden**, Omaha is paid directly to them.
- Become a 5-Star Unit with contributions to Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition (\$40), Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and World Thank Offering;
- Or a 7-Star Unit with all the above plus Corsages for Mission (\$1 each), and Dedicated Light (\$45) given in memory or in honor of someone. *Both 5-Star & 7-Star are paid through District Treasurer.*
- Provide hats, scarves, mittens, and underwear to local schools.

Journey in Growth – Activities might include the following:

- Make a list of the women in your church who are not members of UMW and invite them to join you for a special program or mission activity such as making UMCOR kits.
- If you are a small unit, consider joining with a nearby unit to do some meetings or special activities together.
- Reach out to women in your community and welcome them to participate (women do not need to be United Methodists in order to participate).
- Participate in a Mission Do activity (volunteer your services for an NMI or other local agency).
- Invite a METour participant or staff to share about her experience.

Journey in Learning – Activities might include the following:

- At least one member complete a level in the UMW Reading Program.
- Regularly share information from Response magazine at meetings.
- Participate in the District UMW Meetings.
- Participate in the Great Plains Conference United Methodist Women’s Annual Meeting/Celebration.
- Participate in a District or Conference Mission u.



UMW PURPOSE

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.

Five Rivers District Spring Meeting



April 21, 2018

Calvary UMC

301 E Madison Avenue

Iola, KS 66749

(620) 365-2285

Welcome & Fellowship 9 a.m.

Meeting 9:30 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Officer training provided at this meeting.

Registration due by April 13, 2018

Registration Fee: \$5.00 (Covers Program Booklets, Church Usage Fees, Honorarium for Speaker and Musician)

Complete form below with check made payable to: Five Rivers District UMW (*in Memo: Spring District Meeting*)

Mail Bottom portion only to: Donna Grigsby, Treasurer, PO Box 661, Iola, KS 66749

Please designate someone in your unit to pick up all the name tags and Agenda packets.

Name of Local Unit: _____ **Contact Person:** _____

Print names of those attending:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Non-refundable Registrations at \$5.00 each x _____ = \$ _____

Child Care provided at NO charge. MUST BE REGISTERED.

Children's Names and age: _____



District Journey in Growth Leader 2017 UMW Census Report

The forms for reporting the 2017 UMW Census were sent out in mid-December either by e-mail or postal service to all local units.

Information was requested to be returned to me as District Journey in Growth Leader by mid-January, with a final deadline to be reported to the UMW National Census on-line report site by March 30, 2018. To date, I have received responses from only 12 of our local UMW units. Please submit your UMW local census information to me as soon as possible by e-mail at: ruthjansenz13@gmail.com or by postal mail to: Ottawa First United Methodist Church, 203 E Fourth Street, Ottawa, KS 66067.

Ruth Jansen
District Journey in Growth Leader
ruthjansenz13@gmail.com

Journey Giving & Learning Team Coordinator

I'm your new Journey Giving and Learning Team Coordinator, Shirley Benjamin, Garnett, Kansas. I'm looking forward to meeting you at the Five Rivers District Spring meeting.

Donna Grisby was so helpful in helping me with the duties as your E & I Coordinator.

Looking at the Mission Do forms, you sent in, you are doing a lot for missions. Good job. So glad you are using the Prayer Calendar and Response Magazine in your meetings. Some are participating in the Reading Program and doing different mission projects. We have so much we can share.

I hope to see you and get acquainted at the Spring District meeting.

Shirley Benjamin
Journey Giving & Learning Team Coordinator

Communications Coordinator

I look forward to seeing each of you at our Spring District meeting in Iola on April 21. Please make a point to attend and renew old friendships and have an opportunity to make new ones. There will be officer training at this District meeting. This is a chance for new officers to meet other UMW members doing the same job.

