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A Newsletter for United Women in Faith of the Big Waters District

The Purpose of United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith 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.



United Women in Faith



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH Big Waters District Fall Gathering

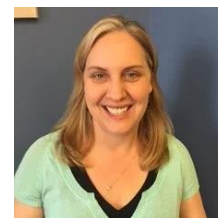
***“Emma Norton Services:
Past, Present, Future”***

Saturday, September 16, 9:00am – 2:30pm
United Methodist Church of Anoka
850 South St, Anoka, MN

Enjoy Emma Norton Coffee beginning at 9:00am
Program follows at 10:00am

Guest Speaker ~ Shawna Nelsen-Wills
Advancement Director, Emma Norton Services

Shawna joined Emma Norton in September 2018 as the Advancement Director to raise both funds and visibility for the organization and promote donor, partner and volunteer engagement. She will remind us of Emma Norton’s history and update us on progress towards the new building. She will also have ideas on how we can help Emma Norton realize the Restoring Waters fundraising goal. Exciting things are happening at Emma Norton and Shawna will make sure we are up to date!



The Anoka and Coon Rapids United Women in Faith will be co-hosting this event which will also include our annual business meeting and election of officers for the coming year. Be sure to join us for a day of learning, fun and fellowship!

Registration form on page 11.

President's Notes

Myrna Kuehl ~ District President



There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV).

I'm writing this at the end of July.

There have been many hot days this summer interspersed with some comfortable days that allow me to have windows open. I have enjoyed fresh strawberries and raspberries, and bountiful produce from farmer's markets. Next in the season is fresh peaches. This is the season I am in, whether I like it or not. I sometimes forget to remain in the present and enjoy every minute that God has given me. I have more free time in the summer as many of my activities are on break.

But fall is around the corner as we think of the State Fair and school supplies. This is also the time to plan our Big Waters District Fall Gathering. The Spring Gathering was our first in person meeting since the fall of 2019. It was a wonderful day. We had wonderful fellowship, an inspiring speaker and great food.

I invite you to attend our Fall Gathering in Anoka. We will hear the latest about Emma Norton Services and conduct our business meeting which includes electing officers. I invite each of you to attend. I look forward to again seeing longtime friends and making new ones. Please don't wait to send in your registration. Do it today!



Cindy Saufferer, president of MN United Women in Faith, accepts the Jeanne Audrey Powers Ecumenism Award for Healing a Broken World at Annual Conference on June 1.

Fall Gathering Offering



Half the offering received at Fall Gathering will be given to *Impact Services* which offers a number of services in Anoka County:

- **Meals On Wheels** - A nutritious meal and daily check-in serving all of Anoka County and Champlin.
- **Voices of Impact** - A musical experience for persons living with memory issues and their caregiver.
- **Answers to Aging** - Resources and education materials for your family to help discuss concerns with your loved ones.

Instead of bringing items for *Impact Services*, we will be decorating lunch bags for Meals on Wheels to use for cold items in the meal delivery. Supplies will be provided. As is our tradition, the other half of the Fall Gathering offering will go to Mission Giving. Please give generously!

Jeanne Audrey Powers Ecumenism Award for Healing a Broken World

The Minnesota United Women in Faith received the Jeanne Audrey Powers Ecumenism Award for Healing a Broken World at the 2023 MN Annual Conference. Cindy Saufferer, UWF Conference President, accepted the award given for our work organizing presentations on Native American ministry, participating in Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women marches, taking part in Minnesota Healing Stories Sacred Sites Tours plus learning about migrant workers and racial reparations. The award also recognizes our long time partnership with Emma Norton Services and our raising up and support of Deaconesses and Home Missioners.

Each year this award honors persons who have made significant efforts to build the beloved community, in particular through collaborative partnerships and ecumenical efforts, working for justice and reconciliation for all persons.

Social Action Update

Diane Bublitz ~ Social Action Mission Coord.

“We are Stewards of God’s Creation”

All creation is God’s, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it...God has granted us stewardship of creation. We should meet these stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect. (Social Principles, 160)

We have a moral responsibility as a nation, and a sacred task as people of faith, to care for our climate and leave a safe and thriving world for future generations.

Attribution science - using knowledge of individual weather events, historical records and modeling of increased/decreased heating of the atmosphere by greenhouse gases - has determined that the weather we are experiencing is “virtually impossible” without human-caused climate change. The increased warming of the atmosphere creates more intense and frequent weather events. Weather records are being broken all over the world.

At this point, a certain amount of global warming is “baked in”. We are on a path to get even warmer. Steps we are taking now are bending the warming curve but we need to do more and faster to limit future warming. Prior to the Paris agreement the earth was on a path to warm by five to six degrees Celsius. Based on the most recent agreements we are headed towards 3 degrees of warming. Currently we are experiencing 1.2 degrees Celsius of warming.

