



The Inner Circle

May 2016

First United Methodist Church of Downers Grove

Focus on Women, Children & Youth

From its beginning, United Methodist Women has focused on ministries with women, children, and youth.

Sarah Circle 7:00pm Room 213	Mary Elizabeth Circle-1:00pm Chapel Hall	Rachel Circle 9:00am Room 213	Ruth Circle 12:45pm Chapel Hall	Joanna Circle 11:00 a.m. Chapel Hall
May 05/23	May 05/25	May 05/26	May 05/26	May 05/15
Sept. 09/26	July 07/22 Sept. 09/28	Sept. 09/22	Sept. 09/22	Sept. 09/18

PWP Rotation

January—Ruth
 February—Mary Elizabeth
 March—Rachel
 April—Sarah
 May—Ruth and Mary Elizabeth
 June—Rachel and Sarah
 July—need volunteers please!
 August—need volunteers please!
 September—Ruth
 October—Mary Elizabeth
 November—Rachel
 December—Sarah

God is good all the time— All the time God is good

- ◇ Prayers for Janet Gill and Vivian Benfield and family. Their father / husband passed away.
- ◇ Marge Froemke's husband passed away.
- ◇ Gwen Kenney-Bensen's step father needs healing prayers.
- ◇ Becky Quirk's father-in-law needs healing prayers.
- ◇ Becky Quirk's father needs healing prayers.
- ◇ Maribeth Schauert's brother needs healing prayers.

- ◇ Maribeth Schauert's niece had a baby!

Stay Connected! Keep in Touch!

Browse the United Methodist Women website - www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

UMW Mission Resources website: <http://new.gbqm-umc.org/umw/resources>

DGFUMC website: <http://www.dgfumc.org>

FUMCUMW website: <http://www.dgfumc.org/fellowship/umw>

UMC General Board of Church and Society Faith in Action website:

[http://www.umc-gbcs.org/site/c.frLJK2PKLqF/b.2798475/k.7A8F Faith in Action.htm](http://www.umc-gbcs.org/site/c.frLJK2PKLqF/b.2798475/k.7A8F%20Faith%20in%20Action.htm)

Facebook: group is called [United Methodist Women of DGFUMC](#)—find us and ask to join, then invite your friends to join.

Aurora District Facebook group is called [Aurora District UMW—Illinois](#)—find us and ask to join, then invite your friends to join.

NICUMW Facebook group is [Northern Illinois Conference—United Methodist Women](#)—find it and ask to join.

Ruth Circle—women of all ages—childcare provided upon request
Meets in Chapel Hall- 4th Thursday 12:45 pm

We will have our annual salad luncheon May 26th, 12:00 p.m. in Chapel Hall.

Circle Coordinator– Julie Stone

Sarah Circle—mostly working women—no childcare available
Meets in the Room 213—4th Monday 7:00pm

We will meet May 23rd, 7:00 p.m. in room 213.

Circle Coordinator– Gretchen Shearer

Rachel Circle—mostly mother's of young children—childcare always provided
Meets in Rm. 213 - 4th Thursday 9:00 am

The Rachel Circle gathered together in April with a great group. Our program was focused on racial equality and white privilege. Leah Ostwald led our discussion on the various forms of inequality that American society lives with (criminal justice, environmental, education, etc) and the positions that UMW and the wider United Methodist Church has taken. We made arrangements for our May brunch and will meet together then for our final meeting this spring.

Circle Coordinator– Maggie Roth

Mary Elizabeth Circle— mostly women of grown children—childcare provided upon request
Meets in Chapel Hall-4th Wednesday 1:00pm

After a dessert provided by Jean Bahler and Joan Ebersold, sixteen of us enjoyed our program. “Acts of Mercy”, another name for Random Acts of Kindness was our topic. This provided much discussion as we all shared a special kindness shown to us at one time or another. How we pass it on and how we feel when we do for others.

We signed up to help for UMW World Thank Offering Sunday. Also to staff the PWP Table the second half of May.

Our next meeting is May 25th. Cindi Roselieb will be our guest speaker.

