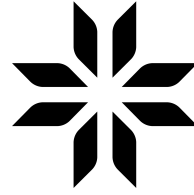


Heritage Vine

The Newsletter of the Heritage District
United Women in Faith
August 2025



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We believe love in action
can change the world.

President's Note

Joy Coyle

Greetings to all from our District Team! Can't believe that fall is almost here already! We have a wonderful fall meeting planned for all of you at the Ypsilanti United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 20. A true celebration with Rev. Faith Fowler presenting updates on the Tiny Houses Project.

The registration form is enclosed in this newsletter. We will have a variety of business, conference and national UWFaith information, worship, SERRV, meet and greet with some leadership questions, lunch put on by the Ypsi ladies, and of course, hearing from Rev. Faith Fowler. We would like to announce what is happening in your area, so please reach out to me, email below. Donna Kleiver is also collecting names of deaths that have happened during 2024 and 2025, so please turn that in to be shared.

I am also trying to keep up with the Communications area, so keep sending me your updated local officers, and whoever else would like to be included in mailings from the Heritage District. The next newsletter is due on Dec 15 to Jenn Ridley (jenn@hauntedfrog.com). Jenn organizes our newsletters, then I send them out. We would love to hear from you!

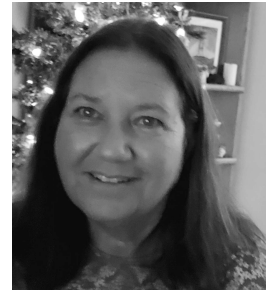
Donna Kleiver, our Nominations person, is working on next year's District leadership. If you would like to join and be a part of the planning, please let her know (dmkleiver2016@gmail.com). It is a great time to get to know a wider range of ladies. We are God's hands and feet, and through UWFaith, we can support women, children and youth around the world. Come and join us!

Judy Christie, our VP, has volunteered to gather the information from the units about the Reading Program participants and the Unit Objectives. The latter is not being used at the National level, but if you are doing it as a guideline for your local unit, we will still accept it as a way to know what areas your unit is working on. Judy's email is jchristie664@aol.com!

The all-new Michigan Conference United Women in Faith website is up and running! Find it under uwfaithmichigan.org. Our Heritage District information is listed there. For more national information, go to uwfaith.org. Also, check us out on Facebook, UWF Heritage District MI Conference! Please feel free to post your unit's activities there as well.

God's blessings to each and every one of you!

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Spiritual Growth and Outreach

Patty Puckett

A devotion:

Gracious God, we are thankful for your providence, and the wonders of your incredible world.

We recognize our complicity in the suffering of your people and all of creation.

We repent and seek the transformation of our hearts to amend our brokenness and build relationships rooted in your infinite love.

Let us answer our call for stewardship with love and care seeking not to dominate but to deepen our interdependence with all of your creation.

May we find Christ in all of those who suffer, and may our hearts be filled with thirst for your love, mercy, and justice.

Make us instruments of your love and let us share your grace.

Ilka Vega,

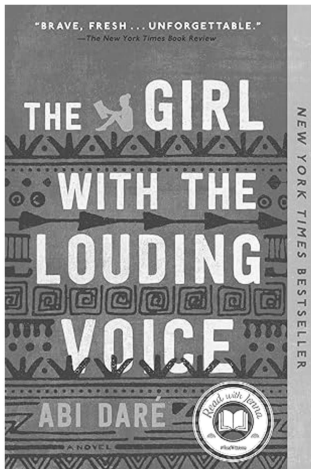
UW Faith Executive for Economic and Environmental Justice

JOIN US FOR A BOOK TALK!

You are invited to join Julia Hulka, Michigan Conference Secretary of Program Resources in a Book Talk on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

"The Girl With the Louding Voice" by Abi Dare

This is an Education for Mission Bonus Book in the Reading Program



The unforgettable, inspiring story of a teenage girl growing up in a rural Nigerian village who longs to get an education so that she can find her "louding voice" and speak up for herself, *The Girl with the Louding Voice* is a simultaneously heartbreaking and triumphant tale about the power of fighting for your dreams. Despite the seemingly insurmountable obstacles in her path, Adunni never loses sight of her goal of escaping the life of poverty she was born into so that she can build the future she chooses for herself – and help other girls like her do the same. Her spirited determination to find joy and hope in even the most difficult circumstances imaginable will "break your heart and then put it back together again" (Jenna Bush Hager on *The Today Show*) even as Adunni shows us how one courageous young girl can inspire us all to reach for our dreams...and maybe even change the world.

Register for this great discussion by emailing Diana Miller at diana@ddmiller.net.

Deadline for registration is September 28.

Reading the book is not required for participation, but will be helpful!

Treasurer

Jayne Worthy-Howlett



Late summer greetings to everyone. I hope you have all been enjoying our warm Michigan summer. I recently spent a week in South Haven with family. The weather was perfect although Lake Michigan was a tad cool. That did not stop my grandkids from enjoying the lake and beaches though.

In my last newsletter article, I highlighted how United Women in Faith (UWFaith) supports mission work internationally. In this issue I decided to bring the focus a little closer to home.

