

# On A Wing & A Prayer

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**Purpose of United Methodist Women**

The organized unit of the 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.

## 2019 Mission Team



The 2019 Gateway Regional District Mission Team gathered at the October district meeting in Poplar Bluff.

**Front Row:** Nancy Driscoll, Sylvia Dollins, Pam, Betty Knapp, Teri Brecht, Margaret Bay, Dixie Stone, Kathy Rolan, Marilyn Bieber

**Back Row:** Margaret Bullock, Pat Hillin, Patsy Skelton

**Not pictured:** Nancy Driscoll, Barbara Viitanen, Clifdel Dowler, Joy Gianformaggio, Sally Krueger, Diana Rogers, Joan Boemer-Hohimer, Sally Parker

**Gateway Regional District** completed their pledge and other mission giving for 2018. Total Giving was \$27,929.50!

**5-Star Units:**

- Belrade
- Farmington – Memoria
- Festus First
- Forstell – Shiloh
- Hermann
- House Springs –

Transformation  
 Libertyville  
 O’Fallon – Cornerstone  
 Park Hills

St. Charles – Faith  
 St. Charles – First  
 Troy – St. Stephen  
 Wentzville

We have 15 active units and all 15 completed their pledge.

I appreciate and thank all local unit treasurers and members of each unit who gave and supported United Methodist Women for 2018. May God richly bless your giving.

Pam Church  
 Gateway Regional District Treasurer Report 2018

*“Read books from 2014-2019 reading lists. Request a complete book list from Teri Brecht, UMW Reading Coordinator [tebrecht@yahoo.com](mailto:tebrecht@yahoo.com) Or go to the UMW site and locate each year’s book list.”*



Teri Brecht, 2018 Woman of the Year in Missouri for Gateway Regional District & Betty Knapp, Membership, Nurture & Outreach Coordinator

## UMW Reading Program

**Purpose:**

- ~to expand understanding of God’s mission.
- ~to increase sensitivity of all humans – their needs, interests, and concerns.
- ~to encourage critical thinking about issues of today.
- ~to grow in understanding of the Scripture as it relates to the Christian faith in contemporary life.
- ~to enhance knowledge.
- ~to strengthen involvement in local and

global missions.

By December 30, send your list of titles read to Teri Brecht, UMW Reading Coordinator. Certificates earned will be presented at the District’s Annual Lenten Prayer Breakfast.

- Plan 1-Five books-one from each of the 5 different categories.
- Plan 2-Ten books-two

from each category, includes youth books. Plan 3-Fifteen books-two from each category, plus five Plan 4-Twenty books-two from each category, plus ten.

ALL Plans-Read *Response* magazine. Youth and Children’s books included.

Happy Reading!  
Teri Brecht  
[tebrecht@yahoo.com](mailto:tebrecht@yahoo.com)

## Gateway Regional District Prayer Breakfast

March 9, 2019

To register, please call or email

Foristell – Shiloh UMC

Marilyn Bieber

8:45am – 12:00noon

314-616-3814

[biebermarilyn@yahoo.com](mailto:biebermarilyn@yahoo.com)

Program:

150 Years of UMW

District Methodist Women

Prayer – Christiane Batjer

Pastor Foristell – Shiloh UMC

The registration price for Prayer Breakfast is \$8 per person.

## 2019 CALENDAR of EVENTS

Please mark your calendars with the following dates.

MARCH 9, Prayer Breakfast, Foristell-Shiloh

MARCH 15-16, Conference Mission Team Meeting at Columbia, MO

APRIL 5-6, Spiritual Growth Retreat – Community, Columbia

JUNE 7-9 Church Annual Conference, Springfield

JULY 26-28 MISSION U

AUG 9-10 Conference Mission Team Meeting, Columbia

AUG 17 Mini Mission U, TBD

SEPT 27-28 Conference Annual Mission at Community UMC, Columbia

OCT 12 Gateway Regional Annual Meeting, First UMC in St. Charles

## On A Wing & A Prayer – Submitting

Articles for A Wing & A Prayer may be submitted according to the schedule below:

March 10<sup>th</sup> – Article Due  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> – PUBLISHED

June 10<sup>th</sup> – Article Due  
June 15<sup>th</sup> – PUBLISHED

August 20<sup>th</sup> – Article Due  
Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> - PUBLISHED

Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> – Article Duer  
Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> - PUBLICATION

Please send articles as an attachment or typed into the body of the email. I will be happy to help with the edit process, should you require writing assistance.

