

Voice of the Heartland September, 2022



United
Women
in Faith



President's Greeting

Hello Fall and to a new UWF District, NORTHWEST!

Our joint meeting with Heartland and the old Northwest is Saturday, November 5, 2022, at St. James UMC South Campus. The address is 9420 James A Reed Rd, KCMO. There are no steps and plenty of parking. This building is shared with St. James UMC and is the building of St. Luke's UMC.

Registration begins at 8:30 am. Then we will gather at 9:15 am with the meeting to start at 9:30 am. We hope to see our members and new members at this joint gathering. It will be a time of celebration!

I need for each one of you to read the new Standing Rules in this newsletter as well as the slate of officers and the minutes of the last meeting. They must be presented 30 days before so they can be voted on at the November 5th meeting.

This is a time of change for us as well as for the season! How wonderful is this...very symbolic to be changing right now. The trees will be beautiful!

I hope you will read this newsletter as it has much information for all to read and use. Unit Presidents, please pass this newsletter on to your members. We want all to know that they are welcomed and needed in our organization, United Women in Faith. We hope to see you on November 5!

Blessings upon all,

Jana Miller

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Vice President's View

Ladies,

I want to begin by saying ALOHA. Aloha is a Hawaiian word used when greeting or parting with someone. It is used in love and fellowship. This time is truly a beginning and an end. My time as your Vice-President is coming to an end, just as our time as part of the Heartland District is coming to an end. As you look toward the future as part of the New NW District, please know that it has been my great honor to serve as your Heartland District UWF Vice-President. As this year's meeting will be my last to help plan, I am working to make it a memorable one.

Please join us for our 2022 UWF Fall District Meeting. This will be our first gathering as part of the New NW District UWF and the last meeting for the Heartland District. Mark your calendars for November 5th, 2022, as you do not want to miss this event.

In addition to meeting the new faces of the (old) NW District UWF, we will be celebrating all things Cuban. Simply by attending, you will meet the #1 criteria for The Mai Gray Charter for Racial Justice, which in part, asks us to celebrate diversity by recreating elements of cultural festivities at local events. We have so much in store and cannot wait to transport you to Cuba.

Our featured speaker is Pastor Freddy Tames. He grew up in Holguin, Cuba and eventually migrated to Independence, MO. You may have read about him in the April 2022 issue of THE MISSOURI METHODISTS magazine. His daughter's photo is on the cover of that issue. The article, outlining Freddy's journey, is titled TO INDEPENDENCE, FROM CUBA. If you would like to learn more, the article can be found online. Pastor Freddy leads a Spanish language congregation that meets at Christ UMC, in Independence, MO. He will be joined by his family for our program. This is an opportunity to become culturally enriched, while also being filled spiritually. Pastor Freddy's message is titled THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL and I have no doubt that his testimony will be powerful.

A quote from THE MISSOURI METHODISTS magazine article states, "Freddy and his family are so joyful." This is the atmosphere we are planning to create for our Fall Meeting. It will be a joyful celebration of Pastor Freddy, his family, the culture of Cuba, and a new path forward for United Women in Faith. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Aloha,
Holly Urie
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Treasurer's Talley

As we start the final quarter of the year, a lot of things come to mind. We will be a new district next year and our name has changed, however in some ways it stays the same. This my last year as district treasurer and I have enjoyed the last six years getting to everyone.

Our pledge for this year was \$30,000. So far, I have sent \$27,280 in pledges and \$3,749.35 in the other channels of giving to the conference.

This year it is very important that our deadlines are kept. I need to receive all remittances by December 15th so I can get all my reports to the conference shortly after the new year. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Peace and blessings,
Georgia Phillips
District Treasurer
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Nomination Committee

Members of Northwest District Nominating Committee, it is that time of year when we are identifying our new officers and coordinators for positions. It is a blessing to find women so willing to work for our organization when they are approached by one of us as Chair or a member of the Nominating Committee and asked to take on a specific position. The slate of officers for 2023 is shown below.

