

## **Wisconsin UMC National VIM Trips 2019-2020**

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**Registration deadline is January 12, 2019**

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**Registrar/Coleader** - Wendy Jabas - 5036 W. Woodland Dr. Brown Deer, WI 53223; Phone - 414-354-6648, Cell phone - 414-544-6739; [wjabas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wjabas@sbcglobal.net)

### **February 16 – 24, 2019 – Greensboro, AL - Hero Project**

VIM has entered a partnership with the HERO project (Hale Empowerment Revitalization Organization) of Hale County, Alabama. In cooperation with architectural students at Auburn University, we will be building a 20K home ([www.dwell.com/article/rural-studio-20k-affordable-housing-67326205](http://www.dwell.com/article/rural-studio-20k-affordable-housing-67326205)) during the week. We will also be mentoring area GED students as we rehab (clean, construct, and paint) a downtown storefront for use as an area homeless shelter. As time permits there are numerous repair jobs for Greensboro area residents. We will be staying at the HERO bunkhouse (see HERO housing) in Greensboro. For more information call Mike or Bob.

**Registration deadline** – February 2, 2019

**Registrar/Co-leaders** – Terri & Mike DeMaster; W5194 Garton Rd., Plymouth, WI. 53073; Cell 920-946-3866, 920-946-5001;

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## **February 14-19,2019-VIM workcamp to aid Wisconsin Flood damage - New Lisbon/Mauston, Juneau County, WI**

This is the VIM effort to assist in the flooding that occurred this summer in several areas of Wisconsin. We will be in the New Lisbon/Mauston area assisting in that area's damages. The Winding River UMC in New Lisbon will house the group.

If you can get some availability in your winter schedule plan to sign on to be the hands and feet of the Lord in this effort. All that is needed are willing hands.

**Cost** - \$125. – check to registrar for WAC/VIM. **Per day registration \$25./day**

**Co-leader** – Wes Hurlburt, (below)

**Registrar and Co-leader** – Ruth Hurlburt, 430 3rd Ave. N, Onalaska, WI 54650

PH:608-783-2652; [weshurlburt@gmail.com](mailto:weshurlburt@gmail.com)

## **March 24 – 30, 2019 – Low income housing relief – Hinton Center, Hayesville, NC**

This is a repeat trip to the **Hinton Rural Life Retreat Center** which was the site of the VIM trip this past March. It is an area with much poverty and we will continue our relationship with the folks and agency that hosted us then.

**This is a drive to trip** and some carpooling will likely be arranged for those not able to drive the trip for various reasons so feel welcome to register and join us.

Cost for the trip - \$250. **Deadline** for registration is **March 9, 2019.**

A deposit of \$100 is due with your registration. Check made to: WAC/VIM.

**Co-Leader** – Bruce Koch – 1560 Meadowlark Ln., Prairie du Sac, WI 53578; Cell 608-370-2083; E-mail: lbkoch@charter.net

**Registrar/co-leader – Tom Rossmiller** - 3014 Graydon Ave., East Troy, WI 53120; Phone: 262-642-3727 E-mail: [tomarossmiller@centurytel.net](mailto:tomarossmiller@centurytel.net)

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## **April 28 - May 3, 2019 – Storm Repair, New Lisbon – Juneau County**

This is a second trip the Winding Rivers UMC to help them to prepare to host work crews for the next few years for flood recovery. We will be working in their large building to convert part of it into dormitories to host volunteers. Work will include moving and inventorying emergency supplies. removing some existing walls and building new walls and finishing dry wall. If we have a large enough team, some crews may go out to help with flood recovery projects. Sleeping arrangements will be in the church with cots and air mattresses. Food will be provided by the church ladies. Bring the usual bedding or sleeping bag, towels and personal supplies. Personal tools would include demo and drywall tools.

Cost - \$125 for the week or \$25 per day.

**Registrar** - Wes Hurlburt, 430 Third Ave. N., Onalaska, WI 54650. [weshurlburt@gmail.com](mailto:weshurlburt@gmail.com) 608-783-2652.

## **May 12 – 17, 2019 - Pine Lake UMC Camp, Westfield, WI**

Camp preparations and repairs for summer camping. Participants will be staying at the Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Rader Retreat Center, which includes the Don and Elaine Mevis Wing. Each room has one double and one single bed with private shower and bathroom facilities. Bedding and towels are also provided.

