



Pictured Rocks District United Methodist Women Newsletter October 2021



Linking Hands Together As United Methodist Women

[MESSAGE FROM YOUR OUT-GOING PRESIDENT: Becky Ullom](#)

Greetings All!

Today I write a bittersweet Farewell. I only realized a couple of weeks ago that I am completing 20 years of service on the District board. I remember my very first meeting in Mason City. I had no idea what I was getting into. I had no idea what I would be doing or how I would do it. But I felt God was sending me so I went. I had been involved in UMW since I was 20 years old. But I knew nothing about the district board. What did they do? Why did they do it? And where? I soon realized it was a very important part of our Methodist heritage and the United Methodist Women of Iowa. Although I was born and raised in Iowa I would soon learn that Iowa was full of small town hospitality. Living on a major highway the past 50 years I knew very little about communities that existed out in the countryside with little more than homes and churches. Farming and distant industries keep these little villages alive. I have been welcomed to so many beautiful small and large churches by wonderful, God serving women. It took some time to get used to traveling to new places but thankfully I served during this new era of GPS! I found my way easily. I also traveled with some great passengers over the years. But the best part of my experience are the many new friends I made in so many places with so many wonderful stories to share. We have worked together with open hearts, open minds and open arms. We have prayed together, served together, studied together, led together, sang together, laughed together and even cried together. But, of course, as Methodists, we have also EATEN together and swapped recipes. It has been so memorable in so many ways.

Sadly, in the last couple of years, I have had to be the one asking for special prayers for my family. And those prayers brought us through. My daughter is cancer free and my husband still enjoys his life the best he can with some of his respiratory and heart issues. I believe it is prayer that keeps him going everyday. So I thank you all for your prayers and encourage you to continue to pray for others in need. I will continue to pray for you, your loved ones and the new Pictured Rocks District United Methodist Woman's' District Executive Committee. With God All Things are Possible! Even Zoom Meetings!



God loves you, I love you. And I thank you, Good and Faithful Servants!

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The following is the new 2022 schedule for the Pictured Rocks District. Dates and Locations for Day Apart and Mission Study Day are TBA and will be decided at the first 2022 meeting.

2022 Pictured Rocks District Program Planning Calendar

January 11	Human Trafficking Awareness Day
January 27	Advocacy Day, Des Moines
January 28	Leadership Team and Mission U Study meetings, Iowa UMC Conference Center, Des Moines
February	
March 4	World Day of Prayer
March 8	International Bell Ringing for Women's Rights
March 23	153 rd Anniversary of United Methodist Women
March 26	Leadership Team, Finance, and Mission U meetings, Iowa UMC Conference Center, Des Moines
April 2	Laity Day with Bishop Laurie Haller
May 1	May Friendship Day, CWU
May 20-22	UMW Assembly, Orlando, Florida
June 3-5	Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church
July 15-17	Summer Mission U
August 20	Leadership Team, Finance and Mission U meetings, Iowa UMC Conference Center, Des Moines
Sept 2	Human Relations Day, CWU
Sept	Central District Annual Meeting

Sept 24	Pictured Rocks Annual Meeting-West Union, Iowa
Oct 1	Iowa Conference Annual Meeting-Ogden, Iowa
Oct 14-16	Fall Mission U
Nov	District Officer Training Event (DOTE) TBD
Nov 6	World Community Day, CWU
Nov 12	Leadership Team Meeting Iowa UMC Conference Center, Des Moines

Events without dates will be determined and included in the appropriate newsletter.

MESSAGE FROM VICE-PRESIDENT BARB SHEPLEY:

Hope you have been enjoying these beautiful fall days. And now this wonderful rain to nourish the earth is a blessing. Hope the farmers can just take a deep breath and know they'll be back in those fields real soon.

I wanted to report a little about the District Annual Meeting, held via Zoom on September 18. The district officers all met, in person, at the Cedar Falls United Methodist Church for the meeting. We hope many of you were able to tune in to join us. It's amazing we have the technology to have an alternate way to "gather". It was disappointing that we all couldn't be together in person, but wanted to do all we could to keep folks safe at this time.

