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Dear **Presidents and Vice Presidents,**

Mission u is over for the summer session and I can honestly say I learned a lot, including “watch out for table #11”. We had more laughs and fellowship than any other group there. I hope some of you will consider going to the fall session and keep our reputation going. I am looking forward to seeing you at the NW District Annual Meeting on September 24 at Laurens. We are planning a great day and hope you will come soar with us. Bring a car load with all of your officers. Training will take place in the morning and is very important for you to attend. It is very expensive to mail out your packets and you miss out on sharing with your fellow officers. We need input from all of our local units. Look for the flyer with reservation information, etc. Mark your calendars for the Spiritual Growth event on Nov. 7 at the Holstein UMC. Kathleen has some good things planned for that. I hope to have the shepherdess list done soon but must wait until we know how many positions will be filled on the executive committee. We really need you to step up and volunteer! An officer must attend our 4 meetings a year, attend the Spiritual Growth study, E&I event, district annual meeting and Mission u. We also visit the locals and learn what they are doing to promote U.M.W. Sounds like a lot but we have such a good time and are willing to car pool. Please give it some prayerful consideration. Jesus told the disciples to go and make disciples of the nation and to serve one another with love. That is what the U.M.W. do and do well. I hope to see you at annual meeting. If you have any questions, please call.

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SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.” James 1:17-18

Mission u was fun, entertaining, inspiring, educational, and much more—including delicious food, companionship, camaraderie, and old and new friends. Additionally, it is always a great way to get one thinking about District Annual Meeting and Conference Annual Meeting, which are right around the corner. Northwest District Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 24, at the Laurens United Methodist Church, 201 West Main St. (south of the railroad tracks), Laurens, IA. Hopefully, you can join us and bring your new officers so they can attend Local Officers' Training and get the information they need to do their jobs next year. Conference Annual Meeting is on Saturday, October 8, at Decorah's First United Methodist Church, 302 West Broadway St., Decorah. Plan to go a day early and overnight in the area. Make it a long day and visit a seed saver farm, the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum, or the fishery and the Decorah's eagles' nests. Reservations should probably be made now.

Another forthcoming event is the Northwest District Spiritual Growth Study to be held at Holstein's United Methodist Church on Monday, November 7. Look for the flyer in this newsletter for details. Also save space on your spring calendar to attend the E & I event; information will be in later NEWS editions. Come “soar with us” in these opportunities to learn about [The Bible and Human Sexuality](#) and [Climate Justice](#). Both studies are eye-opening and promise to be of interest to all.

United Methodist Women may just be one of God's good and perfect gifts. Come, take part, and see for yourselves.

In God's love, Marty Warrender, Secretary

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TREASURERS' MESSAGE

Unit Pledges for 2016

We have heard from most our local UMW units regarding their pledge to missions for 2017. Thank you very much. We will be announcing our District Pledge to Missions for 2017 at our District Annual Meeting in Laurens next month.

District Annual Meeting

Plan to attend the District Annual Meeting September 24th at the United Methodist Church in Laurens . If your treasurer cannot attend, please assign another member from your local unit to attend the Officer's Training for treasurers.

Conference Askings

A reminder to all units that the Iowa Conference UMW asks each unit to contribute the following designated gifts:

*a minimum of \$1.00 per member for Bidwell Riverside

*a minimum of \$1.00 per member for Shesler Hall

*a minimum of \$1.00 per member for Hawthorn Hill

*a minimum of \$1.00 per member for Mission u

*a minimum of \$1.00 per unit for the Magazine Fund

5-Star Units

To receive the 5-Star Unit status, local units must contribute to each of the following

5 categories of mission giving:

1. Pledge to Mission
2. Donate or give at least one Special Mission Recognition (Minimum \$40)
3. Gift to Mission – Donate or purchase at least 1 mission card (Minimum \$5)
4. Gift in Memory – Donate or give at least \$5 as a Gift in Memory
5. World Thank Offering

We are on a January – December calendar year, so any donations received by December 10, 2016, will go towards your 5-Star Unit status for 2016. Money received after the deadline will go towards your 2017 remittances.

Blessings to each and every one of you.