To help each of you with your identification and selection, a blank talent form is attached. All women are encouraged to apply. It would be great if every member filled out one of these forms. You are encouraged to identify yourself and/or others for positions. Identifying women for positions is an ongoing responsibility for the Nominating Committee. These women may come from within your local units or within your local communities (That is correct. . .you may choose women who are not in the UMC to serve in any position but President of the District or Conference).

The goal of the Nominating Committee is to complete our slate with women devoted to serving other women, children, and youth around the world. Thanks to everyone for your help.

Gratefully,
Vivian Sasser
Nominations Chairperson
Vivian_sasser@yahoo.com
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Northwest District Officers for 2023

President – Jana Miller

Vice President – Jennifer Harman

Secretary (acting) – Wanda Steele

Treasurer – Patricia Franks

Spiritual Growth Coordinator – Kathy Lassiter

Social Action Coordinator – Linda Jones

Membership Nurture & Outreach – Nancy Kincaid

Education & Interpretation – Theresa Thomas

Secretary Program Resources – Nancy Cochran

Communications – Sue Elissawy

Ribbon Corsage Chairperson – Dawn Starling

Nominations Chairperson – Vivian Sasser

Nominating Class of 2023 – Vivian Sasser & Dana Pearis

Nominating Class of 2024 – India Ewing & Cheryl McKinnis

Nominating Class of 2025 – Nancy Cochran & Fran Curry

Nominating Class of 2026 – Debra Cunningham & Kathryn Smith

Historians – Raimonda Davis & Debra Cunningham

**United Women in Faith
Northwest District
Talen Bank Information for Prospective Leadership**

Type or Print

DATE _____

NAME _____ EMAIL _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ (H) _____ (C) _____

LOCAL CHURCH/UNIT _____

EMPLOYMENT STATUS FULL TIME _____ PART TIME _____ RETIRED _____ -

NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT _____

ABILITY TO BE AWAY FROM HOME: FULL DAY DURING THE WEEK _____

WEEKEND _____ EXTENDED LENGTH OF TIME _____

EXPERIENCE: In United Women in Faith (or in any of the predecessor groups, e.g. UMW, Women's Society of Christian Service, Women's Society of World Service, Wesleyan Service Guild) in any District or Conference

LOCAL: (Office(s) held, number of years, dates, name(s) of church(s))

DISTRICT: Office(s) held, number of years, dates, name(s) of District(s)

CONFERENCE: Office(s) held, number of years, dates, name(s) of Conference(s)

TALENT BANK (continued)

OTHER UNITED METHODIST, ECUMENICAL, OR COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE:

AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST AND CONCERN:

CONSIDER MY NAME FOR :

ANY POSITION AS A DISTRICT OFFICER – PREFER _____

ANY POSITION AS A CONFERENCE OFFICER – PREFER _____

NOT THIS YEAR, BUT PLEASE KEEP MY NAME ON FILE AND CONTACT ME

---- NEXT YEAR OR INDICATE WHEN _____

PERSON SUBMITTING INFORMATION: _____

PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM TO : VIVIAN SASSER

16908 E 36TH ST S

INDEPENDENCE, MO 64055

PHONE: (816)373-4772

EMAIL: Vivian_sasser@yahoo.com

Spiritual Growth

I hope this newsletter finds everyone healthy physically, mentally, and spiritually. I look forward to seeing everyone at the November 5 Fall District meeting.

Don't forget to use the Daily Prayer Guide at each general meeting of the unit. The guide has many devotional features. Each week has these components: Daily lectionary readings, mid-week prayers, featured projects, weekly reflections, and weekly advocacy days. The Daily Prayer Guide will help the local unit understand and appreciate the Biblical and theological basis for our mission and ministries with women, children, and youth.

