



JUNE 2011

Mission Voice

*of the MO Conference
United Methodist Women*

Inside This Issue

Mabel's Muse	2
Hands On Mission	2
Nominations	2
CSOCM Info	3
CSOCM Registration Form	4-5
Mission in Action	6
Human Trafficking	6
Walk for Mission	6
Meet your Teachers	6-7
Program Resources	8
Annual Meeting	8
Membership, Nurture and Outreach	8

The Mission Voice is a bi-monthly publication of the MO Conference UMW. The paper subscription rate is \$5 for the year. To update your address or to subscribe, contact Katie Willis, Editor at:

1568 Highway J
Wright City, MO 63390
(636)745-2272
mrskatiebugs78@centurylink.net

Visit online at:
www.moumethodist.org/umw

Cooperative School of Christian Mission

July 28-31

Fayette, MO

All Things Made New

Excitement is in the air! The School is coming, the School is coming!!

The Missouri Cooperative School of Christian Mission is right around the corner. The four day Mission School, which includes the three day Mission Event, will be held at Central Methodist University in Fayette, July 28th – July 31, 2011. The Conference UMW and the Creative Ministries Team are looking forward to sharing with you the fruits of our many months of planning. Under the overall theme, “All Things Made New”, the three mission studies will be led by top notch Study Leaders, who are pictured and profiled elsewhere in this issue. All adult and youth participants will enroll in the spiritual growth study, “Coming out on the Side of Grace: Forgiveness and Reconciliation”. Expect to be informed, moved, and touched in special ways. Forgiving from a distance is sometimes easy.

But in reconciliation, as modeled by Jesus Christ, we are called to extend to others in relationship with us the grace that God has so freely given us.

The second study will be a choice between the repeat study, “Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity” and the new geographical study, “Haiti”, with its glimpses into the heart and soul of Haiti’s people. The mission study for children ages 6 - 12, “Krik, Krak: The Story of Haiti”, will introduce the students to Haiti and Haitians as fellow children of God, and will reinforce that only when we work and live together as true neighbors can we create the just world that Jesus envisioned.

Our excellent music team, song leader Sara

Keith, and pianist Dorothy Heyward, will provide a variety of music for our enjoyment. And of course, the choir is naturally fantastic as it is made up of volunteer participants. Look for scheduled practice times at registration. The schedule will also let participants know when and where for viewing audio visuals and for browsing and purchasing in the new program resources location. And don’t forget to visit the Meditation Room and also the labyrinth.

For Hands on Mission, we will be sewing again this year. Also this year, there will be a Mission Fair with an opportunity to meet persons in mission in Missouri, and to learn more about the work of some of our mission agencies. An offering will be collected during the CMT and UMW Mission Update on Saturday. This offering is a shared giving opportunity, and will be given to help with various Missions. Ribbon corsages will also be available both at registration and at other times near the dining area.

What’s new this year? An Internet Café, reminiscent of last year’s Assembly, will be conducted by conference technical advisor, Terri Mayeaux, who oversees and maintains the conference UMW website. The Internet Café promises to provide an opportunity for hesitant (and experienced) internet users to navigate the computer technology for information contained on the UMW and Mission School web sites. If you would like to check your e-mail while at school, then please find out how to access your email from outside your home. Sign up sheets will be available at registration.

For two years at Mission School, we have enjoyed liturgical dance performances by Brenda Smith-Keene at either plenary or vespers. This year, you are invited to participate in a praise dance workshop led by Brenda for anyone interested in learning this beautiful worship form. As always, the meals served in the Student Union cafeteria will be plentiful, with a variety of choices.