Projects include installing piers and docks, general spring cleaning and preparation for the summer season. The camp always plans a major project for us to complete.

Cost: **\$180** per person for the week; **\$36** per day.

You are encouraged to come for a day or two if you are not able to spend the week. This is a drive to camp.

Please register in advance whether coming for the week or a day.

A deposit of \$36 is due with the registration form ASAP.

Checks should be made payable to WAC/VIM Camp and sent to Don Bastian.

Deadline is **April 26, 2019**.

**Co-leader and Registrar:** Don Bastian, 1240 St. Huberts Drive, Hubertus, WI 53033. (414)467-5015; Email: [donfelice21@gmail.com](mailto:donfelice21@gmail.com)

**Co-Leader:** Don Mevis, Westfield, WI; (608)296-2827; Email: [mevis@frontier.com](mailto:mevis@frontier.com)

## **May 18, 2019 – Pine Lake Camp – Chain Saw Training ( DNR certification )**

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Chain Saw Training Course for beginners and experienced cutters

**with emphasis on safety and working with basic hazards evaluation.**

**This course covers:**

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3. Chain sharpening
4. Basic hazard evaluation / storm damage
5. Tree felling evaluation
6. Working with trees and branches under spring pressure

**When: May 18, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m.**

Location: Pine Lake United Methodist Camp, W8301;  
CTY HWY M, Westfield, WI 53964

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Lunch: Will be provided

Limit: 10-15

Nathan Stanford is an Independent Chain Saw Safety Trainer who is highly qualified.

Please bring helmet, ear and eye protection. Also bring work boots, gloves, chaps and chain saw if you have them. Dress for the weather. You will receive a wallet card for **participating or attending** a basic chain saw safety course.

Dead line is May 7, 2019

**Write the check to WAC/VIM Camps.**

Please send your name, address, **email address**, and money to:

Chuck Wedemeyer

8389 N. Ivy St.

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**June 16 – 22, 2019 – Red Cliff Reservation, Bayfield,**

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This will be an adult/youth trip.

Cost is \$150.00 for the week.

(Deposit of \$100 with registration form. Check made out to WAC/VIM Camp.)

Final payments **due by May 30, 2019.** **Registration is full**

This is a drive to camp.

**Co – Leaders** are Joan Harvey and Bruce Koch

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## **July 29 – August 2, 2019 – United Methodist Children’s Services – Milwaukee, WI**

This will be a return trip to a very worthy agency on the front line of efforts to deal with folks with major life issues relating to poverty and lack of basic life opportunities. This is always a rewarding trip as the agency has been in existence for years and is very dynamic in the community there. It is possible we will be helping with some phase of facility.

This will be an adult/youth trip.

**Cost is \$150.00 (\$30/day) which includes your meals and lodging.**

Daily rate and daily participation will be encouraged as well.

A 3 day minimum participation is suggested.

(Deposit of \$30 due with registration form ASAP.) Final payments are **due by July 15, 2019** - Check made out to WAC/VIM Camp.

**Leader:** Bruce Koch, 1560 Meadowlark Ln., Prairie du Sac, WI 53578  
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## **Sunday, August 11 – 16, 2019 – Multi- Generational Family Camp, Pine Lake Camp, Westfield, WI**

A joint VIM and Onalaska UMC multi-generation family work camp opportunity is planned for Pine Lake Camp.

When: Sunday, August 11, 2019 to Friday, August 16, 2019

What: Camp maintenance and repairs following the summer camping season. *All meals and lodging are included in the trip cost.*

Projects will be determined prior to the trip. The camp always provides projects for all ages and ability levels. Participants will work in the mornings and afternoons. Late afternoons and evenings are open for activities like swimming, fishing, crafts, games, and more.

**Cost:** \$180 per adult and \$105 per child (3-12) for the week. This is a drive to camp. Please register in advance whether coming for the whole week or just a day.

A deposit of \$25 is due with the registration form ASAP. Checks should be made payable to "OUMC" and sent to Onalaska United Methodist Church. Deadline is July 21st, 2018.