Through your mission giving, UWFaith assists nearly 90 National Mission Institutions across the United States via grants, technical support, and member support. National Mission Institutions are community-based organizations and social service agencies that were almost exclusively founded by women (no surprise there) in the 19th century to serve marginalized persons across the US.

Did you know there is a National Mission Institution right in your (almost) backyard? The United Methodist Community House (UMCH), located in Grand Rapids, has been meeting the needs of and offering opportunities to children, youth, adults, families, and seniors since 1902. Today UMCH has four core program areas designed to help community members of all ages thrive. These are:

- A Child Development Center
- After school and summer day camps for school-aged children
- Activities and services for adults age 60+ that include food assistance, transportation, health services, physical fitness, and more
- A Fresh Market designed to offer affordable access to healthy locally sourced food

Hebrews 13:16 tells us "Do not neglect to do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." You may be wondering what you and/or your unit can do to help these National Mission Institutions continue their great work. Your unit may want to consider increasing its Pledge to Mission by 10% next year OR individual members may offer a personal pledge to their unit directed towards mission giving.

Speaking of pledges, remember that all 2025 unit pledges should reach me no later than November 30th. Thank you to all those units who have already submitted their pledges.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

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Heritage District Treasurer's Report

January-June 2025

Current Balance \$4918.61
Received A&MD \$4367.50 (first two quarters of 2025)

Epiphany Service: 1/4/25 Registration Fees received \$165
Mason UMC \$214.00-38 attendees @ \$3/person
Plus \$50 Audio and \$50 Custodian
\$125 Music and Piano
\$100 Speaker
Total Costs: **\$539.00**

Spring Prayer Brunch 4/5/25 Registration Fees Received \$1160 (77 paid plus \$5 donation)

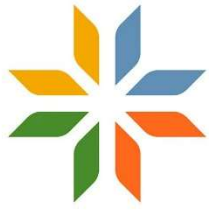
Saline UWF \$632-79 attendees@ \$8/person
Music \$75
Speaker \$100
Printing \$10
Nametags \$16.70
Total Costs: **\$833.70**

Banking Fees \$60
Card Order \$5.03
Postage \$21.43
Mileage \$84.00

8 Units have Pledged \$15430.00
Pledge Money Received \$27202.22 Mission Giving
\$1537.89 Supplementary Gifts

BUDGET		2025	New Budget 2026	difference
Officer Expenses:				
100	Postage	\$150	\$125	(\$25)
101	Office Supplies (inc. Zoom)	\$300	\$200	(\$100)
103	Travel (inc. visits to local units)	\$1,000	\$650	(\$350)
104	Meals	\$100.00	\$100	\$0
105	Printing	\$100	\$80	(\$20)
106	Bank Expenses	\$60	\$60	\$0
107	Audit	\$425	\$425	\$0
108	Dependent Care	\$100	\$100	\$0
109	Officer Resources/Literature	\$250	\$200	(\$50)
				\$0
Total Officer Expenses		\$2,485	\$1,940	(\$545)
				\$0
Conference Event Expenses:				\$0
200	Conference Annual Meeting	\$500	\$500	\$0
201	Advocacy Day	\$200	\$200	\$0
202	Mission U	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
203	Other Conference Events	\$100	\$100	\$0
				\$0
Total Conference Event Expenses		\$2,800	\$2,800	\$0
				\$0
District Event Expenses:				\$0
300	District Annual Meeting	\$500	\$500	\$0
301	Local Unit Leadership Training	\$100	\$100	\$0
302	District Spiritual Growth Retreat	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
303	Shepherds/Unit Visitation	\$100	\$100	\$0
304	Other District Events (NCJ)	\$100.00	\$100	\$0
	and/or Assembly	\$0	\$0	\$0
				\$0
Total Event District Expenses		\$2,300	\$2,300	\$0
				\$0
Other Expenses:				\$0
400	Newsletter/Directory	\$0	\$0	\$0
401	Program Resources	\$350	\$300	(\$50)
402	SMR, GTM, GIM	\$600	\$550	(\$50)
403	Church Women United	\$0	\$0	\$0
409	Miscellaneous	\$200	\$200	\$0
				\$0
Total Other Expenses		\$1,150	\$1,050	(\$100)
				\$0
Grand Total		\$8,735	\$8,090	(\$645)
				\$0
District Pledge		\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0

Heritage District – Michigan Conference



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2026 Heritage District Unit Pledge Form

Name of Local Unit / Church _____

2026 Pledge Amount _____

Unit Treasurer Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Cell (____) _____ Home (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Please Return To:

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Nominations

Donna Kleiver

Despite busy schedules with work, family, and other commitments, we need your support to offer services and activities for United Women in Faith from the Heritage District. The district team has several key open positions that allow us to be your unit guide and provide the information and encouragement to do the work for women, children, and youth that our foremothers started 156 years ago.

We are asking for One Year of help to maintain the Heritage District UWF's ability to provide services and guidance for your unit and to keep you informed from Conference and National UWF. If you would like to share a position, dual leaders are welcome. We try to meet by Zoom when possible and with more members the workload is manageable. Will you help by considering one of the positions below and contact me with a YES or questions?