As I have said in prior newsletters, it's not too late to send me changes that have taken place in your units. Changes such as new members, deceased members, changes in addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses. If someone has access to e-mail who previously did not, I would like to know their e-mail address so those individuals can be kept up-to-date electronically.

Thank you and please don't hesitate to call me if you have questions, or if I can be of assistance to you in any way.

Rachel Wegener, Communications Coordinator
(785) 766-9598, drwegener@reagan.com

Social Action

As in all journeys of life, UMW challenges us to love Christ-like within the temptations of our imperfect humanity. I am reminded of this each time I look at a rescue dog I adopted. His name is Digger based upon just one of many reasons I yell "stop." His insistent desire to grab ahold of and hang on to one of my horses' tails caused me to fall and break a bone in my wrist. If I could, I would shake and scold. His charming face and my love for animals save him. Instead I must teach him new behaviors.

We all interact with people we could judge, but are then reminded how much Jesus loves us equally regardless how many times we misbehave. Within UMW, books, lessons, and agency presentations illustrate how our world is full of hard-to-love people, the "Diggers." As your newly appointed Social Action District Officer (recently retitled as Action), my invitation is to join the journey with all citizens of God's kingdom by praying, loving, and taking action.

At the next District meeting, look for the lady wearing a wrist brace or in the meantime, I welcome your emails, snail mail, or phone calls to:

Rogene McPherson
12921 Faucett Road
Centerville, KS
rkj.mcpherson65@yahoo.com or (913) 579-6379



FIVE RIVERS DISTRICT, UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
2018 BUDGET

PLEDGE TO CONFERENCE \$45,000.00

2018**A&MD
BUDGET**

Travel	\$1,200.00
Meal/Lodging	\$200.00
Postage	\$300.00
Printing/copies	\$250.00
Office supplies	\$300.00
Resources/lit	\$150.00
Signal	\$400.00
Signal Postage/labels	\$170.00
Dependent Care	\$50.00
Miscellaneous	\$450.00
Audit	\$200.00
Officer Recognition	\$100.00
Scholarships	\$300.00
2018 TOTAL BUDGET	\$4,070.00

FIVE RIVERS DISTRICT, UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Proposed 2019 BUDGET

PLEDGE TO CONFERENCE \$45,000.00

2019**A&MD
BUDGET**

Travel	\$950.00
Meal/Lodging	\$200.00
Postage	\$300.00
Printing/copies	\$250.00
Office supplies	\$350.00
Resources/lit	\$150.00
Signal	\$400.00
Signal Postage/labels	\$170.00
Dependent Care	\$50.00
Miscellaneous	\$450.00
Audit	\$200.00
Officer Recognition	\$300.00
Scholarships	\$300.00
Proposed 2019 TOTAL BUDGET	\$4,070.00

From the Vice President

Plans are really coming along for our Five Rivers District Spring Meeting on Saturday, April 21 at the Iola United Methodist Church. I encourage you to mark your calendar now because you won't want to miss it!

We will start with registration and refreshments at 9 a.m., with the meeting starting promptly at 9:30. I encourage you to arrive by 9 a.m. or shortly thereafter to allow time to check in at the registration table, enjoy some refreshments, visit, and check out the resource table.

Our Spring Meeting will include training of the local officers by the district executive team and for those who do not hold an office, there will be something special for all of you during that time.

There will be recognition for units attaining 5 & 7-Star Unit status, Reading Program Certificates awarded, and you will hear about events coming later in the year. We will also share Communion.

We need the names of those members of your units who will receive Dedicated Light recognition and those who passed away during 2017 because we will pay tribute to them during our time together.

Again, please mark your calendar and plan to join us for an uplifting, fun and informative morning together.

