

Regional School Pictures in Abilene, Texas



Harriet Jane Olsen speaking on Changes to Women's Division!

Awesome Music!



Here is the awesome Missouri Conference UMW team!

Here is are School Dean, Sally Holston, praise dancing.



Meet the Nominees for the 2011-2012 MO Conference UMW Mission Team!

President: Mabel Unser is the mother of two children, Beth Lesemann and John Unser. She is proud of the five grandchildren her daughter and son provided her.

She is active in her local church, Arlington UMC in Bridgeton, Missouri. She has served as Chair of the Pastor Parish Committee, Administrative Council Chair and as delegate to Annual Conference. She enjoys singing in the choir and playing the hand bells. Participating in mission trips with the youth and adults has been important to her.

Through the years she has been active in UMW serving many offices in her local unit. She has been secretary and treasurer of the District. She has served both as Social Action Coordinator and Spiritual Growth Coordinator for the Missouri Conference.

Other activities she has participated in include attending the National Seminar for UMW at Scarrett-Bennett in Nashville and going as a sponsor to Chicago for the National Gathering of Teen and College Women in 2000. She also has served on the Regional Mission School Committee and on the Conference Mission School Committee. She has served eight years on the Legislative Event committee, with two of those years leading as chairperson. During her tenure as Social Action Coordinator she attended the Legislative Briefings in Washington, DC two years.

In March of 2008 she planned the worship services for the South Central Jurisdiction UMW Quadrennial Meeting in Albuquerque, NM.

As can be perceived from her list of activities, keeping active in the life of the church and United Methodist Women is important to her.

Secretary: Kathy Rolan has been an active member of the UMW for over 40 years. She is currently serving as secretary. She is also very involved with Church of the Shepherd and holds the secretary/treasurer for the local unit. Prior to moving to the Gateway Regional area, she was active in the "Old St. Louis North District" where she held positions as Social Action Chairperson and Secretary of Program Resources. She also held local positions as. Kathy retired from State Farm Insurance and has been married to Ray, who is a scientist for Boeing. They are members of Church of the Shepherd in St. Peters. They have one son, Sean, and daughter-in-law, Brandy, and three grandchildren, Jessica, Christian and Kristina, who live in Overland, MO.

Social Action Coordinator: Theresa Dixon is an active member of St. James UMW local unit for over 20 years, She has held every position except President. In 1998-1999 and 2004-2005, She held the position as District Treasurer in Kansas City Central District. When she attended the National Seminar in 1999, it sparked her interest in Social Action.

She has been a widow since 2003, but has two children and 4 grandchildren and retired from City of Kansas City in 2006.

Her interests include travel, exercise, reading and volunteer work.

Communications: Katie Willis is 33 years old and has been married to Robert for 10 years. They have no two legged children, just canine and feline children. She graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a degree in Biology in 2000. She is currently attending school to become a Certified Veterinary Technician. Katie is a Veterinary Technician for St. Charles County Animal Control and has been for 11 years.

She is an active member of Church of the Shepherd in St. Peters. She is currently helping lead the local unit with Kathy Rolen. She has been active since 2001 in the local unit. Then became a Gateway Regional District officer back in 2006 as the Communications Coordinator. She became the Communications Coordinator for MO Conference in 2009. She also enjoys scrapbooking, quilting and reading "anything I can get my hands on".

Spiritual Grow Coordinator: Ruth A. Pirch grew up on a dairy farm near Lee's Summit, MO. She attained her BS and MS degrees from the University of Missouri.

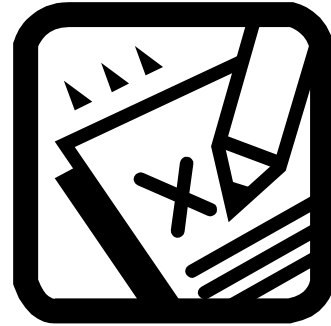
Her professional career of about 40 years was spent with the University of Missouri Extension Service as a Home Economist and Child and Family Development Specialist.

She has been married to George, a retired teacher and coach for 45 years. She has two daughters and four grandchildren.

Following her retirement; a United Methodist Women-friend suggested her name as a possible District Spiritual Growth nominee. That began her journey as a Spiritual Growth Coordinator, having served in that capacity in two Districts.

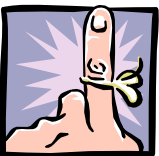
She is currently serving her local unit, Oak Grove UMC as president. She has served in several offices of her local unit as well.

Committee on Nominatons: Verlee Gilkerson is married to Donald Gilkerson and has two adult children and has two grandchildren. She holds a Global Information Systems Certificate and currently is a professional Volunteer. Her interests include history and dogs. In her spare time she likes to knit, hike, travel camp, read and dance. She also is an avid fan of Facebook and other computer uses. She lives in Kearney, MO and member of Kearney First UMC. She is in the Heartland North District where she is currently on the committee on Nominations. She has held several positions at the local as well as district level. She has been a communications coordinator for Heartland North as well.



Committee on Nominations: Nancy Mountain retired as a Personnel Management Specialist for the US Air Force in 1995. Since that time she has been very active in her local church as well as other work within the Missouri Conference.

As Lay Leader in her local church she served on several committees as well as leading worship and other small groups. She has filled most of the offices in her local United Methodist Women Group, serving as President more than once. At the District Level, she served as UMW President, Vice President and Spiritual Growth Coordinator. She has filled a seat on the Heartland South District Council for the last 8 years. She was a leader at a District Retreat and taught at a Mission Study event. She has been a Member-at-Large of the Missouri Annual Conference for the past 9 years. At the Conference Level, she served on the Global Connections Team, 4 years, and then on the Creative Ministries Team. She has been Registrar, Dean, and Assistant Dean of the Cooperative School of Christian Mission. She is Conference Certified Lay Speaker.



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Sept 10 Deadline: Mission Voice Articles
Sept 24 Annual Meeting