Positions Open:

* President

* Vice President

* Secretary

Secretary of Program Resources Coordinator

Membership, Nurture & Outreach Coordinator

Education & Interpretation Coordinator

* Committee on Nominations: Chair and 5 Team members

Filling a position provides the participant with the opportunity to serve, gain knowledge of the work of United Women in Faith, make new friendships, develop self-confidence in leadership, and gain experiences you never expected.

May God Bless you as you consider serving on the Heritage District Team

Donna Kleiver, Nominations Chair

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*indicates key positions to be filled

Michigan Conference UWFaith

Information on Annual Conference is at

<https://uwfaithmichigan.org/2025/05/12/2025-conference-annual-celebration-and-training>

Michigan Conference United Women in Faith Heritage District

Proposed

2026 Leadership Team

President
OPEN

**Vice President/Program
Coordinator**
OPEN

Secretary
OPEN

Treasurer
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Social Action
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Program Resources
OPEN

Education/Interpretation
OPEN

**Membership Nurture &
Outreach**
OPEN

Committee on Nominations
Chair:
OPEN

Committee on Nominations
Member 1: OPEN
Member 2: OPEN
Member 3: OPEN
Member 4: OPEN
Member 5: OPEN

**Appointed Positions:
Green Team (ongoing)**

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Registrar #1
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Conference Connections

Sharon Smith, President (2025)
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*Date by name is date started in the position.

2025 Mission u



Heritage District members at Mission u 2025 in Mt Pleasant: Karol Fry, Donna Kleiver, Sally Messner, and Sharon Smith. Reports are that they had a great time!

Michigan Conference UWF Annual Celebration

is at Clio Bethany UMC on Oct 18, with Officer Training on Oct 17.
More information, and a registration form, can be found on the Conference Website

<https://uwfaithmichigan.org/2025/05/12/2025-conference-annual-celebration-and-training>

The August UWFaith Connect newsletter can be found at:
<<https://mailchi.mp/uwfaith.org/connect-april2025-11019476>>

Coordinator for Social Action

Shirley M. Carpenter



Guess I should not have wished for warmer weather. It has been too hot.

I am a person that likes to be outside Spring and Summer. This summer I have had plenty of time inside to read the books for our Reading Program and attend Zoom Meetings for Faith Talks and Task Force.

I was unable to attend Mission U this year due to health issues. I am looking forward to the Heritage Celebration in September and the wonderful Guest Speaker Rev Faith Fowler. I hope we have a big turnout for the event.

President Joy suggested we discuss the items our local unit has been engaged in recently.

Here at Hudson First we were informed we would have a new pastor in July. Change seems to be the norm since COVID. We received a new pastor at that time. We were his first church and he was assigned four local churches, three in Hillsdale County and Hudson in Lenawee. He has been re-assigned to Clare. We have a new Pastor just starting last Sunday and she has three small local churches.

Each transition has given us many things to decide from changing the starting times, working with other churches, and helping the new pastor. Over my 59 years, we have had many different pastors but the sharing of pastor is quite different. It will be Hudson First, Clayton, and Rollin Center.

We are planning on sharing events with the other churches. We are located only six miles from Clayton so we know most of their church members. We are getting ready for our Vacation Bible School in August and our United Women in Faith Sunday in October.

Hope to see you at the Celebration September 20, 2025.

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United Women in Faith resources and information

Michigan Conference:

<https://uwfaithmichigan.org>

the UWFaith website and Mighty Networks:

UWFaith.org,

UWFaith.mn.co (Mighty Networks)

Here are a few more places to see what UWFaith are doing:

facebook.com/uwomenfaith

youtube.com/uwomenfaith

uwfaith.org/flickr

So, if you have lots of spare time (HA!) check these out!!

- Joy

Heritage District 2025- 2026 Calendar

Sept. 11		Heritage Leadership Team meeting – In person, Ypsilanti FUMC
Sept 19 – Friday	4:00 pm	Heritage Team Meeting – Set up for Annual Celebration at Ypsilanti FUMC
Sept 20– Saturday	9:00am	Annual Celebration/Business Meeting – Ypsilanti FUMC
Oct. 17 – Friday	4:00 -8:00 pm	Michigan Conference Leadership Training Clio Bethany UMC. Clio, MI
Oct. 18 – Saturday	9:30am	Michigan Conference Annual Celebration/Business Meeting/Sally Vonner, CEO Clio Bethany UMC, Clio, MI
Nov 19 Wednesday	3:30pm	Leadership Team meeting
Jan 3, 2026	TBA	Epiphany Service – North Lake UMC

Dates and Deadlines:

All units should submit a current officer list to Joy Coyle

Newsletter Article (not just Leadership Team – send in event and program information!)	Dec 15 due to Jenn Ridley
Pledge to Mission for 2025	September 1 due to Jayne Worthy-Howlett
Deadline to send monies to Treasurer	December 1 due to Jayne Worthy-Howlett
Reading Program for 2025	Coordinator needed
Mission Today for 2025	

Most reporting forms are available on the district website, or by contacting the appropriate Leadership Team member.