Blessings,

Carolyn Elder
Five Rivers District Vice President

Nominations

Hi! I am Sarah Peters, now Chair of Nominations. Many of you know me from the past, so help me out if at all possible. Right now I need a Chair of Program Resources and several Nominations people. As Barbara Kruger wrote in her article, she is through the end of the year as well as Vice-president, and several other positions. If we had some nominations people who knew people, were good at visiting with others, and willing to communicate well, it would help us out immensely. Right now it is Sherryl and I and we need all the HELP we can get. You have no idea until you become an officer how rewarding, challenging, and fun it all can be. If you know any past or present officers, take some time and visit with them. I know it's hard to take the first step-- pray, think, discuss and get with me if you possibly can. My phone home number is: (785) 835-6170 or Cell: (785) 418-4300.

Thank you,

Sarah Peters
Chair of Nominations

MISSION EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY

Would you enjoy a mission experience volunteering at Midwest Mission Distribution Center near Springfield, IL? Since 2004 Nebraska UMW Women have taken trips there in April and October. We donate, sew, pack, stain, count, prepare mailings, etc., and we bond in great spiritual growth and friendship!

We invite all Kansas and Nebraska women to secure a place for trips on April 16-20, 2018 or October 8-12, 2018. We travel there Monday and back home Friday with three great days of activity, fellowship, and service!

To secure your spot contact Teena Faubel by e-mail: tfaubel@yahoo.com, or by calling: (402) 423-7329 or (402) 217-3775.

UMW SUNDAY SERMON SUGGESTIONS

UMW Sunday Sermon suggestions:

1. Can have a special speaker from UMW (district or conference officer) to talk about UMW and its history.
2. It's suggested in the Ceremonies IV book that the Choral Reading "*Women of the Anointing, Crucifixion, and Resurrection*" be used. It can be found on page 84 of that book. Contact Jenelle Erb for a copy of this book.
3. Have several of your own members pick one of the mission projects or social issues that are dear to your local organization and speak about those issues.
4. Since we will be celebrating our 150th anniversary in 2019, it might be fun to put on a skit about the founding of UMW.
5. Use "*Dialogue with God*" a skit for 2-persons based on the Lord's Prayer.
6. If your church is musical and would enjoy an array of hymns to sing, pick a few that are near and dear to your congregation and tell the story of that hymn before each hymn.
7. There is a book "*Conduct Becoming a Woman*" that was in the reading program in 2005 and it has a lot of program ideas on the history of UMW.

If you would like to visit specifically about UMW Sunday ideas, please contact Carol Shobe directly her contact information is below. See insert for a suggested UMW Worship Service.

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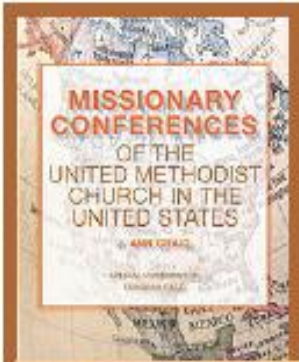
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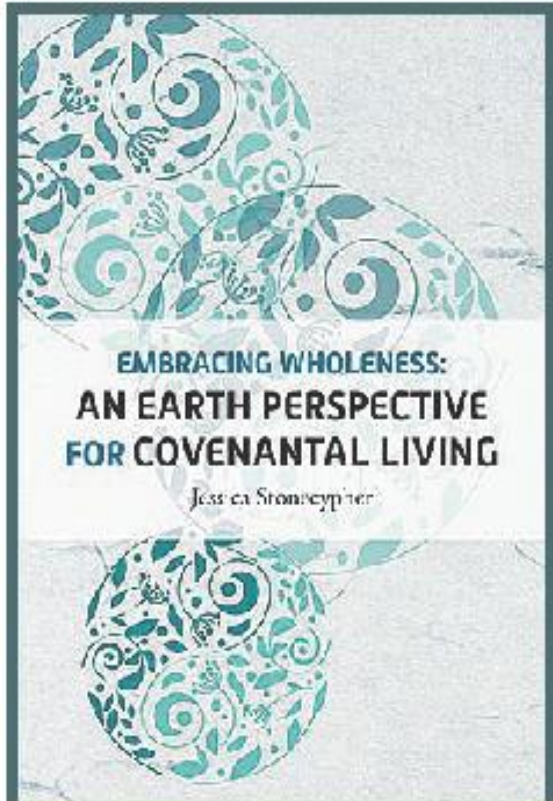
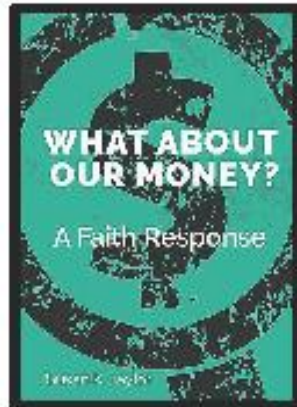
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SALINA
Weekday
July 15-19