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

“Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.”
I Peter 5:7 (NIV)

This verse has come to my attention several times lately so I would like to share it with you. What an important verse! Its assurance that God loves and cares for us is quite a comfort, but sometimes our focus on Him gets lost. I have often found myself worrying over things or people, even minor details. It starts to consume my thoughts. But when I finally let go and give it over to God, what a relief! Why did I not trust God in the first place? Why did I run away from Him instead of to Him? Remember, God loves us and wants to handle anything that distracts us from Him or His love for us. Anxiety and worry pull us from the work God wants us to do for Him and His Kingdom. Seek God through prayer and Bible study trusting His mighty love for us.

I am very excited about the upcoming Spiritual Growth event to be held on Monday, November 7, at Holstein United Methodist Church! Registration, coffee and fellowship start at 8:30 a.m. with the study beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending about 2:00 p.m. To register, which will include the \$7.00 noon meal, please contact Jean Conover by phone at 712-368-2209 or by email at cotnwood@netllcwb.net by October 31. We will be studying women of the Bible, how the fact they were women helped them to be an important part of Biblical history, and many other topics related to our human sexuality as women. We will spend time seeking truths from the Bible and the goal is Spiritual Growth for everyone.

In His Service, Kathleen Hawkins, NW IA District Spiritual Growth Coordinator
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Committee for Social Action

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18

The United Methodist Women interpret this biblical passage from Luke 4:18 as both a model and a mandate for Christian social action and advocacy. For almost 150 years, United Methodist Women have been challenging social injustice. Members improve the lives of women, children, and youth nationally and internationally. We continue our advocacy work on peace and justice, education, racial justice, immigrant rights, the environment, economic justice, women's health, the rights of children, human rights, and farm workers' rights, to name a few.

United Methodist Women are a community of women who gather together in service and mission. We offer more than a meal, a visit, a prayer shawl. As followers and disciples of Jesus Christ, we offer and share our faith, our hope, and our love of Christ. This is the "why" of all that we do to "live" into our Purpose as United Methodist Women. Are there opportunities for us, personally and collectively, to be a community for others now? Please attend the District Annual Meeting/Local Officers' Training in Laurens on September 24 to learn more about the Social Actions concerns we, as UMW, are addressing.

Christ's Blessings,
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Mission Education and Interpretation

Hola, Hola, Hola No vengas sola! Hello, hello, hello. Don't come alone! I remember this phrase from when I was a child; it is part of a fun song we used to sing. It brought to mind the **Mission u** event this summer. It is good that we do not come alone; it is good that we can bring friends and it is also good that when we come to Mission u we enjoy ourselves in fellowship and we have time to learn and participate. The love in Christ is there! I love how we can gather with people that care about one another and the world and know that there is something we all have in common. If you have not been to Mission u yet, there is still time. The fall session is coming soon, be sure to register for the event. The mission study on **Climate Justice** is a mind-opening subject. Our district will be having a study similar to it next year; we do not know the exact date yet but keep your eyes open. Remember always to come with a friend, do not come alone as it is together that we do the best work. We will have the study books for sale in our September district training meeting. It will be the last time you will have the opportunity to buy the study book and plenty of time to read it before you go to Mission u or come to the district study next year.

I have received the mission forms from a lot of our units but some have forgotten to send them. There is still time to send the form and get credit for the work your unit has done this year. Take time to fill in the form in a correct manner so you can receive the credit your unit deserves. Take care! And we will see you in September at our district training meeting. I hope to see a lot of you there.

Blessings to everyone!

Daina Powers (E and I)

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MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE AND OUTREACH

Another beautiful day God has created! After attending Mission u and enjoying a fantastic time of fellowship and learning, and then spending a week with my son and grandsons, I am feeling totally rejuvenated! I'm looking forward to our time together at the Northwest District Annual UMW meeting. Please send me names and pictures of members of your unit that have passed on during this past year. Thanks for being a part of UMW!

Blessings,

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SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES

Good news! The 2017 UMW Reading List is out and the books are available on the Mission Resources website. A copy of the 2017 Reading Program Catalog will be in the president's packet for each unit at the Annual Meeting. In the last newsletter I told you that Mission Resources may not continue to sell the books on their website nor make them available for consignment orders for UMW events. They have decided to continue this service for the 2017 Reading Program Books, but this may be the last year. Therefore, books will again be available for you to purchase at the District Annual Meeting on September 24 at the Laurens United Methodist Church. However, we can only order at most two copies of each book on consignment, so not everyone can get all the books at this event. You can order 2017 books online by going to www.umwmissionresources.org and clicking on "Reading Program" on the left side of the page and then clicking on "2017 Reading Program." You are also encouraged to order from the UMW connection with the Amazon store at <http://astore.amazon.com/wwwunitedmeth-20>. Remember that all the books on the 2012 – 2016 also count toward fulfilling the reading program plans and many of these are on sale at Mission Resources and at amazon.com.