**Co-leader and Registrar:** Paul Bratsch, 212 4th Ave N, Onalaska, WI 54650; Phone: 608-783-3380; [discipleship@onalaskaumc.org](mailto:discipleship@onalaskaumc.org)

**Co-leader:** Wes Hurlburt, Onalaska, WI; Phone: 608-783-2652; [weshurlburt@gmail.com](mailto:weshurlburt@gmail.com)

## **Sunday, September 15 – Friday, September 20, 2019 – Harbor House, Superior, Wisconsin**

This is a very worthy United Methodist agency that is filling a real need in the Superior/Duluth area and has been doing so for many years.

The director states - It is hard to say exactly what projects we would have next year but I would gather there would be painting projects as we have both shelters as well as our Transitional Living Center. There could be drywall work and/or repairs done from water damage from within the building (overflow of a bathtub/kitchen sink), clearing out of garages and trips to the dump.

There can also be painting and thorough cleaning of the buildings. Outside yard work is also very handy to have done as gutters could be cleaned, there will be a lot of things to be done.

Housing of the group will be at the Faith UMC, 1531 Hughitt Ave., Superior, WI

**Trip cost - \$150** with some multi – day registrations will be available at a per day rate. This is a drive to camp. **Checks made out to WAC/VIM**

**Registrar** - Jeff Cupery, 100 La Crosse St, Beaver Dam, WI 53916; Phone: 920-887-8726; E-mail: [underthesonhome@gmail.com](mailto:underthesonhome@gmail.com); (Cell: 920-318-9513)



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**Registration deadline is September 1, 2019 - \$100. Deposit required.**

## **Sunday, September 29 - Friday, October 4, 2019**

### **Lake Lucerne UMC Camp, Neshkoro, WI**

Join us for a week of fellowship, fun and hard work! Plan to arrive and settle in to your room in one of the cabins, then join us for dessert and our first evening together in Ridgewood, where we will share morning and evening devotions each day. Meals will be eaten in the Lodge starting with Monday breakfast and concluding with lunch on Friday. Tasks may range from cleaning out cabins (washing windows, sweeping floors) to bringing in the pier on the lake to cutting down trees and brush to roof repairs and laying new sidewalk! We will do what the staff asks us to do-- and more! This is a great time of year to enjoy the changing colors of the trees and the last of our warm weather. This is a drive to camp.

**Cost: \$180.00 – includes lodging, meals, work supplies and donation to camp.**  
**Registration deadline is September 15, 2019 to insure adequate planning.**  
**(Deposit is \$36 with the registration form. Check made out to WAC/VIM Camp.)**

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**Co-Leader:** Donna Kiefer - [momkiefer@juno.com](mailto:momkiefer@juno.com) 608-655-3097 (H); 608- 575-9529

## **October 20 – 26, 2019 – Poverty/Homeless Assistance, Detroit, MI**

Cass Community Social Services works across the City in areas of concentrated poverty providing programs for food, health, housing and jobs. This is a dynamic organization serving on the front line of the poverty relief effort in this very needy community.

-CCSS prepares and serves 1 million meals annually.



-325 homeless men, women and children currently stay in one of CCSS shelters, transitional housing or permanent supportive housing programs.

-CCSS operates a weekly free medical clinic and a day program for 100 adults with developmental disabilities.

-70 adults are currently employed in the agency's Green Industries which marry jobs with sustainability.

They would like us to help repair their buildings and get them ready for inspection.

We will be painting, patching, cleaning etc., in ten of their buildings.

We will be sleeping in the Cass United Methodist Church on our air mattresses.

Showers are available.

Cost is \$175. This is a drive to trip. Checks made out to: WAC/VIM.

A deposit for registration is \$100 and should be sent to the registrar by the deadline for registration which is **October 6, 2019**.

**Co – leader** – Sherry Schreiner, 425 N. Linwood Ave., Apt 105., Appleton, WI 54914  
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## **February 22 – March 1, 2020 – Storm Repair - Marion, Alabama**

Working with the Baptist Christian Fellowship of Alabama we will provide help in building new homes for 13 families in Marion. Marion is a community of 3500 people and almost 50% of the city's residents live on incomes below the poverty line. We will be working alongside the family members who will move into these homes when they are completed.

Housing will be at Siloam Baptist Church in Marion. A trip to the Civil Rights Museum in Selma Alabama is being planned as part of this trip.

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