Circle Coordinator—Joan Van Order

Joanna Circle—young ladies in 6th through 12th grades
Meets in Chapel Hall - 3rd Sunday 11:00 am

Three young ladies met for apple turnovers and strawberries. We banged out 25 doorknob hangers to give to the Caring Connections Callers ministry to distribute to those they call on in May.

We will meet next month, May 15th, to decorate book marks.

Co-Circle Coordinators– Shelly Davenport and Julie Stone



Purchase With a Purpose

Are you buying end of year teacher gifts or going to a graduation party or a wedding, or a baby shower? We have the gift cards to fit your needs. Help us raise money for UMW's mission projects by purchasing gift cards for your own shopping or to give as gifts. Stop by the Purchase with a Purpose table in the Parlor on Sunday and take a look at what's available or visit www.mannagroup.net to see the many different options. Orders are placed on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month through June then the 2nd and 4th Sundays through November. Every Sunday we have Amazon, Dairy Queen, Home Depot, iTunes, Jewel, Kohl's, Meijer, Panera Bread, Speedway Gas, Starbuck's, Target, Ultra Foods, Walgreens, and Downers Grove Downtown Dollars ready to pick up at the table in the Parlor. Don't forget to pick up some Downtown Dollars if you are going out to lunch in town after church.

If you are traveling over the summer or forget to stop by the PWP table there is always the Benefit Mobile APP. Sign up for the free APP on your smart phone, choose First United Methodist Church, Purchase With A Purpose as your beneficiary and you can buy gift cards to use when you need them. The Benefit Mobile APP works particularly well if you shop at Amazon, Starbucks, Whole Foods or Target just to name a few. Benefit has many nationwide restaurant gift cards available and even allows you to send a gift via email.

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser and making a difference in the lives of women and children everywhere.

What is General Conference?

The General Conference, held every four years, is the procedure United Methodists use to revise church law. It is an opportunity to adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church wide programs. Any organization, clergy member or lay member of The United Methodist Church may petition the General Conference.

Our foremothers left us a legacy of innovative mission, and we continue that legacy by being the organization the world needs today.

Until poverty, violence, inequality, racism, preventable deaths cease,
until women and children are no longer marginalized,
until we live in a world in which all thrive,
women need to be organized for mission.

In the 21st century, the church and the world need United Methodist Women.

Who goes to General Conference?

United Methodist Women Board of Directors

Members of United Methodist Women's board of directors and Program Advisory Group who are elected as General Conference delegates in their respective annual conferences attend the event in this capacity. Selected United Methodist Women leaders can be invited to the event by the organization to help promote the work of United Methodist Women.

United Methodist Women Staff

Several key members of the national office staff attend General Conference to educate and advocate for the resolutions we propose to General Conference.

The Judicial Council

The Judicial Council is the highest judicial body or "court" of The United Methodist Church. It interprets church law and determines the constitutionality of acts and proceedings at all levels of church life. Its nine members are elected by General Conference.

The Council of Bishops

The Council of Bishops gives spiritual leadership and general oversight of the ministry and mission of The United Methodist Church. Bishops attend General Conference, but they cannot vote. Bishops can serve as presiding officers during General Conference. When not serving as presiding officers, Bishops cannot speak in legislative sessions at General Conference unless delegates specifically grant them permission to do so.



Save the date!

Mission u:

Learning Together for the Transformation of the World

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Summer 2016

One Day Mission u Event **Saturday, July 9, 2016, (8:00 registration - 4:00)**

First United Methodist Church, 100 West Cossitt Avenue, La Grange, IL 60525

Sessions on that day and the study leader:

English Language Classes, a "mission sampler"— a "taste" of all three studies:

Spiritual Growth: *The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God's Good Gift,*
Rev. Dr. Norval I. Brown

Global Focus: *Latin America: People and Faith,* Roger Curless

Social Issue: *Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action,*
Peggy Hansen, Diana Davis

Korean Language Classes: *The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God's Good Gift,*
Leader TBA

Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action, Jung Ja Kim

Spanish Language Classes: *The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God's Good,*
Gift, Gladys De Quiñones

Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action, Liseth Lopez

Children's Class (ages 7-11): *God's Extravagant Garden: Climate Justice,* Joy Hayag