You will be able to purchase your copies of 2016-2017 UMW Program Book "A Call to Community" and the 2017 Prayer Calendars at the Annual Meeting. The two study books for 2016-2017 will also be available (\$10 each): the spiritual growth study [The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God's Good Gift](#) and the issue study [Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action](#). You will need these books for Mission u in October and for the district spiritual growth study on November 7 at Holstein and the issue study on April 3 at a location to be announced. Those of us who attended Mission

u in Marshalltown July 19-22 will tell you how great the studies are. We had a great time. You still have until September 21 to register for the Fall Mission u which will be October 21-23, also in Marshalltown.

Thank you to the 31 units who sent in their reading report forms. We had 211 total readers this year. Certificates for those completing a reading plan will be in your unit president's packet at the District Annual Meeting. If you missed the June 30 deadline for submitting your reading report, you may still submit it to me using the contact information below. Your unit's totals will not be included in the district report to the conference (already submitted), but we can still recognize your readers.

I look forward to seeing you all at the District Annual Meeting in September and the Spiritual Growth Study on November 7 in Holstein. We will not be selling books, etc. at November 7 event as we will be unable to complete the payment cycle from the sales in time for the treasurer to close her books for the year. Keep reading and growing and in love with God.

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COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Thank you to all who responded to contacts made by the Committee on Nominations.

I understand there are many reasons that make it impossible for many of you to serve at this time. I'm sorry to report that the following positions are still not filled on the ballot for 2017 to be voted on at the District Annual Meeting on September 24 in Laurens: Vice President, Secretary, and member of Nominations Committee. Hopefully these positions will be filled by nominations from the floor. We must have a "Nomination Acceptance Form" signed before anyone can be nominated.

Serving as a district officer is a great opportunity to get better acquainted with women throughout the district, serve with other dedicated women and learn more about United Methodist Women and our Purpose.

If you are willing to consider serving on the District Team or would like to suggest someone who may want to serve, please contact a member of the Nominations Committee as soon as possible. We will be glad to discuss the offices we need to fill, share the duties involved for each office and answer any questions you may have.

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Jan Yungbluth, Committee Member
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The Purpose

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.



2016

N.W. District United Methodist Women

Annual Meeting

“A Fresh Wind Blowing, Come Soar With Us”

Saturday, September 24, at Laurens United Methodist Church

201 W. Main Street

Laurens, Iowa 50554

Coffee and Registration: 8:30-9:15

Lunch: \$7.00 (make checks to Laurens UMW)

RSVP lunch reservations by Monday, September 19, to:

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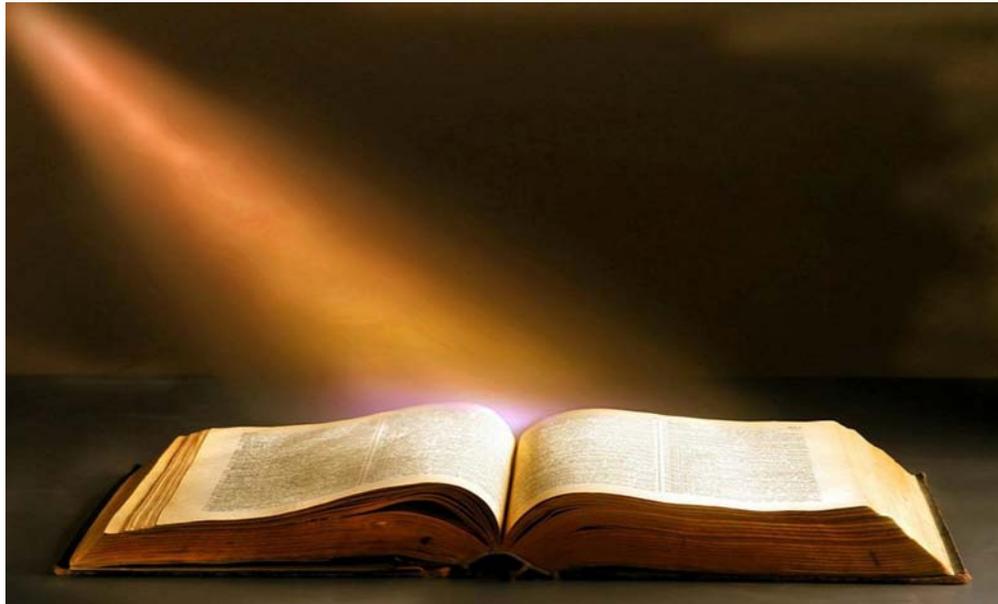
712-845-2218

