

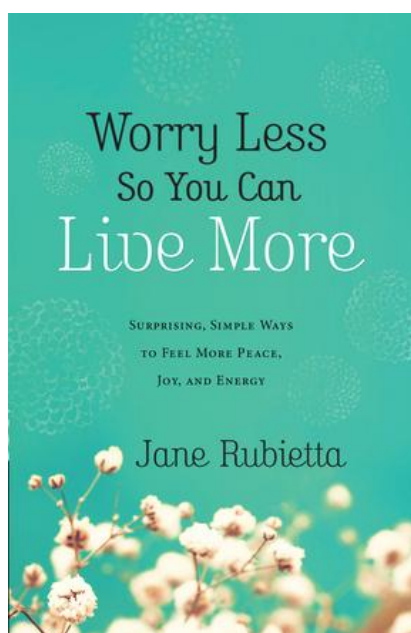
# Rockford District News

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March 2021

Northern Illinois Conference

## A Day of Spiritual Renewal 2021



**April 24**

**9 am – 12 noon**

**On Zoom**

Join us as Jane  
"invites women to  
relinquish their  
worry-wrinkled  
souls and  
encounter the  
delight of living in  
God's presence".

We will also have a time for our yearly Service of Remembrance. Fill out the attached flyer and registration/service of remembrance form. Please register by April 19<sup>th</sup>!!

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**Pastors/Church Offices: Please print out this newsletter for others in your unit who do not have email. Thanks!**

**Have you completed the Unit Survey** (formerly the Census) on line at [unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org). ??  
If not, please do so **by March 30, 2021.**



## 2021 OUR YEAR OF HOPE

On Day of Giving—March 23, 2021—Let us honor our foremothers by giving to The Legacy Endowment Fund to ensure United Methodist Women can continue serving women, children and youth around the world for the next 150 years.

Generous donors have agreed to match gifts received for Day of Giving.

### WAYS TO GIVE:

- Online at: [unitedmethodistwomen.org/150](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/150)
- By phone: 800-278-7771 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, Mon.–Fri.)
- Text: 41444 and enter Legacy150 in the message area.

- By check to:  
United Methodist Women  
Attn: Development, The Legacy Endowment Fund  
475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10115  
Write "DAY OF GIVING" in the memo section.

Together, we are building our legacy!



### March 23, 2021 – Day of Giving

Help build the legacy of United Methodist Women by donating to the Legacy Fund on this date!

There will be a special **6-hour Live Day of Giving Facebook event** beginning at 8:30 am CST.

Programming was specifically chosen to cover the full breadth of our work as United Methodist Women.

Viewers will be able to watch panel discussions, specialists on social justice issues, uplifting speakers, meaningful worship, live music and much, much more!  
Invite your friends and join us March 23rd on Facebook.

Stay with us throughout the day to experience meaningful connections to your donations at work.

<https://fb.me/e/5239OmCSO>

## ***Welcome to Prairie North!***

Although UMW will not “officially” begin our new redistricting until 2022, we would like to welcome the churches that will be joining us from the Dekalb and Elgin Districts to form the Prairie North District. Burlington, Genoa: Faith, Hampshire: First, Hampshire: Zion, Harvard: First, Herbert: Davis, Kingston, Kirkland: First, and Marengo. Beginning with this newsletter, we will include you in our communications!

### ***District President***

***Karen Messley***

We have just passed the one year anniversary of the Covid-19 Pandemic and are finally seeing the hope of a new beginning. It has been wonderful that zoom has been able to keep us in touch with one another, but there is nothing like being together! We will continue to meet by zoom until it is safe for our meeting in person.

Most of you are aware that Northern Illinois Conference is redrawing district lines so that our six districts will be decreased to five. We welcome those women from the churches who are joining us. Please feel welcome to join us for our upcoming district meetings. We are looking forward to getting to know you.

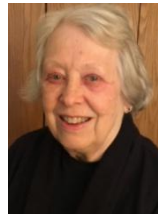
I'm hoping to see all of you via zoom for our Spring Spiritual Renewal meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup>. More information will be found later in the newsletter. I'm looking forward to our speaker, Jane Rubietta, and her presentation, “What? Me Worry?”

Pretty soon our Nominating Committee will be starting contacting individuals who might be interested in being a membership of our Leadership Team. If you are interested or want more information, contact Laura Werner, our Nominations Chair ([jaylaura6@gmail.com](mailto:jaylaura6@gmail.com)) or 815-276-5773. We would welcome anyone from a

church joining our district to let us know of their interest. Also, if you know someone whose talents would benefit the Leadership Team, don't hesitate to nominate them. New terms of office don't start until the end of the year. The positions that will be open for next year are Secretary, Treasurer, Communications and Nominating Committee. May the Blessings of Easter be with you. Karen

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### ***Vice-President***

***Joella Warner***

Twenty-three of us met by Zoom on February 20, 2021 for our

Leadership Meeting. Five people

responded with an evaluation. Those who responded liked the format for the meeting and were planning to purchase the books that were reviewed. During this meeting we had the opportunity to get to see and hear from many of the District Officers. While we still miss the in-person contact, this is a way to keep in touch and communicate with each other.