The video the conference commissioned by the group, "Friends of the Groom", was very well done. Their title of "Me and You and Us and Them" really gave us a brief guide to biblical justice and insight into this year's theme of Ignited for Justice. Plans are underway to make the video available to local units for use as a program and discussion. Please watch for information on how to access the link, hopefully in the near future.

We honored outgoing officers and installed new district officers for 2022. Awards for Five Star Units, Mission Today and Reading Program were also announced.

So keep up the good work you are doing in this trying time and plan to join us on September 24, 2022, in West Union at the next Pictured Rocks District Annual Meeting.

Blessings, Barb Shepley, District Vice President, brshepley@q.com

MESSAGE FROM OUT-GOING SECRETARY KAREN PAGE:

It is with mixed emotions that I retire from the office of secretary of this UMW district office. Thanks to all those women who gave me this opportunity to serve UMW.

I am thankful for Evelyn Dailey who has taken on the position of secretary. I am happy to have some extra time for other interests. And I am sad to leave the leadership team. Our meetings were always interesting and enjoyable. Any time we have opportunity to give of our time and energy, we always receive things in return. I have met so many wonderful women in the Northeast District and from the new (to our district) units around Cedar Rapids that I can now call my friends.

Some projects that will take up my time are quilting, especially making those “Cover Me with Love” quilts that we send to Midwest Mission in Illinois; making items for the “DAYS FOR GIRLS” project, and leading our local Hearts and Hands group in mission projects. I plan to keep traveling to visit grand children in Minnesota, Colorado and South Carolina. And there is a new great Granddaughter to visit who I have not yet met. Thanks for the friendships and for the memories. Karen Page, Secretary 319-230-7200, kp224@cfu.net

MESSAGE FROM YOUR 2022 DISTRICT SECRETARY EVELYN DAILEY:

As I try to realize what accepting and being installed as your new secretary involves, I am excited to get to know the other district officers better.

Although I graduated from Simpson College nearly 50 years ago with a double major in Mathematics and Spanish education, I never taught full time. Instead, I did some substitute teaching and did accounting for six years with a company whose owner had owned an accounting firm. The next 39 years I worked for John Deere dealerships, most recently P&K Midwest at the Waverly site. I utilized my education by tutoring many students over the years, first with HS math and later a multitude of subjects all the way down to kindergarten reading. I have worked with our local Girl Scouts for the last 26 years first as a leader and then as their Service Unit Manager for the last 17 years.

I have three step children, two in Iowa and one in California, and one daughter in Cedar Falls. Some of you have met her (Crystal Wilken), who is a nurse practitioner in Waterloo. She and her husband Heath have two beautiful daughters (couldn't be that I'm prejudiced), seven-year-old Lillian and four-year-old Amelia.

This year has been quite emotional for me. After my husband Tom was in a vehicle accident last December and tested positive for Covid, he passed away in January from complications from the Covid. In May, as I had planned, I retired. So now I'm adjusting to a “new” life on our acreage with Tom's daschund Doc II and learning to do so many new things. I love spending time outdoors, which is a blessing with all that needs to be done to maintain the acreage!

Hopefully next May, Crystal and I will be traveling to England and France (a trip that was postponed from 2020 to 2021 to 2022) with two of my siblings and my 100-year-old dad who was stationed in England during WWII.

I am looking forward to having meetings in person again, spending more time with family and friends, and meeting more UMW ladies in our new district.

Blessings,

Evelyn Dailey, Secretary 641-330-7281 daileyevelyn@gmail.com 2511 290th St, Greene, IA 50636

MESSAGE FROM YOUR TREASURER KRISTIN STEWART:

Fall Greetings!

Thank you to all who have pledged. As of September 30 we have reached \$43,536.00 toward our Mission Giving Pledge of \$55,000 for 2021; leaving \$11,464.00 remaining to pledge by Dec. 10. To any units who have extra money at the end of 2021: your extra money would be appreciated to help with our Mission Giving Pledge. You can report the money on the Remittance Form under Mission Giving: Pledge Other – Line 3 - Misc. Pledge.