Or the church office at 712-841-4476

Officers’ training begins at 11:00. We encourage you to attend to get new information.



CAR POOLING IS RECOMMENDED



**A NORTHWEST DISTRICT UMW
SPIRITUAL GROWTH EVENT**

**Monday, November 7, 2016
Holstein United Methodist Church
208 S. Kiel St.
Holstein, IA**

**8:30-9:00 Registration, coffee and fellowship
9:00-2:00 study**

Lunch-\$7.00

**For reservations: RSVP by October 31
Call Jean Conover: 712-368-2209
Or email at cotnwood@netllcwb.net**

Northwest District United Methodist Women
Nominative Ballot for New Officers 2017

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() (2017, 2018)

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Pat Frantz
Laurens, IA

Jan Yungbluth
Rossie, IA

2017 Northwest District United Methodist Women Officers and Candidates BIOGRAPHICAL BRIEFS

PRESIDENT – Sue Ritts

Sue has been married to her husband Alyn for 51 years and lives in Washta. They have three grown children and 9 grandchildren. They also have one “child” at home—their dog Toby (don't tell him he is a DOG!). Sue has been a Lay Servant for 27 years, graduated from the School for Lay Ministry in 2010, and continues to learn about Christianity and how to apply it to everyday living. She has been active in the Washta UMW for over 40 years, has served on the Ad Council and as past choir director, past Sunday school teacher, local UMW president, treasurer, and on the nominations committee. She has led Bible study and also participated in other studies. She has enjoyed serving on the NW District Executive Council on the Nominations Committee, as Treasurer, as Spiritual Growth Coordinator for 3 years, and as Program Resources Secretary pro tem for 2 years, and as District President. Sue and Alyn served as Cub Scout leaders for 10 years, have helped with the Goodwill Thanksgiving dinner and their annual shoe party. As a family, the Rittses have been active in stock car racing for 35 years. Sue has also participated in the Siouland Sleep-out the last 9 years, served for many years on the Cherokee County Child Abuse Prevention Committee presenting the Happy Bear program in schools and daycares, and joyfully anticipates continuing to serve on the NW District Executive Council. With God's guidance, Sue will strive to share the Good News and to encourage women to get involved in the wonderful organization of the United Methodist Women.

TREASURER – Julie Nelson

I am a retired Registered Nurse. My husband, R. David, is a retired Audiologist (Nelson Hearing Aid Service, Spencer). We have 4 married children and 9 grandchildren. I am an active member of the Palo Alto Co. Board of Health; Ruthven Community Care Center Board of Directors; Palo Alto Co. Church Women United; Lost Island Nature Center Foundation Board; as well as my local church and UMW.

My husband and I are avid gardeners and seed savers. We raise lots of flowers and vegetables and have 10 acres of trees on our acreage, plus wildflowers. We also like to travel, but mostly we enjoy being at home in Ruthven and spending time with our family.

MISSION COORDINATOR FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH – Kathleen Hawkins

I grew up on a farm near Ireton, IA, with one older brother. Band and 4-H took up a lot of my time and my love for farm animals flourished. I graduated from West Sioux High School in Hawarden and Westmar College in Le Mars.