Hope to see you on April 24 for our Spiritual Renewal Day.

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### ***District Treasurer***

***Sherry Marc***

As of February 28, 2021, we have collected a total of \$3,620.00, which is 7% of our District's \$50,000 Pledge to Mission, which is promising a good start to the New Year. Spring is on it's way and as a District, let's continue to put Faith, Hope and Love into Action as we work together in 2021.

Reminder - All forms for treasurers needed, including the new remittance form, can be found on the [unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org) website ... under members and leadership/2021-2024 Handbook there is a unit on Forms for Treasurers where you can print the individual form you may need.

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## District Secretary

Lynette Thomson

Thank you to everyone who sent in or gave me information about officers for 2021. I received 34 replies. Not every church in the district has an active unit or even a contact person. However, we send information through pastors or church offices. The November/December task of collecting these names becomes easier as each unit responds. We use the information for a conference list of presidents and also for district emailings. Thank you.

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## Social Action

Linda Truckenmiller-Krum

Although we will continue to bring attention to these issues, because the economic well-being of women, children and youth connects with all aspects of their lives, the United Methodist Women are winding down our 5-year focus on the "Economic Inequality" and the "Living Wage" Campaign.

However, before we move on, let me remind you that the National minimum wage continues to be

\$7.25 per hour, which translates to an annual salary of \$15,080. Our State minimum wage, recently increased to \$11.00 per hour, garners a yearly salary of \$22,880. Nationally, any sum under \$25,100 is considered "poverty level" for a family of four. As you can see, neither of these annual totals lifts a family, of four, out of poverty.

Also remember, while White women still average only 81 cents for every dollar earned by White men, our Black, Latina, and American Indian sisters earn only 75 cents, or less, for every dollar. Economic status is linked to race and gender. The UMWomen's campaign has especially focused on those low-wage workers-- tipped workers (waitresses, valets...) farm workers, domestic workers, and home health-care workers-- the majority of whom are women of color and/or immigrant status. These low wages impact their housing choices, transportation, access to health care and education, as well as their inability to save for emergencies and retirements. Where they live also impacts their encounters with the police (law enforcement) and toxic (judicial and climate) environments.

Most of all, notice how the four issues of "Justice," championed by the UMWomen, intersect, impacting one another.

Our focus will be shifting for the 2021-24 Quadrennium to "Just Energy for All" and "Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline." Check [www.unitedmethodistwomen.com](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.com) for many resources.



Stay tuned! Stay safe! Stay healthy!

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School  
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**See our Mission  
Resource coordinator,  
Joy Hayag, in the article  
about deaconesses in  
the Philippines.**

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/response/archives/response-march-april-2021>

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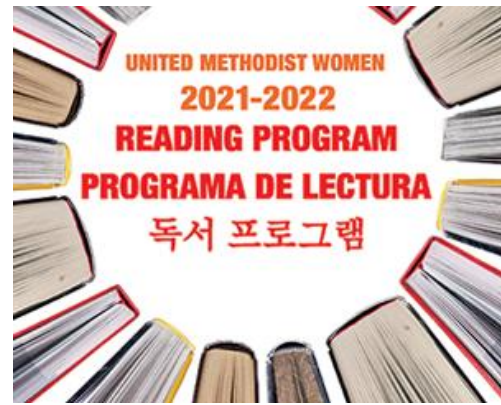
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***Looking ahead...***

Three positions will be open for nominations for 2022 – Secretary, Treasurer, Communications, and Nominating Committee. If you would like to volunteer or recommend a person or persons to service in any of these offices OR get more information about these positions, contact  
Laura Werner 815-276-5773  
Nominations [jaylaura6@gmail.com](mailto:jaylaura6@gmail.com)

*Share this newsletter with your UMW leaders if  
they do not receive an emailed copy.*



At our Leadership Event in February, 5 books from each area of the 2021 Reading Program were reviewed. They were:

- Education for Mission– Gum Moon: A Novel of San Francisco Chinatown by Jeffrey L. Staley
- Leadership Development – Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully About Racism by Carolyn Helsel
- Nurturing for Community - The Bird Boys: A Delpha Wade and Tom Phelan Mystery by – Lisa Sandlin
- Social Action – Girl Gone Missing by Marcie R. Rendon
- Spiritual Growth – Beyond Loneliness: The Gift of God's Friendship by Trevor Hudson

The District Team encourages you and your unit to participate in the Reading Program. You can find the listing of book at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/ReadingProgram](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/ReadingProgram). Books can be purchased through Mission Resources or Amazon. Suggestion for Amazon – order through Smile.Amazon.com, Amazon's charitable giving page and selected United Methodist Women as your charitable organization. For all eligible purchases, Amazon will donation .05% to UMW. Although Amazon is always a convenient option, please consider obtaining Reading Program books through: School and public libraries, Local independent bookstores, and Franchises of larger bookstore chains.