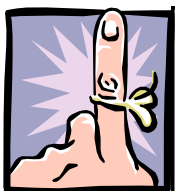
Special dietary needs should be noted on your registration form, including gluten free. All meal times will be indicated on the school schedule,

Registration

Each adult, youth or child participant must have an individual registration form completed and submitted by July 15, 2011. To prepare for adequate child care for babies and children younger than school age, the parent is asked to provide information regarding child care needs on his/her registration. Payment must be submitted with the registration unless other payment arrangements have been notated by the registrar and business manager of the School. Arrangements may include award recipients or others persons responsible for the fees of participants. A late fee will be assessed for the missed deadline, and should be included with the payment. Additionally, please list your roommate(s), or one will be provided for you.

There will be youth to help with luggage at your dorms upon your arrival and departure. The tips they receive will be used to support their mission efforts. During the School, golf carts will be available for participants with limited walking or other mobility concerns. Due to limited first floor dorm rooms, persons with special needs may need to be placed with a roommate with similar needs. Maximum effort will be made to meet any special requests.

Keep in mind that, although air conditioned, this is a college campus. You will need to bring your own twin sized sheets, pillow, blanket if needed, towels, washcloths and toiletries. In some of the dorms, showers are down the hall, so you might include slippers and a bathrobe. Youth and children will have an opportunity to go swimming, so pack a swim suit for them. Casual dress for participants is appropriate at all times.



Don't Forget!

CSOCM July 28-31
June 10 Deadline: Mission Voice Articles
September 23-24 Annual Meeting

Mabel's Muse ~Mabel Unser

Graduations are almost over. Summer is fast approaching. God is good all the time!

Here in Bridgeton and the surrounding communities many lives have been disrupted. Homes have been destroyed or damaged and homes that were surrounded by beautiful large old trees no longer have there shade and comfort. But, for us in this area. no one was killed or seriously hurt. Praise be to God!

Summer is fast approaching and Cooperative School of Missions will be here before we know it. I hope that many of you will be a part of this great learning experience. The fellowship, worship, hands on mission work, meditation time are all part of our time spent together. (OK I forgot the FOOD) July 28-30 Put it on your calendar and come!

May God Bless each of you as you continue your work with the United Methodist Women.

PS September 23-24 1ST UMC Blue Springs, be there.

Nominations ~Chris Hopkins

Got talent! You've got skills!

What are you doing with them? The Missouri Conference wants You!

Fill out a Talent Bank, give to one of the "Red Bandana Ladies" (or mail to chairman) while at School.

Help fill the book so the Nominating Committee can "know about you".

By serving you can grow and expand friendships meet new colleagues and help the Conference make some meaningful and important choices in our Mission to Women, Youth and Children.

HANDS ON MISSION

Hospital gown sewing donations needed:

- Fabric for the gowns and shorts
Lightweight cotton, T-shirt Fabric)
- White or blue thread
- Scissors
- Rotary mat and rotary cutter
- Straight pins
- Seam ripper
- Extra sewing machine needles
- Iron and ironing board
- 1/2 inch wide Elastic
- Bias tape
- Sewing Machines



**Help Haiti
via UMCOR
by bringing materials
to Fayette to make
Hospital Gowns and Shorts**

**If you cannot donate items then
come help us sew them**

**See program book at School of
Mission for times.**

Important Info on Cooperative School of Christian Mission

Schools of Christian Mission and Mission Education Events provide a primary setting for mission education, spiritual growth, study of current issues, social action and general leadership development. You asked about the makeup of the committee for the Missouri Cooperative School of Christian Mission. Here's information about the team, beginning with the elected officers.

Dean – Sally Holston represents UMW, chairs the committee, and is responsible for various administration functions, including recruiting and inviting Study Leaders, resource persons and guests. She serves as the link between the School Committee and the Study Leaders, as well as Central Methodist University.

Co-Assistant Deans - Franklin Walker and Nancy Mountain represent the Creative Ministries Team (CMT), and chair the program committee, which includes plenary, worship and other program. They are also responsible for overseeing creation and printing of the program book.

Business Manager - Chris Hopkins is the School's finance person. Her duties involve maintaining a bank account, receiving and disbursing funds, preparing detailed reports, and assuring that we stay within the approved budget.

