

Circle Plans for 2020

JANUARY	JULY
FEBRUARY	AUGUST
MARCH	SEPTEMBER
APRIL	OCTOBER
MAY	NOVEMBER
JUNE	DECEMBER

Grace United Methodist Women

*Let Your Light Shine -
Ignited for Justice*



www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

Grace United Methodist Church

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2020

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Let Your Light Shine - Ignited for Justice

God's first creative activity was creating light and separating it from darkness to make sense of the existing chaos. In Genesis, the formation of the earth follows the creation of light. In Revelation, when creation is restored, we are told that God will be our light. As we pay attention to light in the arc of Christian history, what does light mean for us? Light helps dispel darkness, reveals injustice, and brings hope. Where have we seen God's light shine in and around us? How can we shine a light on issues in our world that cause anxiety on a daily basis? How can we expose evil and bring abundant life to neighborhoods and those on the margins? Where are we seeing God's presence in the midst of darkness? What spiritual disciplines nourish/bring light to our souls?

This year's UMW program book explores biblical passages on light from the Old and New Testaments. We will seek encouragement from the biblical understandings and be challenged to be God's light in the world as Christ's disciples. We will also be reminded to shine a light on issues that crush and marginalize God's children. We will be empowered to question and oppose systems and powers of darkness and evil. We are emboldened by the Light of Life and Word that give us hope to practice justice in the world.

*The above is taken from the 2019-2020 UMW Program Book

NOTES & REMINDERS



Let's Sing our PURPOSE!

United Methodist Women –
shall be a community of women –
whose purpose is to know God,
whose purpose is to know God –
and 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. (2x)

Membership: Membership shall be open to any woman who indicates her desire to belong and to participate in the global mission of the church through UNITED METHODIST WOMEN.



Emblem: The emblem of United Methodist Women, the cross and the flame, symbolizes our organization. The cross and the flame are ancient symbols of the church and appear on the United Methodist Church emblem. Both remind us of our

PURPOSE of growing in our understanding of and willingness to participate in the global ministries of the church. The shape is fluid before us, serving the church at home and in other countries, where we can be at the forefront of movements for change. Always aware of the times, we move into the twenty-first century aware of the opportunities and obligations of discipleship. We are a group of Christian women with many gifts, who are unified by one Spirit. We participate in God's mission in all areas of life.

IMPORTANT DATES: NW District UMW 2020

March 6	World Day of Prayer
March 8	International Bell Ringing for Women's Rights
April 6	Annual NW District Mission Education Event: Aurelia UMC
June 1	*Local Pledge form for 2020 due. Send to NW District Treas: Esta Fraley, 2360 490 th St., Sioux Rapids, IA 50585
June 5-7	Iowa Annual Conference of UMC: Des Moines, IA UMW event: to be announced
June 30	*Reading Program Reports due; send to NWDistrict Secretary of Program Resources
July 19-21	Mission u @ Iowa Valley Continuing Education Ctr., Marshalltown, IA
Sept. 26	District Annual Meeting/Local Officer's Training @ First UMC, Sioux City
Oct. 3	Iowa Conference UMW annual Meeting @ St. Paul's UMC, Cherokee, IA
Oct. 16-18	Fall Mission u Event
Oct. 26	NW District Spiritual Growth Study: Location TBD
Oct. 31	*List of Local Unit Officers for 2020 due. Send to NW Dist. Secretary
Dec. 10	*Final local remittances due to Esta Fraley (see June 1 for address)

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meet to pray over shawls ½ hour before general UMW meetings.

What is it? A prayer shawl is a soft, warm shawl, knitted or crocheted, which is given to persons who are ill, have suffered a loss or are in the midst of a crisis. While the shawl is being created, the maker prays for the recipient (not always known). Before the shawl is delivered, it is again prayed over by the person or team who created it. The shawl is then taken to the person prayed for, with a note and more prayers.

Who makes the shawls? You are invited to create shawls. There is no right or wrong way to create these gifts of love. They do not have to look alike nor be the same color. The patterns are simple and each shawl is one of a kind.

Options: You are welcome to contribute yarn or give a donation for the purchase of yarn.

Instructions: Basic instructions for knitting or crocheting shawls are available in the church office workroom with the card file containing information where each shawl was taken and by whom.

How do I give a shawl? Shawls are on display in the Narthex. You are welcome to take a shawl and deliver to anyone you feel would benefit from its warmth and prayer power. When you have time, fill out a card with the name of the giver and recipient (found in the office workroom). This avoids duplication.