**UMW Climate Justice Federal Legislative Day – April 14, 2021** - Urge Congress to pass climate legislation that prioritizes just energy for all.



From Moses and Esther to the persistent widow, God's people having spoken to the rulers of their day, are crying out against injustice. United Methodist Women speaks to those in power working and praying with those who cry out for justice, especially for women and children.

Join us on April 14, 2021, for UMW Climate Justice Federal Legislative Day to continue the legacy of putting faith, hope and love into action. We will urge Congress to pass climate legislation that prioritizes just energy for all. We want 100% renewable energy in transportation and energy and just transition especially for workers and frontline and fenceline communities.

We are grateful to partner with the National Religious Partnership for the Environment (NRPE), who is working with UMW to provide training and organize meetings with Congress.

[Register for United Methodist Women's Climate Justice Federal Legislative Day](#) on the United Methodist Women website. All are welcome!



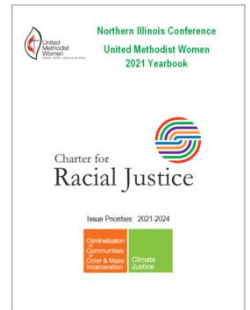
Like us on Facebook - **United Methodist Women - Rockford District - UMC NIC**

## 2021 NIC Yearbooks

The 2021 NIC UMW Yearbook has been completed and will be put on the NIC UMW website soon. It will be password protected. Once it is on the website, information regarding the password will be sent to all local unit presidents and district and conference leadership team members. As stated in the January eNews, paper copies could be ordered for a fee. Those books have been ordered, but there are few left. If you would still like to purchase a Yearbook (while supplies last), the cost for a paper copy and for postage will be \$6.75. Orders can be placed on Cheddar Up, paid via Cheddar Up (which does include a small fee) or by mailing a check; directions for payment will be on Cheddar Up. If you would like to pick up your Yearbook from Linda, the cost is \$4.25. Her address is: 21647 Inglenook Lane, Deer Park, IL 60010.

Here is the link or order the Yearbook:

<https://northern-illinois-conference-united-methodist-women-yearbook.cheddarup.com>



## UMW PURPOSE

**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.**

Have you or are you thinking about disbanding your UMW unit? Check information [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/localunitinactiveprocess](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/localunitinactiveprocess) .



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You can still send in your forms:

### 2020 Reading Program 2020 Mission Today forms

Joy will still take them. Please send to her at 319 S. Bridge Street, Rockton, IL



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## 2021 Summer Mission u

July 23 – 24

Be watching for more information.

### ***Prairie: North (Formerly Rockford) District***

The bold, italicized churches are the churches the District Team know have UMW units. If this info is not correct, please contact Secretary Lynette Thomson. Thank you.

Afolkey: Bethel

***Alden***

Apple River

Argo Fay

***Belvidere: First***

Belvidere: Iglesia Cristina Emerge

Blaine

***Burlington***

Burrirt

Capron

***Cedarville***

Chadwick: Hope

Chemung

Cherry Valley

Dakota-Rock Grove

Davis Junction

Davis: Calvary

Durand

Elizabeth

Fair Haven

***Forreston***

***Freeport: Faith***

***Freeport: First***

***Freeport: Harmony***

***Galena***

Genoa: Faith

German Valley

***Hampshire: First***

***Hampshire: Zion***

Hanover

Harvard: First

Herbert: Davis

***Hickory Grove***

***Hunter***

Kingston

Kirkland: First

***Lanark***

Leaf River

***Lena***

Machesney Park: Evans

Machesney Park: Harlem

Machesney Park: New Life

Marengo

***McConnell***

Mount Carroll

New Milford

***Orangeville***

***Pearl City: First***

***Pecatonica***

***Poplar Grove***

Red Oak

***Rockford: Aldersgate***

***Rockford: Beth Eden***

***Rockford: Brooke Road***

***Rockford: Centennial***

Rockford: Christ the Carpenter

***Rockford: Christ***

***Rockford: Court Street***

***Rockford: Grace***

Rockton

Roscoe

***Savanna: First***

Scales Mound

***Shannon: Bethel***

***Shirland***

Stockton: Calvary

***Stockton: Wesley***

***Thomson***

Van Brocklin - Florence

Warren

***Willow***

Winnebago