Registrar – Linda Mealy has responsibility for all aspects of the registration process. She prepares, distributes and receives registration materials. Her duties also include assigning sleeping rooms and classrooms, as well as lots of recordkeeping.

Assistant Registrars – Paula Ackerson and Terri Mayeaux complete the registrar team and work closely with the registrar in the many duties. Other functions include name tags, signs, information desk and posters, recruitment and assignment of many needed registration and hospitality volunteers – you name it, they get it done.

Program Resources – Linda Page is responsible for the Literature Room, orders all necessary materials according to the policies and procedures of the Women's Division and the Mission Resource Center. She has charge

of sales and inventory in the Literature Room and the creation of displays.

Secretary – Kathy Rolen takes minutes of all committee meetings, keeps the official record of committee decisions, and handles all general correspondence.

Committee on Nominations Chairperson – Franklin Walker, who chairs the Creative Ministries Team, currently serves as Nominations chairperson. Due to his recent election as co-Assistant Dean, a new Nominating Committee chair will soon be elected to lead the School's nomination and election process.

The Cooperative School of Mission Committee is indeed a working committee, with responsibilities assumed by all members. Core persons representing UMW are:

President – Mabel Unser, Mission Update and a plenary chair

Vice President – Paula Ackerson, Asst. Registrar, child care volunteer

Secretary – Kathy Rolen, Golf Cart Coordinator

Treasurer – Carolyn Celestine, Regional School Representative,

offering, other financial matters of the School that relate to UMW

Social Action – Rachel Bachenberg, Audio Visuals Coordinator

Education and Interpretation – Gail Davis, Morning Watch, Vespers

Spiritual Growth – Shari Scott, Meditation Room(s), Communion

Membership Nurture & Outreach – Alexis Robinson, Orientation

Program Resources - Linda Page, Literature Room

Communications Coordinator - Publicity

CON Chairperson – Chris Hopkins, Business Manager, Youth Study

Leader



Missouri Cooperative School of Christian Mission

Central Methodist University, Fayette, Missouri

July 28 – July 31, 2011

“All Things Made New”

Adult Registration – 4 Day July 28 – July 31, 2011

Bible Study: Coming Out on the Side of Grace:
Forgiveness & Reconciliation

Please choose (✓) one:

- Haiti
- Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity

Fees per person (3 nights with 9 meals and registration)

Before 7/1/11 \$185.00 \$ _____
 After 7/1/11 \$210.00 \$ _____

Wednesday Night (by approval only)
 7/27/11 \$30.00 \$ _____ (no meal)

Commuter Fees Per Person (9 meals and registration)

Before 7/1/11 \$125.00 \$ _____
 After 7/1/11 \$150.00 \$ _____

Total Due: \$ _____ Total Sent: \$ _____

Child Care (Ages 0-5)

Age beginning Sept. 2011 _____
 4 Day: \$22.50 _____ 3-Day: \$15.00 _____

Youth/Child Registration – 4 Day July 28 – July 31, 2011

Child (Kindergarten – 6th Grade)
 Youth (7th Grade – 12th Grade)
 Beginning in Sept. 2011 Age: _____ Grade: _____

Fees per Youth /Child
Youth and Child fees are the same.
(3 nights with 9 meals and registration)

Before 7/1/11 \$140.00 \$ _____
 After 7/1/11 \$165.00 \$ _____

Commuter Fees per Youth (9 meals and registration)

Before 7/1/11 \$80.00 \$ _____
 After 7/1/11 \$105.00 \$ _____

Total Cost \$ _____ Total Sent \$ _____

Adult Registration – 3 Day July 29 - July 31, 2011

Bible Study: Coming Out on the Side of Grace:
Forgiveness & Reconciliation

Please choose (✓) one:

- Haiti
- Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity

Fees per person (2 nights with 6 meals and registration)