Table Grace

Johnny Appleseed Blessing:

Oh, the Lord is good to us! And so we thank the Lord, for giving us the things we need – the sun, and the rain, and the apple seed. The Lord is good to us.

Amen. Amen. Amen-Amen-AMEN!

The Wesley Grace

Sing to tune:

“Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow”

*Be present at our table, Lord!
Be here and everywhere adored.
Your mercies bless, and grant that we
May feast in Paradise with Thee! Amen.*

Table Grace

*Bless our friends, bless our food,
Come, O Lord, and sit with us.
May our talk glow with peace;
Come with your love to surround us.
Friendship and love; may they bloom and
grow;
Bloom and grow forever.
Bless our friends, bless our food,
Bless all mankind forever. Amen*

2020 Bible Verses

January: Colossians 3:12: *Since you are all set apart by God, made holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with a holy way of life: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.”*

February: Psalm 90:14 *Fill us with your love every morning. Then we will sing and rejoice all our lives.*

March: Matthew 5:16: *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*

April: 1 John 4:10: *This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

May: Psalm 66:5: *Take a good look at God’s wonders – they’ll take your breath away.*

June: John 8:12: *I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*

The Reading Program

Plan 1

5 books per year
1 book from each category (adult, children, and youth books)

Selections can be from the 2012-2019 reading lists if not included in previous reports (including youth books) + regular reading of *response* magazine.

Plan 2

10 books per year
2 books from each category book from each category (adult, children, and youth books)

Selections can be from the 2012-2019 reading lists if not included in previous reports (including youth books) + regular reading of *response* magazine.

Plan 3

15 books per year
2 books in each category book from each category (adult, children, and youth books)

Plus 5 additional books from any category and reading regularly of *response* magazine.

Plan 4

20 books per year
2 books from each category book from each category (adult, children, and youth books)

PLUS 10 additional books from any category and reading regularly of *response* magazine.

Mission u Topics: 2020

Spiritual Growth: *Finding Peace in the Midst of Anxiety*
Anniversary Study: *United Methodist Women in Mission: 150 Years and Beyond*
Social Issue Study: *Mass Incarceration*
Youth: *Walking with Jesus in Anxious Times: Managing Anxiety*
Children: *Growing in Peace Instead of Fear: Understanding Emotions*

United Methodist Women of the North Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial Event

(Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota,
North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin)

Calling u

June 26-28, 2020
Sioux Falls, SD

email: ncjumw@gmail.com
phone: 224-212-0852 (leave message)

Priority Areas for United Methodist Women
Climate Justice Economic Inequality
Mass Incarceration Maternal & Child Health

July: Proverbs 27:21: *The purity of silver and gold is tested by putting them in the fire; The purity of human hearts is tested by giving them a little fame.*

August: Ephesians 2:8: *God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.*

September: 1 Corinthians 15:58: *Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

October: Ecclesiastes 3:1 *For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.*

November: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

December: Luke 2:14: *Glory to God in the heavenly heights, Peace to all men and women on earth who please him.*

2020 Budget

Grace United Methodist Women
Spencer, IA 51301

Estimated Receipts:

Circle Pledges.....\$ 1,000
Sisterhood of Grace Spring Tea -Mission Giving.....2,000
Other Projects.....1,000

Total Estimated Receipts.....\$4,000.00

Estimated Expenditures:

District Missions
Pledge to Missions.....\$2,000.00
Special Recognition.....80.00
School of Mission, 43 members @ \$1.00 per member...43.00
Shesler Hall, 43 members @ \$1.00 per member.....43.00
Bidwell Riverside, 43 members @ \$1.00 per member....43.00
Hawthorne Hill, 43 members @ \$1.00 per member.....43.00
District Library.....1.00
Administration & Membership Development
Courtesy cards & stamps.....20.00
Magazines & Books.....50.00
Local Church Activities
Grace Church.....200.00
(Annual use of copier paper printing program books, etc.)
Gift to church mission or youth group.....50.00
Mission
Katie Wulf (Students International).....300.00

Total Estimated Expenditures.....\$2,873.00

“There are no passengers on spaceship earth. We are all crew.” – Marshall McLuhan

Esther Circle

(Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM)

Dorothy Degroot	1310 8 th Ave. SW dorothydegroot@gmail.com	712-229-1244
Lisa Elliott	3115 240 th Ave. liselliott713@gmail.com	712-240-0929
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Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

New Circle Name:

Meeting date & time:

Members:

President: _____

Secretary: _____

Treasurer: _____

Five Star Unit Requirements

Designated Giving

1. **A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial:** Collected in January, February, and March, this annual offering is used for projects and programs relating to the specific year’s theme. In three of the four years, the offering is divided equally between U.S. and international need. The fourth year offering helps fund pensions and health care for retired missionaries and deaconesses.