Sally Krueger, Communications  
[SallyThatWho@Gmail.com](mailto:SallyThatWho@Gmail.com)  
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## The Gateway Regional District Meeting

The Gateway Regional District meeting was held at the Farmington Memorial Methodist Church on October 13, 2018.

Due to family members and members being ill, several members were absent. Meeting was enjoyed by all that were in attendance. Prayer for opening was by Sylvia Dollins. Welcome

was given by Barbara Vittanen, local president, and Scott Hall, pastor of the church. In the absence of President, Diana Rogers, Margaret Bullock VP called the meeting to order.

Patsey Skeleton presented the list of officers and held the election. Installation of

Officers was by Pati Robertson-pastor of the Desloge and Esther UMC. It was a very enjoyable service.

Followed by Worship and the Pledge Service.

Break for Silent Action and Gathering and Lunch. Lunch was provided by Barb Vittanen and some of her kitchen crew. Great meal.

## 2018 Census and MyUMW

All units must complete the information for the Census 2018 (one per unit). This information is used to assist the Conference and District leadership in succession planning at the unit level. The

“myUMW is designed for the individual person and to be completed by **new members only**.

If you completed this information for the Census 2017 you do not need to complete again.

Thanks, Pat Hillin



First Timers in Potosi with Margaret Bay

**Contact Pat Hillin with any questions about how to complete the census or sign up new members.**

**Gateway Regional  
District United  
Methodist Women**



**A Message from Madam President**

I try to read the devotional from The Upper Room everyday as part of my moments with God. I was struck by the article on January 10<sup>th</sup> entitled, "Restore with Love". The story relays a tribal custom observed by people in northern Natal in South Africa. When a member of their tribe does something wrong or detrimental to others, that person is taken to the center of the village and surrounded by fellow tribesmen. That does seem a bit menacing. However, their intent is not to ridicule or punish the offender but to uplift the person by pointing out all the good things that he or she has accomplished. Their emphasis is on the positive not the negative. This method is a peaceful and gentle way to restoration and forgiveness.

As United Methodist Women, who turn Faith, Hope, and Love into Action, we embody the spirit of positivity. Our Social Action Initiatives helps us to focus on particular areas of concern and distress and offer hope to those in need. Our learning, our prayers and our financial gifts are avenues to turn the negative into a positive. Who knows how many lives have been restored by our positive contributions.

Looking for the good, recognizing the good, praising the good, does the heart good!

Diana Rogers - President

**Dear United Methodist Women**

I wish you a very Happy New Year!!

As we enter this New Year, it is the time for new beginnings

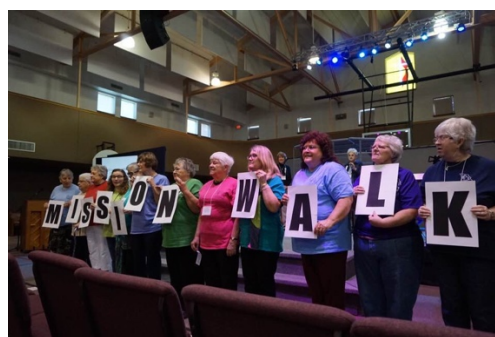
My proposed 2019 resolution for each of us is to be more open, accepting, and caring to all you meet so that you may perfect Christ's love in your daily life. Remember, anyone can find the *dirt* on someone,

but you can be the one who finds the *Gold*.

Have a blessed 2019 filled with His love, peace, and joy. Stay in God's Word and in daily prayer so God can stay close to yo.

Love in Christ,

Sylvia Dollins,  
Spiritual Growth



Mission Walk participants