Class for Youth (ages 12-15): *Joining Voices for Climate Justice,* Rev. Dr. Harriette Cross

Weekend Mission u Event **Thursday, July 14 (3:30 registration) –**
Sunday, July 17, 2016 (1:00 pm)

Camp Reynoldswood, 621 Reynoldswood Rd, Dixon, IL 61021
(Hotel accommodation options being arranged)

Studies and the study leader:

Spiritual Growth Study: *The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God's Good Gift,*
Rev. Dr. Norval I. Brown

Plus a choice of:

Global Focus Study: *Latin America: People and Faith,* Roger Curless

Social Issue: *Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action*
Peggy Hansen, Diana Davis

Watch for more information including a registration form that will be coming soon.

We hope to see you at Mission u!

Dean: Linda Priest

Assistant Dean: Robbie Moultrie



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NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

One Day Event

July 9, 2016

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange

100 West Cossitt Ave., LaGrange, IL

Register by: July 1

Weekend Event

July 14-17, 2016

Camp Reynoldswood

621 Reynoldswood Rd., Dixon, IL

Register by: July 5

Registration Form

Name: _____ Email: _____
(as you would like it to appear on your name tag)

District: _____ Local Church: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____
(street) (city) (zip)

Special Needs (diet, mobility, vision/hearing, etc.) _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone number(s): _____

Weekend Attendees Class Selection: ___ *Latin America: People & Faith* or ___ *Climate Justice: Call To Hope & Action*
(in addition to *The Bible and Human Sexuality* which is scheduled for all attendees)

First Time Attending: Y N Conference UMW Office: _____ District UMW Office: _____
Study or Music Leader _____ Mission u Planning Team Member _____

Overnight accommodations will be at: Camp Reynoldswood If so, do you require a room on the first floor? _____
 Comfort Inn or other off-site location

Postmarked
Through June 24 June 25 - July 5

<u>Weekend Event:</u>	Resident at Camp Reynoldswood	\$225	\$250	\$
	Optional \$7 for linens, if you don't bring your own)	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$
	Commuter (includes all meals)	\$125	\$150	\$
	(see page 2 for optional hotel accommodations)			
<u>One Day Event:</u>	Adults	\$50	\$50	\$
	Youth and Children (ages 6-15) One child: \$20; two children: \$35, three or more, \$45			\$
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE: NIC/UMW		Total Enclosed		\$

*** No on-site registration for Youth or Children – All authorizations must be signed by parent. ***

Authorization forms will be emailed to registering adult to be completed and returned to registrar.

Child care provided for children infant through age 5. Please bring a sack lunch for children infant through age 5.
Provide names and ages of all children attending.

Child's name: _____ Age: _____ Child's name: _____ Age: _____

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An *Installment Plan* is available for Weekend Lodging Students. The first half (\$112.50) is due June 24 and the second half is due July 5. The *Installment Plan* is only for Week-End lodging students who make first payment by June 24.

ONE DAY EVENT REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 1, 2016 (postmark)
 WEEKEND EVENT EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 24, 2016 (postmark)
 WEEKEND EVENT FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 5, 2016 (postmark)

NO REGISTRATIONS OR REFUNDS AFTER JULY 5, 2016, HOWEVER TRANSFERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
 Partial registration fees are not available.

Make your check payable to: NIC UMW

Mail Registration to Registrar:

Linda Osikowicz (H) 847-540-5634 (please leave a message)
 21647 Inglenook Lane nilumw.registrar@gmail.com
 Deer Park, IL 60010

Confirmations will be sent by e-mail. If you wish one by mail, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Questions may be addressed to:

Mission u Dean	Mission u Assistant Dean	Korean Coordinator	Spanish Coordinator
Linda Priest	Robbie Moultrie	Jung Ja Kim	Gladys De Quiñones
ceoweeks@sbcglobal.net	rl.moultrie@yahoo.com	jjkim78@gmail.com	gladys_ministry@hotmail.com
630-739-9259	708-343-8208	847-962-0584	

Weekend scholarships are available. Contact your District President for an application.
 Language Day scholarships are available. Contact the language coordinator (see above).
 Local units are also encouraged to offer partial scholarships.