2. **Supplementary Giving:** These designated programs and projects include Crusade Scholarships, Hawthorn Hill, the Assembly Offering, Shesler Hall, and Bidwell-Riverside. These offerings are collected when requested. Love Offering/Mission Offering: April, May, June given at District meeting in September.

Promote: Thanksgiving Ingathering, Prayer Shawl Ministry and the Reading Program

Channels of Mission Giving

Pledge to Mission: Pledge cards and gifts are given to your circle treasurer or unit treasurer. A member decides the amount of her individual pledge and the local unit decides what portion of the budget will be the unit’s Pledge to Mission.

Social Mission Recognition: An individual or unit honors a special person by giving a gift for mission in her/his honor. A certificate and/or gold pin are provided for the honoree.

Gift to Mission: A gift of \$5 or more for mission is sent in honor of any individual. A card is sent by the donor to the honoree.

Gift in Memory: A gift of \$5 or more is made in memory of a member or a friend. A gift acknowledgement card is sent to the family of the deceased.

World Thank Offering: Collected in September, October and November, spontaneous, additional gifts are given out of gratitude throughout the year for God’s abundance and in celebration of the joys of life.

GUMC UMW Officers – 2020

President	Sandy Heerdt	712-212-5364
Vice President	Shurmaine McAlpine	712-592-1636
Honorary Pres.	Jane Moen	712-262-7654
Secretary	Linda Johnston	712-262-3176
Treasurer	Jane Ingledue	712-262-2596
Sec. of Program Resources	Beth Odor	712-363-6048
Mission Coordinators		
Spiritual Growth	Nancy Bell	712-262-2718
Social Action	Bonnie Foust	712-580-6201
Education & Interpretation	Cyndi O'Hara	712-299-3832
Membership, Nurture and Outreach	Peggy Palm	712-260-8707
Nominations	*Mavis Olson + Bonnie Foust, Nancy Bell	*712-264-0620
Local Coordinators		
Historian	Lorraine Conley	712-262-5879
Communications	Sandy Heerdt	712-212-5364
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Lorraine Conley	712-262-5879
Courtesy		
Anniversary & Sympathy	Shurmaine McAlpine	712-592-1636
Get Well and Birthdays	Lorraine Conley	712-262-5879
Shepherdess	Sandy Heerdt	712-212-5364

NW District Officers 2020

President	Julie Nelson	Education & Int.	Judy Wanned
Vice President	Virginia Otto	Membership, Nurture & Outreach	Cathy Wyatt
Secretary	Kathleen Hawkins		
Treasurer	Esta Fraley	Communication Coordinator	Sandy Heerdt
Spiritual Growth	Sue Ritts	Social Action	Janet Grossnickle
Program Resources	Daina Powers	Nominations	Julie Dozark

Mary-Ruth Circle

*Meets the third Thursday of the month
@ 9:30 am Fireside Room*

Members

Barringer, Delores	2101 West 11 th St.	262-4664
Bell, Nancy	1716 14 th Ave. West	262-2718
Conley, Lorraine	824 East 4 th Street	262-5879
Dobbins, Connie	411 4 th Ave. West	262-3112
Dobbins, Linda	411 4 th Ave. West	346-7457
Foust, Bonnie	521 Prospect Drive	580-6201
Horning, Jamie	915 4 th Ave. West	346-7836
Johansen, Shirley	1311 12 th Ave., SE	346-8625
Koch, Fran	1900 4 th Ave., SW #216	262-3565
Lundt, Mary	212 9 th St. SW	262-7968
McQueen, Carol	1900 4 th Ave. SW	580-3733
Montgomery, Sharon	1613 11 th Ave. W.	580-4060
Olson, Mavis	2150 460 th St. Sioux Rapids	264-0620
Patterson, Lorraine	1117 McNaughton Way	262-1659
Pedersen, Marge	1511 Kirsten Dr.	580-3577
Petersen, Jeanette	717 East 16 th St.	262-2732
Peterson, Verna	1401 West 4 th St.	262-7272
Todd, Donna	1404 13 th Ave. West	580-4470