Before 7/1/11 \$150.00 \$ _____
 After 7/1/11 \$175.00 \$ _____

Commuter Fees Per Person (6 meals and registration)

Before 7/1/11 \$110.00 \$ _____
 After 7/1/11 \$135.00 \$ _____

Total Due: \$ _____ Total Sent: \$ _____

**Parents/Grandparents with 3 or more children/
 grandchildren (18 years and under) are eligible for a 20%
 discount on the cost for the children/grandchildren.**

Youth/Child Registration – 3 Day July 29 – July 31, 2011

Child (Kindergarten – 6th Grade)
 Youth (7th Grade – 12th Grade)
 Beginning in Sept. 2011 Age: _____ Grade: _____

Fees per Youth /Child
Youth and Child fees are the same.
(2 nights with 6 meals and registration)

Before 7/1/11 \$105.00 \$ _____
 After 7/1/11 \$130.00 \$ _____

Commuter Fees per Youth (6 meals and registration)

Before 7/1/11 \$65.00 \$ _____
 After 7/1/11 \$90.00 \$ _____

Total Cost \$ _____ Total Sent \$ _____

Send One Registration Per Person To:

Linda Mealy, Registrar, 6037 Winding Rd., Fulton, MO 65251

For information call: 573/642-1054 or email: lmealy@ktis.net

Registrations deadlines:Registration must be postmarked by July 1 to avoid late fees.No registrations will be accepted, unless postmarked on or before July 9.**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MISSOURI CSOCM**

NOTE: Payment must accompany registration. Unless full payment is enclosed, any deductions need a full explanation with the name, address and phone of the source of payment for the balance.

**No refunds after July 13, 2011.
Substitutions are allowed if the same gender.
Adult for adult or youth for youth.**

Personal Information – Each Registrant Must Complete

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home() _____ Cell: () _____

Email: _____

Local Church: _____ District: _____

() Female () Male () Clergy () Attending 1st Time

Roommate(s): _____

Special Needs: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Youth & Children – Additional

Emergency Contact #1: _____

Phone: _____

Emergency Contact #2: _____

Phone: _____

Guardian or Sponsor Attending: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Each youth sponsor must be Conference Safe Sanctuary certified. Males must have a male sponsor, females must have a female sponsor. Exceptions are made when the youth sponsor is an immediate family member.

MISSION IN ACTIONVOLUNTEERS IN MISSION AT Della Lamb Community Services

We all seem to think Volunteers in Mission Activities will take us far away from our homes, to other states and other countries, but Mission Trips can be arranged at the five Designated United Methodist Missions, right here in Missouri. Great Mission experiences are only a few hours away.

Recently, a group of ten women, from Kansas West Conference, spent four days at Della Lamb Community Services in Kansas City. The group visited all five sites of the mission, and worked a total of 22 hours, tutoring adults, helping teachers, and wrapping Christmas packages. They also attended a Mission Fair and Women's Day at St. James UMC.

Other activities included a trip to Kansas City's Farmers' Market. The group stayed at North Cross United Methodist Church.

Contact Nancy K. Kincaid (nkincaid@dellalamb.org) for information about planning your own Mission Trip.

Human Trafficking ~Rachel Bachenberg

Thank you for all who attended the Spiritual Retreat at the Rickman Center in Jefferson City. I know that the even was very educational in the avenue of Human Trafficking. We hope you can join us to learn more about Human Trafficking at Kansas City and St. Louis in August. Please see the next edition of Mission Voice for more information.

Walk for Mission

Please make sure to turn in your unit's Walk for Mission form into Carolyn Celestine as soon as possible. If you need the form please see the website.

Presenting the Study Leaders: ~Sally Holston, Dean

Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Rev. Kevyn Amos is an Ordained Elder in the Missouri Annual Conference and the Pastor of Saint Andrew United Methodist Church in Kansas City, Missouri. Kevyn has served the Missouri Conference in many ways and is a very familiar face to all of us. He was a Study Leader for Restorative Justice in 2002 and Exodus in 2003.