1. Register one person per form. (except for children and youth).
2. Rooms at the Camp contain bunk beds with inner spring mattresses, somewhere between 3 and 5 bunk beds, depending on the size of the room. Usually, there is enough space, however, so the top bunks do not have to be used for sleeping. There are bathrooms with a shower near the sleeping rooms. There is also a "sitting area" near the sleeping rooms. Rooms are located on the main floor and the second floor. Camp and all rooms are non-smoking. A limited number of RV spots are available; contact the registrar if interested.
3. **Optional hotel accommodations** are available at: Comfort Inn, 136 Plaza Drive, Dixon, IL 815-284-0500, where a block of rooms has been reserved. Participants staying at the hotel will need to make their own reservations at a cost of \$102.84/day (including tax). Rooms at this price will be available until June 28, mention United Methodist Women. Those choosing to stay overnight in other accommodations (not at the Camp) will pay the Mission u commuter rate of \$125/\$150. Contact the registrar for information regarding tent or RV camping for the Weekend Event, if you are interested.

Bring with you: Textbooks; Bible; notebook; name badge holder (if you have one), medication; an open mind; a sense of humor; curiosity; and a smile. Bring your own drinking container as bottled water will not be available.

2016 Studies

The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God's Good Gift
Latin America: People and Faith
Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action

God's Extravagant Garden: Climate Justice (children)
Joining Voices for Climate Justice (youth)

One Day Event will include an overview of all three studies for English participants. Korean and Spanish participants will receive *The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God's Good Gift* and *Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action*.

Weekend Participants will all take two classes. All will take the Spiritual Growth study, *The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God's Good Gift* and will choose their second class; be sure you have marked your preference on the registration form.

Plan to read your textbooks before the study, if possible. (They will also be available at both events, as will other United Methodist Women materials.) Books may be ordered at: www.umwmissionresources.org or 1-800-305-9857.

United Methodist Women
Summer Mission u @ Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon
July 14-17, 2016

Scholarship Application for Aurora District

Name_____

Address:_____ Phone:_____

City:_____ Zip Code_____ E-MAIL_____

UMW Unit_____ Church_____ City_____

Have you ever attended School of Christian Mission? Yes___No___

Why do you wish to receive a scholarship and how you will share the knowledge gained from attending SUMMER MISSION u?

Signature:_____ Date:_____

Send completed form to Aurora District Education & Interpretation Coordinator:

Barb Farley (cbjdb@comcast.net)
1135 Sandhurst Lane, Carol Stream, Illinois 60188

DUE DATE: 6/25/16

Notification by email or phone (if no email address) will be by June 30, 2016.



May

Dawn Magliola	05/12
Wendy Nystrom	05/13
Elizabeth Breese	05/22
Arlene Guest	05/23
Cindi Roselieb	05/24
Shirley Beechamp	05/24
Lenore Pitstick	05/28
Nancy Bifulco	05/29

June

Maggie Roth	06/15
Sarah DeMink	06/18
Marilyn Gillham	06/21
Barb Friedel	06/21
Marilou Welch	06/26

July

Leanne Rolfe	07/03
Heather Cerne	07/06
Joan Van Order	07/07
Caroline Bertolino	07/10
Beth Grover	07/10
Louise Melkus	07/18
Beth Phillips	07/21
Char Black	07/26
Mary Lee Rhodes	07/31

August

Andrea Schwartzers	08/10
Maureen Dunn	08/13
Jackie Speta	08/19
Dorothy Kesl	08/22
Dana Murphy	08/22
Judy Bittikoffer	08/24
Margery Bergstrom	08/25
Laura Guest	08/26

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER **(mark your CALENDARS!)**

July 9	Mission u one day event	8:30 a.m.
	Lagrange UMC	
July 14-17	Mission u	
	Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon, Illinois	
Aug. 28	Children's Sunday	
	Blessing of the Backpacks	
Sept. 24	Aurora District Celebration	8:30 a.m.
	Joliet Grace UMC	
Oct. 13	General Meeting	12:00 p.m.
	Chapel Hall—Hosts Mary Elizabeth and Ruth Circles	
Oct. 16	Bake Sale—Parlor	