Officers: President: Lorraine Conley
 Secretary: Shirley Johansen
 Treasurer: Bonnie Foust
 Courtesy Chair: Nancy Bell
 Calling: Mary Lundt

Honorary Members:

Shirley Kress & Marilyn Rehnstrom

Lydia Circle

*Meets the third Thursday of the month @ 9:30 am
No meetings in January, June, or August
Location: Wesley Room @ GUMC*

Members

Beltz, Maurine	103 E 21 st St.	260-5198 or 262-2722
Foote, Helen	614 West 7 th St.	262-4996
Johnston, Linda	1702 S. Grand Plaza Dr.	262-3176
Maschino, Beverly	1900 4 th Ave. SW #104	262-6980
Paulsen, Shirley	110 Pleasant Blvd	363-2662
Riley, Georgia	705 West 7 th St.	580-4477
Runkle, Gerry	1615 11 th Ave. West	262-0261
Schoer, Sylvia	1212 16 th Ave., West	262-5237

Officers: President: Linda Johnston
Secretary/Treasurer/Cards: Sylvia Schoer

Honorary Members:

Judi Calhoun Shirley Wheeler
Pat Muller

Membership in United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women is a group of women in each congregation organized for MISSION. The United Methodist Church is a connectional church and like the church, the local and district groups of United Methodist Women relate directly to conference, jurisdictional, and nation levels of United Methodist Women.

A member commits herself to our PURPOSE.

You can be a member of a local church unit, a local unit, and a circle or if you don't have a local unit, you can belong to your District as a member of United Methodist Women.

Spencer United Methodist Women and Friends:

Alger, Rose	1415 S Grand Plaza Dr.	262-8476
Ewoldt, Teri	118 E 21 st St. #311	580-3120
Johnson, Marietta	1614 Marks Court	260-3760
Lambertus, Ann	107 4 th Ave., West	346-8756
Liekweg, Jannis	1223 W 4 th St.	580-3721
Moen, Jane	222 W 4 th St.	262-7654

Subgroups/Circles allow members to focus on special mission interest in smaller groups. They provide greater flexibility and freedom for participation, nurture and leadership development. Some women find that their Circle is their primary connection for

prayer, study and spiritual growth. The Circles at GUMC also serve as the base on which our United Methodist General Group functions.

BenTena Room

2020 UMW Meeting Schedule Sisterhood of Grace

January 9

*NOTE: This is one week later than usual
Meet in Chapel & Wesley Room

Prayer Shawl Ministry: 1 PM - Business Meeting: 1:30 PM
Program by Lydia Circle (Installation of Officers)
Refreshments: Lydia Circle

February 6

Meet in the Chapel & Wesley Room

Prayer Shawl Ministry: 1 PM - Business Meeting: 1:30 PM
Program by Mary-Ruth Circle
Refreshments: Mary-Ruth Circle

March

No meeting this month.

Northshire Fellowship on Fridays 2:30 PM for ½ hour

March 6: Cyndi O'Hara (Esther Circle)

March 13: Lorraine Conley (Mary-Ruth Circle)

March 20: _____

March 27: _____

April 2

Meet in the BenTena Room

Prayer Shawl Ministry: 10 AM Business Meeting: 10:30 AM
Program: Cyndi O'Hara "Mass Incarceration"
Lunch: Esther Circle

May 7: BenTena Room
"Sisterhood of Grace - Spring Tea"
Mission Fundraiser & Fellowship
9:30 am – 11:00 am

June 4

Meet in the Fireside Room

Executive Meeting (UMW officers and Circle Presidents)
9:30 AM UMW Officers bring coffee cake

July 2: NO MEETING

August 6

Meet in the BenTina Room

Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 AM; Business Mtg. 10:30 AM
Program: Dorothy DeGroot:
Finding Peace in the Midst of Anxiety
Lunch: Esther Circle

September: NO MEETING

Enjoy the Clay County Fair

October 1

Meet in the BenTena Room

Prayer Shawl Ministry: 10 AM Business Meeting: 10:30 AM
10:45 Program: Lydia Circle "Memorial Service"
Lunch: Mary-Ruth Circle

November 5

Meet in the Fireside Room

2 pm: Program Planning and Nominations Report for 2021
Coffee & Refreshments: Sandy Heerdt

December 3

Meet in the Chapel and Wesley Room

Prayer Shawl Ministry: 2 PM - Business Meeting: 2:30 PM
Christmas Program: Mary-Ruth Circle
Refreshments: All members invited to bring a
plate of Christmas Goodies