Unit giving: Continue to submit the following if you have not done so yet: \$1/unit for magazine fund. \$1.00/member for Bidwell Riverside, Hawthorn Hill and Shesler Hall and Mission u.

REMINDER: To be a 5 Star giving unit, you must give in the following categories: Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and World Thank Offering. Please refer to your 2021 Treasurer's Reference Calendar to see what is due.

2022 Treasurer's Forms: Updated forms will now be sent to you by email or mail (to those who don't have an email). These will be coming to you in November.

NOTE: SMR Certificates: Since National no longer prints the SMR Certificates, I will be including a template when I send out 2022 forms, that you can use to print your own. If you are not able to do this, please let me know.

TREASURER TRAINING: I will be holding two Zoom Training Sessions for any current/new treasurer's wanting to participate. Wednesday, November 3 @ 10:30 am, and Wednesday, November 10 @ 1:00 pm. Please let me know which date you want to sign up for. I will email the Zoom link out the day before meeting to those who sign up.

ALL MONIES FOR 2021 SHOULD BE SENT TO ME BY DECEMBER 10TH! Any money received after that date will be deposited in January, 2022.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

God Bless!

Kristin Stewart

Pictured Rocks Dist. Treasurer

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PROGRAM RESOURCES SECRETARY:

Hello from Program Resource. There were some changes made to the reading program this past year. One was that you have two years to complete a reading plan so if you didn't finish a plan or started books but didn't have enough finished to move up to the next level you can carry them over if you didn't report them as read for a plan for this year. Second there are now movies included on the reading list and Faith Talks are also included. The 2021-2022 reading program catalog can be found at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogramcatalog2021>.

Something that I have wanted to do is to get a library catalog online so you can see what Pictured Rocks District has available for you to check out. I created a catalog of books available for me to send to you at prumw.libib.com. When you go to the catalog you will see "libraries" for each of the five categories. When you click on a "library" you will see screenshots of the books we have available to check out. Right now, the free version of this website doesn't give you a synopsis of what the book is about or show you which years reading list it is from. If you see the book, it means that you can *call, email or text* me which book you want sent to you and I will get it mailed out to you. Because there isn't a way to check out books in this version, I will remove books from the library when I send them to you and then relist them when I get them back from you in the mail. Hopefully we will once again be able to meet in person where you will be able to check out books and take them home with you. In the meantime, I think this will be a good way for you to continue to borrow books from the district library. I just received ten new books from the 2022 list and have added them to the catalog so go check out what is available! My contact information is: Barbara J Collins, 210 W Traer St, Greene, Iowa 50636, Cell 641-330-9388 brab4@yahoo.com

Each of the following people will be receiving a bookmark in recognition of the level they completed in the near future. I will be sending it to the President of each of your units.

Pictured Rocks UMW Reading Program Report for 2021

Plan 4 Read two books from each of the five categories plus ten more from any category.

Irene Visser	St Paul, Cedar Rapids	Karen Havrah	Christ, Toledo
Carolyn Anderson	Christ, Toledo		
Lois Shindoll	Marion		

Plan 3 Read two books from each of the five categories plus five more from any category.

Barb Oakland	St. Paul, Cedar Rapids	Andrea Dammen	Osage
Pat Jacobson	St. Paul, Cedar Rapids	Penny Morse	Osage
Evelyn Dailey	Greene		
Jane Richmond	Grace, Lamont		

Plan 2 Read two books from each of the five categories.

Crystal Wilken	Cedar Falls First, Cedar Falls		
Becky Holstrom	St. Paul, Cedar Rapids	Elaine Bliss	Grace, Lamont
Kate Buroker	St. Paul, Cedar Rapids	Dorothy Higdon	Salem, Cedar Rapids
Emily Ghan	McGregor	Rebecca Havrah	Christ, Toledo

Plan 1 Read one book from each of the five categories.