My six year teaching career was in elementary education at Homer, NE. In 1980, I married Roger Hawkins and settled on the family farm near Le Mars, IA. When we decided to have a family, I quit teaching and became a "professional" volunteer. We were blessed with a son and daughter. Helping as a room mother, and leadership in Cattle Women, Christian Women's Club, Bible studies, Bible school, Sunday school and other church activities have kept me very busy. I help on the farm especially during harvest and do the farm bookkeeping. Our son, Travis, a Veterinarian at Akron, and his wife provided us with our only grandson one year ago. Travis is also in the process of taking over the family farm as we lean toward retirement. Our daughter, Emily, lives in Lincoln, NE, and greatly enjoys her job as an Acquisition Assist. Editor for the University of NE Press, helping authors to publish their books. We enjoy traveling and look forward to many new adventures. I have greatly enjoyed being part of the District UMW Committee and meeting so many nice people.

MISSION COORDINATOR FOR SOCIAL ACTION – Janet Grossnickle

My name is Janet Kay Grossnickle. I am interested in the position of District Mission Coordinator for Social Action in the Northwest District.

I am a retired social worker and social issues continue to be my passion. Prior to retiring, I served as a domestic abuse, sexual assault counselor for women, children and men. I also advocated in the medical and legal systems. I have been, and currently am, involved in political, environmental and social issues.

I am experienced in researching, planning, and implementing programs, and am vision-oriented. I have worked with diverse populations in various other work settings and have a high respect and good knowledge of them. I have also trained and supervised volunteers, work well with others and adhere to the Social Work Ethics, of which confidentiality is a major priority. I am also experienced in public speaking and enjoy meeting new people.

I am a member of St. James United Methodist Church in Sioux City, Iowa. I was raised a Methodist, and as a young person, I was involved in Sunday School, church choir, IYF and MYF. As an adult, I joined the Lutheran Church and taught

Sunday School and Bible School. Currently, I am an active member of Grace Gillispie Circle at St. James and volunteer for various activities within the church, and participate in study groups.

My strongest spiritual gifts are faith, giving and service. Others include mercy, guidance, encouragement, and knowledge. I utilize these into my daily life and plan to implement them as District Mission Coordinator for Social Action.

MISSION COORDINATOR FOR EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION – Daina Powers

My name is Daina Powers. I was born in Puerto Rico, an island in the Caribbean. It is considered part of Latin America but it is also a Commonwealth of the United States. My husband, Dennis, is from Iowa but we met when he was stationed at the Roosevelt Roads Navy Base in Ceiba, Puerto Rico.

In Iowa we have lived on an acreage close to Primghar, where Dennis is from. We have also lived in Mallard and Emmetsburg, and now live in Peterson. I have a BA and a masters in education and retired after twenty years of teaching. We have two children, a son Jan Michael (32) and a daughter (28). We are an international family; my husband is from Iowa, I am from Puerto Rico, and my children are from Korea.

I joined the Methodist Church when I married my husband forty-two years ago. From that time on I have been a faithful Methodist. I taught Sunday school for many years. After retiring I got more involved with the church and joined the United Methodist Women where I have been active. I am also the church's delegate to Annual Conference.

I thank you for the opportunity to work with the District as a mission education and interpretation coordinator and look forward to the work ahead.

MISSION COORDINATOR FOR MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE & OUTREACH – Judy Wannad

I am a retired Elementary teacher and now spend my time doing a lot of volunteer work. I am a widow, have one son and two grandsons. I'm a member of First UMC in Sioux City. I am the Mission coordinator for our Church and one of my duties is running our Personal Care Cupboard. I am the current President of Shesler Hall. In addition, I'm our Circle chair and serve on our Executive Board, and also am on the Iowa Board for Justice For Our Neighbors.

SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES – Esta M Fraley

Education: Southeast Warren High School, BA Simpson College, MSE Drake University, additional graduate work at Iowa State University, University of Iowa, and United Methodist Course of Study for Local Licensed Pastors

Professional: Public School Educator for 30 years: Teacher of Junior High, High School, and Community College Mathematics, Physics, Computer; Curriculum Coordinator; Principal; United Methodist Local Licensed Pastor for 8 years.

Church: Local Church - Sunday School and Vacation Bible School Teacher, leader of all four Disciple Bible Studies and other studies, served on and/or chaired most committees, and served on Administrative Board; District - Served on Lay Speaker (Certified Lay Speaker and instructor for Lay Speaker courses), Nominations, Building and Location, and Superintendency Committees; Conference – Graduate of School for Lay Ministry, served on Commission in Ministry with Persons with Disabilities (secretary) and Nominations Committee.