In the US excessive heat causes more weather-related deaths than hurricanes, flooding and tornadoes combined. Vulnerable people, including the elderly, young children, the unhoused, those working outdoors, the incarcerated and low income persons, are most at risk.

Ideas for taking positive ACTION:

- Visit UW Faith (www.uwfaith.org/get_involved/). Scroll down to Advocacy then to Just Energy 4 All, click on Climate Justice Actions to email Congress to urge the passage of climate and health legislation.
- Contact your local utility for rebates and energy saving programs offered. *Do you pay federal income*

taxes? The 2022 Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) provides tax credits for increasing the energy efficiency of your home. The IRA extended the tax credit to churches and other non-profits who do not pay taxes.

- Advocate for increased state funding for clean, 100% renewable and just energy infrastructure, considering what is good for people and creation.
- Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light (www.mnipl.org) is a resource for congregations and individuals on ways to lower carbon emissions and how to access federal IRA tax credits. UW Faith and Interfaith Power & Light partner at the national level.

In Remembrance...

Vicky Clausen ~ Spiritual Growth Coord.

A Native American Prayer

I give you this one thought to keep-
I am with you still - I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow,
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning hush,
I am the swift, uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not think of me as gone-
I am with you still - in each new dawn.

This prayer was sent to my family when my son died in 2000. It reminds me daily that he is always with me and I treasure it and him. Death is a part of everyday life. No one can escape it.



Each year we honor and remember those women who were a part of our lives and shared the sisterhood in our units. We miss them and their contributions to each unit's success. We will do this again as we gather at our annual Fall Gathering. Send me the names of those women in your unit who have died over the past year so we can honor and remember them. We are not purchasing flowers so DO NOT send money. Send names to vlcmaisel@gmail.com or Vicky Clausen at 939 Cypress Road #21, St. Cloud, MN 56303.

Membership Nurture & Outreach



The **2022 Unit Survey** is out and needs to be completed by August 30, 2023. The survey is intended to be completed by your unit president or anyone in the unit with computer skills. Questions are related to how your unit or group is thriving in sisterhood, faith and action and how you are committed to act boldly for justice and to transform communities.

Your responses matter. Your answers will allow the United Women in Faith National Office to:

- Deliver more resources on the areas that matter most.
- Gather engagement data based on region.
- Celebrate all the work you are doing on behalf of women, children, and youth.

To complete the survey, please go to [Minnesota Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com) and then dive into the questions. Answering the questions will take about 15-20 minutes.

Also, each unit president/contact person should have received a **2023 Officer Update Form** from Catherine Williams, Conference MN&O Coordinator. This was part of a special membership email sent on August 2nd. It is very important that the form gets filled out and returned as soon as your 2023 officers are in place. This is the only way we have of keeping our newsletter mailing lists up to date. Thanks for your help!

Mission Today Units & Reading Program Participants

Have you read books from the Reading Program? Has your local unit met the requirements to be a 2023 Mission Today Unit? Be sure to submit this information by the end of the year so these individuals and units can be recognized at the Spring Gathering. Please send your information to Louise Johnson, 1705 11th St. NE, Buffalo, MN 55313, 952-412-9533, ljohnson@nuveramail.net

Program Resources Info



The 2024 Bundle is now available for pre-ordering! This year UW Faith is offering a **20% discount** on the whole Bundle offer. The Bundle includes:

- Daily Prayer Guide 2024 (\$19.99)
- Program Resource 2024 (\$14.99)*
- Adult Curriculum for Mission u (\$14.99)

There are two ways to order the Bundle:

- Order online at [United Women in Faith - The Bundle 2024 \(uwfaithresources.org\)](https://uwfaithresources.org).
- Print out the Bundle order form and submit with a check. Click [United Women in Faith - 2024 Bundle Order Form \(uwfaithresources.org\)](https://uwfaithresources.org) to download and print the form.

The 20% off the retail price offer (including shipping and handling) is available through December 31 for the first 1,500 subscribers. Afterwards, the Bundle will be discounted to \$45 plus shipping and handling. Bundle shipments will start mailing in December.

*NOTE - The Program Resource 2024 (formerly the Program Book) will now start in January rather than September. The interim months of September through December 2023 will be offered on the UWF digital portal: UWfaith.org/digital

Wanted: Reading Program Books



Be sure to bring your used Reading Program books to the Fall Gathering to pass on to others! Books going back to 2019 count towards the completion of the 2023 programs. What better way to keep our Reading Program books in circulation and help others save money!

Education & Interpretation

What Our Money Funds!

United Women in Faith is trusted with pledges and donations from individual members as well as from mission partners and anonymous donors who are dedicated to mission.