Janet Johnson	Alice	Pauline Harding	Cedar Falls First, Cedar Falls
Chris Werling	Cedar Falls First, Cedar Falls	Harriett McMahill	Cedar Falls First, Cedar Falls
Stephanie Buchs	Cedar Falls First, Cedar Falls	Joan Rosche	Kenwood Park, Cedar Rapids
Lisa Congdon	Cedar Falls First, Cedar Falls		
Karen Page	Cedar Falls First, Cedar Falls	Michelle Gilliam	Kenwood Park, Cedar Rapids

Plan 1 cont.

Karen White	Kenwood Park, Cedar Rapids	Pat Elliott	McGregor
Jane Hitchcock	Trinity, Charles City	Bonna Dean Feller	McGregor
Marcia Taylor	Dysart	Kathryn Starkey	McGregor
Barbara Collins	Greene	Beth Griffin	Osage
Lorie Bramley	Marion	Frances Morse	Osage

Participant Read books from the reading list but didn't finish a complete plan.

Lola Barrick	Alice	Sarah Rochleau	St. Paul, Cedar Rapids
Bonnie Bowers	Alice	Penny Gilchrist	St. Paul, Cedar Rapids
Nancy Krapfl	Alice	Genny Yarne	St. Paul, Cedar Rapids
Nancy Anton Jensen	St. Paul, Cedar Rapids	Wendy Morton	St. Paul, Cedar Rapids
Jane Nesmith	St. Paul, Cedar Rapids	Janet Barnhart	Greene
Dawn Radack	St. Paul, Cedar Rapids	Bev Kester	Greene
Vonda Birchmier	St. Paul, Cedar Rapids	Pam Proctor	Marion
Joanne Kimber	St. Paul, Cedar Rapids		
Cindy Edge	St. Paul, Cedar Rapids		

Participant cont.

Laura Nozal	McGregor	Jean Biederman	Osage
Glenda Schweitzer	Grace, Lamont	JoAnn Reshtar	Osage
Ida Mae Harford	Grace, Lamont	Virginia Neeley	Osage
Cynthia Johnson	Osage	Brenda Miller	Osage

FROM MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH LU HORAK:

A Hello to you all from Membership Nurture and Outreach! I will be continuing in this position for 2 more years. I had previously held this position in the NE District.

To all Shepherdess' - a reminder to keep in contact with your units. Set up a visit if you haven't already this year. Some units may not be meeting due to Covid, but still keep those lines of communication open. A call or email may be all you need to do for now. Units may be struggling, and we need to support them. We need to make sure each unit is getting Pictured Rocks District newsletter and information. If the President does not get emails, perhaps someone else in their unit could and forward the information to the unit. That email address could be sent to Wendy Johnson. Or, as their shepherdess you could forward the newsletter, etc to that person. If a hard copy is the only way, then assist them in making that happen.

Shepherdess assignments for 2022 will be coming. With redistricting last year, many changes had to be made. There may be more this year as we are encouraged to follow the district's new cluster groups. It won't be long before we'll be thinking about the census and unit Presidents will need to make sure anyone who may be replacing them next year in that position be made aware of how to report.

Blessings to you all, Lu Horak, 319 310 5610, Luhorak1954@aol.com

FROM OUT-GOING NOMINATIONS PAT HUXSOL:

It's been a challenging two years. We had the ongoing pandemic and then the reorganization of districts. I had to nominate people for offices that I had never met since they were coming in from the former East Central District. When I was President of the former Northeast District I had been fortunate in meeting a lot of our members and also we had person-to-person meetings and I attended Mission U and other meetings that are now virtual. However, with the help of Barb Oakland, Wava Terry and Marcia Young, I think we did pretty well. Now I am finishing my two year term and with the current officers for 2022, I think you will be well served. Thanks to the members of my committee also. I want to thank all of the old and new members and former members of the two districts and wish them well in the new Pictured Rocks District. You have been friends for many years and though, I won't be attending Executive meetings any more, let's hope we will be back to face-to-face meetings in the not to distant future. I would encourage other members to serve on this committee. It is an important job and hopefully we won't be reorganized again for awhile. Blessings to you all.