Kansas Wesleyan Salina, KS

- “Embracing Wholeness” led by Rev. Bonnie McCord
- “Missionary Conferences” led by Harrietta Reynolds
- “What About Our Money?”
Adult Study Leaders: Carolyn May/DeLynn Hay
Youth Study Leaders: Connie Blanke/Dylan Reidel
Children’s Study Leaders: Alyssa Dees/TBA

KEARNEY
Weekend
July 27-29

Holiday Inn Convention Center Kearney, NE

- Adult programs only
- “Embracing Wholeness” led by Rev. Bonnie McCord
- Issue Study: “What About Our Money?” Leaders: Carolyn May/DeLynn Hay & Judith Dye
- Workshops

TOPEKA
Mini
August 17 & 18

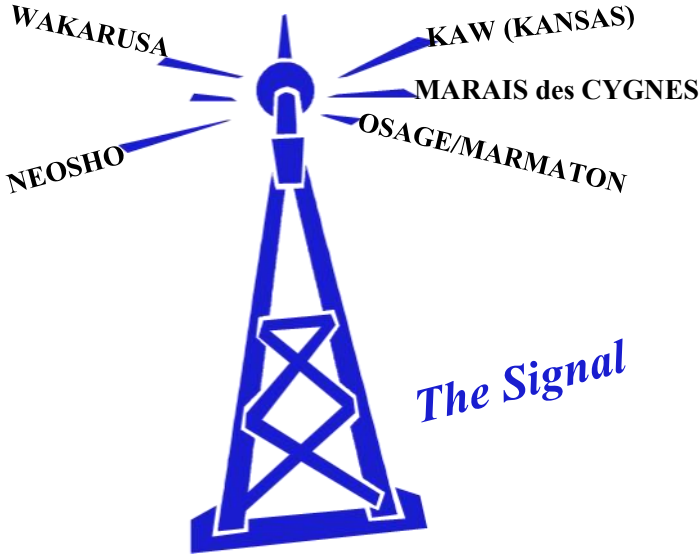
New Site

Countryside UMC 3221 SW Burlingame Rd. Topeka, KS

- Adult programs only
- “Embracing Wholeness” led by Rev. Bonnie McCord
- “What About Our Money?” led by Jeanette Grenz

For information and registration visit www.greatplainsumc.org/missionu

Five Rivers District UMW
Rachel Wegener, Communication Coordinator
4210 W 26th Terrace
Lawrence, KS 66047



UMW SUNDAY SUGGESTED WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome & Introduction of any Guests

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: It has been said, "God did not call us to succeed, God called us to serve. God did not call us to win. God called us to work."

People: It has been said, "God did not call us to love long, God called us to live for Him. God did not call us to be happy, God called us to be hopeful."

Leader: It has been said, "God did not call us to fame, God called us to faith, God did not call us to seek fame, God called us to seek peace."

People: We came together because "God called us not to loot the earth and each other, but to love our earth and each other."

ALL: We gather to praise God who first loved us so we CAN love each other!

(words by Marian Wright Edelman, "Guide My Feet", adapted)

Hymn: "What Gift Can We Bring", Hymn No. 87

Opening Prayer

Leader: God has shown us what is good.