Nominations. Lynda was a study leader for **Joy to the world** in 2010 and is looking forward to sharing this year's spiritual growth study.



Rev. M. Diane Nunnelee a 1980 graduate of St. Paul School of Theology, served United Methodist rural, small town and urban congregations in mid- and western Missouri as well as being campus minister at SW Missouri State University (now Mo State). Accompanied by her husband, Rev. Donald Schomacker (ret.) she lived and worked in two townships outside of Cape Town South Africa with indigenous pastors during the time of the Truth and Reconciliation process.



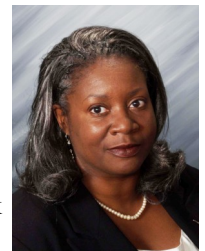
Rev. Peggy Eshelman is a licensed local pastor at Windsor UMC in the Heartland South District. Peggy is a long time advocate for the School of Christian Mission and has led several studies on a variety of issues, including two years as a Study Leader in the Children's School. She also has a passion for the Legislative Event and has been a small group presenter and keynote speaker.

Rev. Bruce Jeffries is an ordained elder in the Missouri Conference, currently serving the Rock Port/Watson Charge in the Pony Express District. Bruce has organized and participated on VIM Teams in Jamaica, Jayuya, Puerto Rico, Pitorreal, Mexico, Tahlaquah, OK, and in New Orleans, LA. This will be the fourth time that he has taught at the School of Missions.



Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity:

Dr. Faye Abram is a full-time professor with Saint Louis University School of Social Work since 1993, teaches graduate and undergraduate diversity, community practice, and international social work courses. She is excited that this study presents an opportunity to bring together her academic interest in international social work and mission with her UMW commitment to mission service. Faye has been a study leader at several School of Missions.



Lynda Moore Walker Lynda Moore Walker is a retired school librarian and an active member of St. James United Methodist Church in Kansas City. She has been avidly pursuing mission activities for years through United Methodist Women. Lynda presently is a member of the MO Conference Committee on



Rev. Joyce Holley is an ordained Elder, Joyce has served churches in El Paso, TX, Grant City, Warrensburg, Oak Grove, Kansas City, Excelsior Springs and Higginsville, Missouri. Joyce began a new ministry in 2004 with Church World Service as Assistant Regional Director serving in the Great Plains Region. This is Joyce's third year teaching at the MO School of Christian Mission and she feels honored to be part of this year's School and is looking forward to teaching the three day session on Joy to the World.

Haiti:



Jeff Baker has been with the Office of Creative Ministries since June 2008. He currently coordinates disaster response within Missouri and across the United States. He is the Volunteer in Mission coordinator for Missouri projects and the hunger relief advocate for the Society of St. Andrew. Jeff has been on several VIM trips to Haiti and is currently traveling the state promoting the Hydraid® Bio Sand water filtering system so homes in Haiti can have safe drinking water.

Rev. Jeannette Bragg is pasturing her old home church at Koshkonong MO and also the church in Couch, MO. Prior to preaching she was active in United Methodist Women holding several offices. Her favorite times were Dean of School of Mission and Chair of Legislative Event. Jeannette has been a study leader at eight different schools and will lead the study on Haiti.



Rev. Dr. Nora Jones is appointed to Samaritan United Methodist Church in St. Louis, Missouri, where she serves as the lead servant. She serves on the District Committee of Ordained ministry, the Superintendence and the conference Social Justice Committee and volunteers in St Louis Public School District. In September, 2010, she led the first Missouri United Methodist Team to Haiti for ten days.

Richard Vreeland is a life-long United Methodist layman who has used his training as a Certified Public Accountant in full time service to the church since becoming a United Methodist missionary in 1959. He served in India from 1960-1974. He has previously taught at School of Mission, and is also a valuable member of the School Committee representing the Creative Ministries Team.



