



# Jubilate

Heartland District United Methodist Women

SPRING 2010

## Notes from President

SPRING...what a wonderful time of the year!!!! Time to enjoy all the new growth...Time to enjoy warm days... Time for sprucing up the yard... Time to plant veggies and flowers...Take time to enjoy every minute of it.

We have had a wonderful day at Pine Lake for our Heartland District SPRING RETREAT!!! Mary Smith presented the Book of Psalms in a most interesting way. She involved the gathered group in the discussions and in a variety of activities. The conclusion was an artistic presentation of 25 or more special verses from the PSALMS. I'm certain we will each look at the PSALMS in a new way. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Mary for making this a most memorable day.

Our HEARTLAND DISTRICT TEAM met on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Plans were finalized for a variety of meetings. I'll include the dates and you will find out more information in the following articles.

- July 12 Drive-In Day for School of Christian Missions, Stevens Point
- July 13-16 Four Day School of Christian Missions
- August 4 Heartland Dist. Team mtg. at Mauston
- September 11 Hispanic Celebration in Kenosha
- September 25 Heartland Dist. Annual Gathering at Mauston UMC
- October 22-23 WI. Conf. Annual Gathering Black River Falls UMC

Your President  
Elizabeth Ingersoll

## NOMINATIONS

Our District Nominating Team is working overtime looking for new officers. The offices we need to fill are: **President, Treasurer, Nominations Committee and Communications Coordinator.** Please consider joining the District Team. It is a great experience. Please contact:  
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## Coming in September In Mauston Heartland District Annual Gathering

\$12.00 includes registration, coffee and quick breads at registration and lunch. Keynote speaker will tell us about the digging of wells in Kenya. More details and registration will be in August. Clusters will meet at 6 different locations in October. We will be bringing the studies of the School of Christian Mission to you.  
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## Psalm 150

(Written at the April 17 Spring Retreat)

*Praise our Father up above-  
Him who shows unending love.  
Praise Him with the harp and lute  
With cymbals loud, and horns that toot.  
Let everything on earth give praise  
As recipients of God's loving ways.  
Hallelujah! Let us sing  
Of the love and joy our savior brings.  
Let all who honor Him on earth  
Receive the blessing of rebirth-  
And show the world that war will cease-  
That we can have eternal peace.*

Thank you, Lord, for being in our midst today!  
Marion Crivitz Trempealeau UMW

## EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

We are Women in Mission! Let's continue to promote and use the *Mission Today List* (found in the last Jubilate), Response, New World Outlook, and the Program Calendar. Thank God each day that we are empowered to me in mission. What are you doing?

I'm excited about the SOCM study Joy to the World Mission in the age of Global Christianity. Hope to see you July 13-16 in Stevens Point.  
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## TREASURERS

Do you send Gift to Mission cards?

If you are one of our UMW members or local units that uses Gift to Mission cards on a regular basis, congratulations! You have found the perfect way to send money to missions and to publicize UMW at the same time. If your local hasn't used the cards much, consider making it a frequent practice.

As I process the orders for cards from local treasurers, and as I listen to members at Heartland District events, I'm impressed with the variety of ways that these cards are used. Here are some of the ideas I've gathered.

- **Thinking of You** cards can be sent to shut-ins or church members who are struggling with illness or have lost a family member.
- Try sending **Special Day** cards to new church members (especially women) or to newly married couples.
- **Congratulations** cards can go to confirmands, high school graduates, and college graduates.
- There are **Baby** cards for families with a new baby or families who have a baby baptized in the church.
- Why not use the Gift to Mission **Thank You** card for UMW speakers or for non-members who help with UMW projects?
- **In the Service of Christ** cards can be used to recognize UMW members or church members who go above and beyond in mission work.
- Of course, there are **Birthday** and **Christmas** cards, which make a wonderful way to remember someone who needs no material gift, but whom you want to honor.
- I especially like the beautiful new **Peace card**; its message begins "With hope for peace in your life and the world." There are many in stressful situations that would appreciate this encouragement.

These are just some suggestions of how Gift to Mission cards can become a regular part of your ministry to UMW and church members. If you have other ways that the cards work for you, let me know. I'll publish them in my next Jubilate report. Remember that all the cards have new, colorful and modern designs. Gift to Mission cards cost \$5.00 each. This money is sent directly to the Wisconsin Conference as part of your 5-Star donation and as part of the Heartland District pledge. Simply using a Gift to Mission card meets many of our needs.

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## PROGRAM RESOURCES

The sun is shining, the grass is green and the sky is blue. What could be more perfect: I hope you have enjoyed some of the books in the 2010 UMW Reading Program this winter and hope you will continue to participate in the warmer months. There is still time to be an active participant this year. Our very basic participation requires reading one book in each of the following categories: 1. Spiritual Growth, 2. Social Action, 3. Education for Mission, and 4. Nurturing for Community plus regular reading of the Response magazine. **Any books that are listed in the 2006-2010 lists are accepted and should be turned in to me by the middle of August.** If you read some of the 2005 books last fall before 2010, those are also acceptable.

Some of you may not be aware of bonus books- one book counting for two. Where Mercy Fails counts as one book in Education for Mission and as one book in Social Action. Sacred Spark counts as two books in Social Action and The Other Game counts as one book in Social Action and one in Education for Mission.