People: We know what God requires of us.

Leader: God requires us to pursue justice.

People: Not just for ourselves but for the oppressed and the exploited everywhere, especially for those whom we ourselves may be exploiting or oppressing.

Leader: God requires us to show mercy.

People: Not just to the penitent, but to the unrepentant, the rebellious, the ornery.

Leader: God requires us to walk humbly with him.

People: Indicted by his justice, sustained only by his mercy.

Leader: God has shown us what is good.

People: O Lord, help us to pursue justice, to show mercy and to walk humbly with you, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Litany on Mission = Purpose of UMW

Leader: We are a community of women.

ALL: Gathered from East and West, South and North.

Leader: We are a community of women.

ALL: Suffering for Christ and rising with Christ. We are a community of women who are inheritors for our Foremothers' vision and dreams.

Leader: We are a community of women.

ALL: We are the fruits of the labors of many, a legacy of mission and the seedbed for future mission. We are a community of women in mission NOW.

Leader: Our PURPOSE is to know God.

ALL: To know God with all our heart, mind, strength of will.

Leader: Yes, our PURPOSE is to know God.

ALL: To know God as a God of Love, a God of Mission, a God of Justice, a God of Peace, and a God of all creation.

Leader: Our PURPOSE is to "experience" freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ.

ALL: Our PURPOSE is to experience freedom as Christ offers it, Freedom to cross barriers and build bridges between diverse groups.

Leader: Our PURPOSE is to experience "freedom" as whole persons through Jesus Christ.

ALL: We who are made in God's image are bearers of freedom.

Leader: Our PURPOSE is to experience freedom as "whole persons" through Jesus Christ.

ALL: We are God's mission letter to the world sent in Jesus' name. We are called to minister with the Samaritan Woman of the World, the overlooked and ignored of the world, and the strangers in our midst. We become whole in our unity with Christ and the marginalized.

UMW SUNDAY SUGGESTED WORSHIP SERVICE (Continued)

Leader: Our PURPOSE is to experience freedom as whole persons “through Jesus Christ.”

ALL: The Church has one foundation in Jesus Christ. Our redemptive freedom includes working with women from other denominations. Freedom can be experienced in our dialogue with people of other faiths. All the world is God’s home. All are God’s children.

Leader: We are here to develop a creative supportive fellowship.

ALL: We will share each others joys and sorrows, bear the burden of one another, feed the hungry, bind the wounds, and create space for each other.

Leader: We are here to expand concepts of mission.

ALL: We are sending community. We are receiving community. We send missionaries. We receive missionaries. We are a community of mutuality in mission.

Leader: We participate in global ministries of the church.

ALL: There is no “we” and “they” in Christ. We are all one in Christ. There is no “domestic” or “foreign” mission. There is one Global mission—God’s mission.

Leader: We explain concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

ALL: We minister with women, children, and youth. We are all participants; we are all receivers. Mission is reciprocal. As we empower others, we are empowered in Christ. We have received freely and we give freely of ourselves.

Leader: We are the organized unit of the United Methodist Women.

Prayer of Illumination: “Concerning the Scriptures”, Hymn No. 602

Psalter: Psalm 15, Hymn No. 747

Children’s Sermon

Special Music: “Be Thou My Vision”, Hymn No. 451

Glory Sighting/Hope Encounters

Prayers for the People:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear Our Prayer

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving: **Almighty God, of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into living sacrifice to you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Doxology: “Praise Go, from Whom All Blessings Flow”, Hymn No.94

Closing Hymn: “Many Gifts, One Spirit”, Hymn No. 114

Benediction

Leader: Live each day aware of God’s presence.

People: Live in the power of the risen Christ,

Leader: Live in joy to the ever present Spirit.

People: As a beloved child of God, live without fear.

Leader: Live abundantly. Live faithfully. Live.

People: Amen—Go in Peace