Dr. Rhonda Chalfant currently teaches part time at State Fair Community College in Sedalia, teaching American Diversity, Children's Literature, and American History. She is local unit and Heartland South District Social Action Coordinator. Her proudest moment was when she was called a "dangerous activist" by a local radio talk show host.

Chris Hopkins is not only teaching our youth but she serves as the Missouri Cooperative School of Christian Mission Business Manager. She is also the Chairman of the Conference Committee on Nominations. She has held several positions in the Stockton UMW Unit served on the Lakes District level as well as a past MO Conference Officer. Mission and Education are passions for Chris and she is excited about this year's



study on Reconciliation and Forgiveness.

Donna Ford is president of the Southwest District UMW. She has also served the District as secretary for four years and Coordinator for Education and Interpretation for two years. Donna teaches the upper elementary Sunday school class at Wheaton UMC, as well as being the leader of "God's Kids" children's group on Wednesday nights. Donna taught the youth last year and is looking forward to being with the youth again this year.

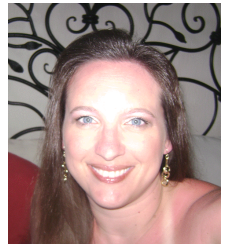


Children



Pati Tynes is excited to be co-leading the children this year with Kim Markley. She has worked with the children/youth for the last four years. Pati is continuing in the United Methodist Candidacy Program and is currently awaiting an Appointment as a Local Licensed Pastor. She loves Cooperative School of Missions and says she feels at home on the Central Methodist University campus.

Kim Markley currently serves as the youth director for Harmony United Methodist Church in Charlack, Missouri, and also serves on the Board of Trustees. It was an excited year for me, in the fall I made a career move, and began my employment with State Farm Bank along with watching the youth group at Harmony double in size. She is looking forward to returning as a children's leader.



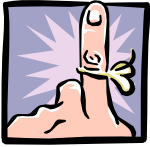
Music Leaders



Sara Keith is returning this year as song leader. She Director of Choirs and teaches Elementary Music at Bunker R-3 School District. She loves to sing, play the flute and piano. She recently received a Master Degree in Music from UM in Columbia.

Dorothy Heyward our pianist is retired as a Reading Specialist from the St. Louis Public School System. Presently, she is serving as co-director of the choir at Samaritan UMC and was also Assistant director of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. choir.





Get Your Books:
~Linda Page

Don't forget to visit the Program Resources room during the Cooperative School of Christian Mission! That's where you buy the study books you need for your classes, Reading Program books, Gift to Mission Cards, World Thank Offering boxes and many more items to help with your unit's programming. We'll be in a new location located behind the registration area. Make it your first stop after registration.

PEACE IS A MANY
COLORED THING

The Annual Meeting for the MO Conference United Methodist Women will be held September 24, 2011. We will be meeting at The First United Methodist Church of Blue Springs. We will be learning about how we as followers of Christ can create and build peace around us. Please join us for fun and fellowship. The next edition of the Mission Voice will have more information about hotels for those traveling long distances and the registration form. If you have any questions please call any member of the Executive team or watch for more info on-line.

New Information for UMW
~Alexis Robinson

Woman in Mission of the Year 2011

Reminder: Complete your selection and send to your District Mission coordinator for Membership, Nurture and Outreach. Check your District for deadline.

District Mission Coordinators, please send your selections to me:
Alexis Robinson, 8719 Santa Bella Drive, Hazelwood, MO 63042
Telephone: 314-521-7891 e-mail: alwi-rob@yahoo.com

Available Now:
The Mission Resource Center has a New Member Kit for \$5.00 and a New Unit Kit for \$10.00. See the website or contact Linda Page, Program Resources to order yours today.

Return Service Requested

Katie Willis, Editor
1568 Highway J
Wright City, MO 63390