Last but not least you can involve or tell family about some of the books. I have three elementary aged grandchildren living in quite a diverse neighborhood. For Christmas I gave each a book relating to diversity. The seven year old received Am I a Color Too? The ten year old got Louis Sockalexis-Native American Baseball Pioneer and the eleven year old got John Lewis in the Lead- A story of the Civil Rights Movement and Grandma-me-read Can We talk About Race?. This is just an idea and I feel it worked out well.

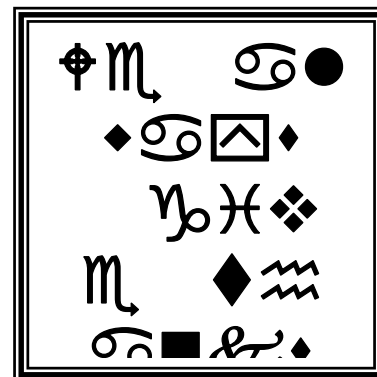
Remember you can use your public library system to get a number of our books. Also, you may get a list of all approved books from me by calling or e-mailing me. My email address has changed this last month so if you have a district book in your unit you may want to change it there. Have a great summer.

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## SOCIAL ACTION

Genesis 1:31 says that “God saw everything that he had made and it was very good.” We have just celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day and I hope that you continue to find ways to care for God’s creation. This involves more than filling our recycle bins. An article on the UMC web page states “United Methodists need to go DEEP GREEN. According to Rev. Rebekah Simon-Peter, author of Green Church, going deep green means getting at the root causes of pandemic poverty and disease, environmental degradation and a world full of weapons and violence. I encourage you to visit the site and read the whole article, then choose how you can implement the options presented

Another resource is the United Methodist Bishops’ Pastoral Letter, God’s Renewed Creation: Call to Hope and Action. The Bishops stated that we cannot help the world till we change our way of being in it. This letter was adopted at the fall 2009 meeting of the Council of Bishops. A copy of the letter can be found by searching the UMC web site. In addition, a complete study guide for youth and adults along with the letter and foundation documents is available from Cokesbury for \$7.50. The reading program book The Suicidal Planet is filled with information and it’s in large print.

The need for Immigration Reform continues to be in our headlines. The new law in Arizona, which involves local police being used to enforce immigration law, creates even more tension for everyone. During the UMW Assembly in St. Louis, we will be participating in a march May 1 to address this issue. As stated on the web, “The march and vigil will be a call to the St. Louis area and to the United States to keep families together, bring an end to detentions and deportations, protect workers’ rights, stop racial profiling, and show support of just immigration reform. The noon vigil will include interfaith prayer, puppetista street theater and music. Bishop Minerva Carcano, chair of UM Task Force on Immigration and Harriett Jane Olsen and Inelda Gonzalez UMW, will be speaking at the vigil. Study, pray and support just Immigration Reform.

Health Care Reform passed and by visiting the Action Alert on [www.gbmg-umc.org/umw/](http://www.gbmg-umc.org/umw/) you can read in detail the changes and time line for implementation. You are encouraged to thank your senators and congress representatives for this milestone legislation.

I have a copy of the DVD, “Lives for Sale,” a resource for the program on human trafficking page 34, of the **2010 Program Book**. It is available for loan by contacting me

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## MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH

“Fruits of the Spirit”

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” Galatians 5:22.

As we think about nurturing each other in our membership, do we complain and want things the “way they have always been done” and expect others “to do things our way”? I think that all of us want a smile, a kind word, kindness, patience, peace and love.

Our challenge is to take time to think about these traits and think of someone who touched our life and made us smile, gave us confidence or made us feel accepted. Now we need to pass it on—smile and engage someone new or anew, and do things in a new and reverent way! We need to try new ways to have a nurturing and caring Unit.

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## FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

More than 6500 women from across the United States and around the world came together for United Methodist Women’s Assembly in St. Louis, MO April 30-May 2. There were 138 from our Wisconsin Conference. They gathered to learn, worship, serve and witness to the power of women in mission.

I wish all of you reading this *Jubilate* could have taken part in this wonderful weekend. It is impossible to share the experience in just a few words here. Yvonne Firary and I plan to give you a brief report at our September Annual Gathering but until then I urge you to visit the UMW Online Community at [www.umwonline.org](http://www.umwonline.org) to see photos, video clips and reports. If you have never been to an Assembly I hope you will consider being part of this exciting event four years from now.

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## **Spiritual Growth Learning in April and July**

April 17 saw 70 women from the Heartland District learning under the leadership of Mary Smith. Our spring retreat at Pine Lake centered on the Biblical book of Psalms. Mary had challenged us to read the entire book before the retreat, and many had read most or all of them by retreat time.

As we studied the psalms under Mary's direction, we were made aware of how the psalms to speak to us about God and God's mercy and love. Mary followed the study with a true showstopper. She ended with a review of many of the verses, a review that was amazing.

Mary drew before our eyes page after page of sketches illustrating almost 20 verses that we had read and heard that day. Mary explained to us she had an artist make a light pencil sketch for her on each page; but for us, it was as though Mary was instantly sketching picture after picture.

We thank Mary Smith for the amazing day she provided for our spiritual growth. We also thank Susan Hamilton, our song leader, and Lucille Mentzel, our pianist.

Remember to register for more learning and growth at our School of Christian Mission in Stevens Point. The Drive-In Day is July 12 and the longer session is July 13-16. "The Love of God: John's Letters" is one of the studies.

Registration forms are available in this Jubilate and at [www.wisconsinumc.org/umw.Newletters/socm\\_10.pdf](http://www.wisconsinumc.org/umw.Newletters/socm_10.pdf)  
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**The organized unit of 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.**

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