UMW: Circle vice president and president, Local Unit secretary, president, and Education and Interpretation Coordinator, leader for local UMW studies.

Community: 4-H Leader, Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor, Serve on Board of Trustees (Secretary/Treasurer) of Local Fire District, Member of P.E.O. Sisterhood and Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for key women educators.

Family: Married to Clint for 50 years and have one daughter Devona Perkins.

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR – Sandra Heerd

I have been happily married for 42 years, am blessed with two adult children, and 4 granddaughters. I am grateful for the faith God has instilled in me and look forward to continued growth in Christ. I have just recently retired from a 28 year teaching career at the elementary level and reading at the middle school level (Clay Central/Everly School District). One of the highlights of my life was leading adult Sunday School classes for 10 years (Grace United Methodist Church, Spencer, IA). I have also served in other leadership positions in our church, including chairperson of missions and evangelism. I am looking forward to spending more time with my family and grandchildren; cooking; sewing; reading; and traveling.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS, CHAIRPERSON – Marty Warrender

I retired from teaching (River Valley CSD) in 2008. I am active in my local community and serve on the city council and the public library board. I hold the office of president in the Washta UMW and hold positions on the church administrative council and the S/PPRC, as well as being a certified lay servant and serving as a communion steward.

Answering the call of the NW District UMW, I came on the executive council as a member of the Nominations Committee. Five months into the job, I became the Communications Coordinator, an open position at the time, and followed that with the position of secretary. I am looking forward to meeting more UMW while working again on nominations.

My husband Gerald (Jerry) and I have four grown children, a son-in-law, a daughter-in-law, a significant other, and six grandchildren. My hobbies are reading, crocheting, knitting, and working with the computer.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS, MEMBER – Betty Naab

I enjoy my job as Children's Librarian at the Milford Memorial Library. I'm active at Calvary United Methodist Church in Arnolds Park, Vice-President of the local UMW unit and serve as Chairman of Children & Family Ministries. I live on an acreage near West Okoboji where I enjoy gardening, mowing, etc. My children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren live close and it's fun spending time with them.

I just completed serving 2 years as chairman of NW District UMW Committee on Nominations and will continue as a member of this committee in 2017. Prior to that I served 2 years as Assistant Registrar and 2 years as Registrar for Iowa Conference UMW School of Christian Mission and Mission u and also held many offices at the District level in Spencer District including Nominations, Vice President, Membership Nurture & Outreach, Education & Interpretation and President for 6 months prior to the Redistricting. I enjoy meeting UMW members at Northwest District events.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS, MEMBER – Pat Frantz

After teaching elementary at Laurens-Marathon Community School for 30 years, (retiring in 2006), I am thoroughly enjoying retirement. I'm an active member of Laurens United Methodist Church; was secretary of our local UMW for four years, am co-chairperson of our church's Mission Committee, a member of the Leadership Team, and on the Administrative Board. I taught Sunday school for 30 years in Worthington, MN and Laurens. My husband and I live in Laurens. I love to read, embroider, travel God's beautiful country, and enjoy visiting with our children, grandchildren, other family members, and friends. I also keep busy with other clubs and community activities.

I hope I can be a useful member of the Nominations Committee of Northwest District UMW, and am looking forward to the opportunity to serve in that capacity.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS, MEMBER – Jan Yungbluth

Jan joined the Executive Committee of the NW District UMW as a member of the Nominations Committee. She has served as vice president since 2012. Jan lives at 120 Willow Lane, Rossie, IA, a small town 12 miles south of Spencer. She is a member of the UMW at Royal. She owned a small convenience-type business in Rossie, but has closed the store and retired after 15 years. Her husband Dave is recently retired from Shine Bros. in Spencer where he was a truck driver for many years. She enjoys reading, quilting, and walking.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS, MEMBER – Julie Dozark

Julie and her husband have been married for 47 years and live on a farm in the Lake View area. This fall will be the first season of retirement from active farming. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Julie is active in the Lakes United Methodist Church. She is currently serving as president of the Lakes UMW, a position she has held for fifteen years in her personal effort to keep UMW alive and well. She is the chairman of the church Board of Trustees and serves on the nominations committee for the church. In addition, Julie is an avid runner and runs every day.

***Note: The positions of Vice President, Secretary, and two positions on Nominations are currently open.