Pat Huxsol, phuxsol@mediacombb.net 641-330-0234

FROM YOUR OUT-GOING NOMINATIONS MARCIA YOUNG:



The Legacy Endowment Fund and its campaign, established and launched in 2014, ensures that United Methodist Women will have the financial capacity to prepare and train future generations of women to follow God's call – in service with and advocacy for women, children, and youth here and abroad.

To date over \$37 million has been raised toward the goal of \$60 million. Please consider the giving options listed below to contribute to the Legacy Endowment Fund.

Donate Online:

Direct gifts or pledge payments through the UMW website:
legacy150@unitedmethodistwomen.org

Give by Mail:

United Methodist Women
National Office
475 Riverside Drive 15th Floor
Attn: LEGACY office
New York, NY 10115

Become a Legacy Builder:

Make a commitment to make a monthly gift of \$18.69 or more:
<http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/donate/legacybuilder>

1869 Society - Planned Gift to United Methodist Women:

Contact the Development Office at 212-870-3705 to speak confidentially to officer or email at legacy150@unitedmethodistwomen.org

Pledges

Pledges may be fulfilled over a period of time (e.g., three to five years):
Contact Development Office at 212-870-3705

Text to Give

Text "41444" on your cell phone and enter "Legacy150" in the message area.

Please contact me with any questions.

Blessings,
Marcia Young
Iowa Conference Liaison to the Legacy Endowment Fund
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FROM EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION: Rose White

The last 4 years as Education and Interpretation officer has been a great experience. I have met several Christian women. Each meeting I have attended has been a great opportunity for me to grow. Thank you, Rose White, 5956 160th Ave, Olin IA 52320, 319-721-8498

In our very strange 2020-2021 Covid year, we are pleased and impressed with our Pictured Rocks District units who found creative ways to be a supportive community and to reach out in mission in your local communities. Each unit which submitted a 2021 Mission Today report receives a Certificate of Recognition for continuing to be Faith, Hope & Love in Action.

The 2022 Mission Today Report form has been sent to Local Unit presidents. Please use the form in your goal setting as you plan your 2022 programs. We hope you will focus on our Purpose as you provide opportunities to *Know God, Develop a Creative, Supportive Fellowship, and Expand Concepts of Mission*. Our new program year started as of July 1, 2021 and continues through June 30, 2022. This matches the format of our UMW Program Books and the Mission Studies, introduced at Mission U.

Remember that there is also an Approved Mission Study report form which asks you to tell us about your participation in the Anxious Times or Pushout studies for this year. Be sure to ask one of us if you want some help planning a study for your unit. See separate email of Pictured Rocks District Mission Today Units for 2020-2021. Thanks to all who submitted reports.

FROM YOUR COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR WENDY JOHNSON:

They say mighty works are done in small numbers. The Martelle United Methodist Women fall in to this category. Their unit consists of "5" ladies (one of them is my mother-in-law Vi Johnson of 38 years, and she has been their President for 30 years!) The others have been long standing members for many, many years. I always feel like we have accomplished something when my Lisbon UMW have been honored with being a 5 Star unit. Martelle with "5" people has been able to contribute to these "5" entities that you need to be a 5 Star unit! I think that is awesome. Amongst doing that they have accomplished off of the Mission Today Report 15 items out of the total of 18!!!! YOU ROCK!!! Keep up the great work ladies!! You are indeed faithful servants of God!

Psalms 145:4 "One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts".

UNIT PRESIDENTS: IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH OTHERS IN YOUR CHURCH. PLEASE FORWARD THIS COPY TO ALL OF YOUR UMW EMAIL CONTACTS AND MAKE COPIES FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE EMAIL. INCLUDE YOUR PASTOR(S) SINCE THEY ARE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF YOUR UNIT.

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