Peace and Blessings to all,
Kathy Lassiter
Spiritual Growth Coordinator
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Membership Nurture and Outreach

The Fall District Read was held on Saturday, October 1 at Christ United Methodist Church in Independence. A group of 13 women came together to discuss and review the book, Women Rise Up by Katey Zeh. Jane Campbell led the discussion about the various women in the Bible who provided examples and encouragement for women today. For those who attended and are doing a Reading Plan, this book counts as one book in the category of Social Action. If you were not able to attend this event, be sure to look forward to the Spring District Read as these are very interesting events.

Nancy Cochran
Acting Coordinator,
Membership Nurture and Outreach
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Education and Interpretation

Below you will find the Mission Today Criteria Report 2022. Please take the time to review it and see what criteria your Unit have completed so far.

Missouri Conference United Women In Faith Mission Today

PURPOSE OF PROMOTING THE MISSION TODAY

The Missouri Conference and its District organizations are asked by United Women in Faith National Office to encourage every Unit to become a "Mission Today" Unit.

- To encourage use of mission resources throughout the organization;
- To increase contact between units and mission personnel and mission projects, thus helping units understand where their money goes;
- To expand concepts of mission including social justice as mission; and
- To energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action.

GOALS: The Missouri Conference has chosen the 34 items listed below as criteria for a MISSION TODAY UNIT. A local Unit may be recognized at one of these five levels:

FAITH ten (10) items including four (4) marked with an asterisk (*).

HOPE fifteen (15) items including four (4) marked with an asterisk (*).

LOVE twenty (20) items including five (5) marked with an asterisk (*).

JOY units who made and paid their Pledge (criteria #4).

PEACE units who participated in Mission Today and turned in their report.

The listing includes officers who might make as their goal the support and encouragement of those items listed under their office.

Yours in Christ,
Theresa Thomas
Education and Interpretation Coordinator
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Social Action

Hello Ladies!

I attended the Annual Meeting and was so happy to see one hundred plus United Women in Faith. We had several first time attendees and some brand new members. It was inspirational as well informational.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall District Meeting.

Blessings,
Linda Jones
Social Action Coordinator
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Communications

It's that time of year to begin preparing the forms that need to be sent in to the District as end of year is quickly approaching. One of the most important forms to send in is your listing of Unit Officers for the upcoming year. You need to send these forms to the new secretary, Wanda Steele, at steele.wanda@gmail.com and to me, Sue Elissawy at madison902@att.net. If Wanda doesn't get this information timely, the District Directory will be delayed. If I don't get it, your officers will not receive the newsletters. Thanks for your assistance in this!!

Sue Elissawy
Communications
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**Heartland United Women in Faith
Fall District Meeting
Saturday, November 5, 2022
St. James UMC, South Campus
9420 James A. Reed Road, KCMO**

Registration starting at 8:30 A.M.

Gathering at 9:15 A.M

Meeting Begins at 9:30 A.M. We are looking forward to seeing you! Dismiss around 2 P.M.

An ingathering will be taken for Cornerstones of Care (formerly Spofford). They need Child sized winter coats, adult sized coats, gloves and mittens, toys for children of all ages, baby & toddler items, kitchen & household items, bath and body items, gift cards to Walmart, Target and restaurants.

Our offering will go to InterServ, located in St. Joseph, MO for their programs of Child Development, Youth Services, Adult Educations, Senior Services, Emergency Assistance, Food Pantry, and ESL.

Heartland UWF Fall District Meeting Registration Form
The Registration Fee is **\$12.00 per person** which includes Lunch

Please mail this completed registration form along with registration fee to:

**Nancy Kincaid, 3935 N Briarcliff Rd, KCMO 64116, (816) 863-3914,
Briarkin@aol.com**

**Make Checks payable to:
Heartland UMW**

**Deadline for Registration:
Wednesday, November 2nd**

This Meeting will also be available on Zoom

**If you wish to use this format, please email the information below to
Sue Elissawy, madison902@att.net.**

A Zoom invitation will be sent to you closer to the time of the meeting.

Your Name	
Your Church Affiliation	
Your Phone Number	
Your Email Address	

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Editor's note – our next *newsletter article submission deadline* is **September 15, 2022**. Please submit your articles and address changes/additions to madison902@att.net