The national office is committed to careful stewardship of this generous support. UW Faith gives to partner churches plus ecumenical and grassroots projects through a granting process overseen by a member-chosen, 25-member Board of Directors composed of United Women in Faith members. Here is what our money funds:

- ❖ **National Mission Institutions (NMIs)** - We support nearly 90 NMIs across the United States serving the needs of marginalized and vulnerable communities.
- ❖ **Regional Missionaries** - Focusing on issues of health, gender equality, and elimination of violence among women, and support for the uprooted and marginalized.
- ❖ **Grants and Scholarships** - In 2021 we awarded grants and scholarships totaling \$4,084,488!
- ❖ **Service and Advocacy** - This includes work on peace and justice, education, the rights of children, human rights, and farm workers' Also, our work in partnership with coalitions on many justice issues extends its reach. We host leadership training on our social justice priorities. Also, we have a program for consecrating deaconesses and home missionaries to a lifetime of service!



What is a Land Acknowledgement?

Submitted by Myrna Kuehl

Some time ago, the MN Conference UWF Executive Team asked that we include a land acknowledgement at each of our gatherings.



A land acknowledgment is a formal way to recognize the Indigenous peoples who have come before us, and who were removed — often violently — from their land due to colonization. It is a way to acknowledge the vital relationship between Indigenous peoples and the land while recognizing that these people still exist and practice their cultures today. Land acknowledgments are one small way to bring to light treaties and broken promises. It's a way to start speaking out against the genocide, cultural appropriation and all the other wrongdoings we have done to the Indigenous peoples of North America.

A land acknowledgement sounds like a good idea, but what does it really mean? Is it meaningful to those who hear the words? Or is it a waste of time? Actually, both of these can be true. If they become rote words that we say, then it may be a waste of time. If it inspires us to learn more about the history of interaction between the Indigenous peoples and the white settlers, then it can have meaning — both for groups like United Women of Faith and for individuals.

A land acknowledgement will be read at our gatherings. But I hope it will be a starting point for you to learn more. Would it be helpful to include opportunities for learning at our district gatherings? Are you interested in some classes? Please contact me with your thoughts. Myrna Kuehl, myrnakuehl@comcast.net or 763-567-8892.

Information for this article was taken from the Alaska Wilderness League.



Financial Report

Karen Strobel ~ Treasurer

Summer is flying by--county fairs have been or are being held. The Great MN Get Together will soon be upon us. Fall will be here soon. Time seems to go too fast. Thanks for all your patience in the transition to a new Treasurer.

These are the totals from the end of July 2023:

Mission Giving:

Goal \$45,900.00 Actual \$11,119.00 24%

Emma Norton:

Goal \$6,800.00 Actual \$2,850.00 42%

At the end of September I will be mailing a Mission Giving report to each unit's treasurer to encourage the achievement of Five Star status and ensure that my records agree with yours. To qualify for Five Star status a unit must give to: Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and the World Thank Offering. The minimum contribution for each category is \$5.00 except for Special Mission Recognition which requires a contribution of \$40.00 per pin. The pins are a great way to recognize people in your congregation that are doing God's work in so many different ways.

Note: To have your contributions counted for 2023 giving, I need to receive them by December 15, 2023. For help or any questions contact Karen Strobel at 811 South 6th St, Brainerd, MN 56401, 218-839-7413. karenstrobel6@gmail.com.



Give to the Legacy Endowment Fund

The Legacy Endowment Fund is a permanently invested endowment that will forever be a source of income for United Women in Faith. There are many ways to contribute to the fund. You can make a one-time contribution, pledge to give monthly, or make a planned gift. Give online at [Legacy Fund | United Women in Faith \(uwfaith.org\)](https://www.legacyfund.org).

Committee on Nominations

Kathy Hulsebus ~ Chair

The time is getting close for our Fall Gathering in Anoka on September 16!

I am still needing nominees for the offices of Program Coordinator, Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator & Committee on Nominations members for 2025-2027. I would like to be able to report a full slate of officers at the Annual Meeting. Would you be willing to take one of these offices? Do you know someone who could fill one of these positions? Your help is greatly needed and appreciated. Please pray and consider serving on the Big Waters District Executive Team for your United Women in Faith. Please contact me at kjhulsebus@gmail.com or call 918-407-0253.

Louise Johnson has graciously accepted the nomination for two offices. We will be combining the Education and Interpretatio Coordinator and Program Resources positions. Our thanks to Louise for filling these spots!

Every woman is important in the life of United Women in Faith and you could just be the one to spark someone into our organization. Hoping to see you in September at Anoka.

2023 OFFICER RECOGNITIONS

Each year at the Fall Gathering our District officers are recognized upon completion of a two year term in office. This year we will be honoring two people for their service on the District Executive Team.

For completion of a first term in office a *Special Mission Recognition Pin* will be given to:



- Myrna Kuehl - President/1st term, 2nd year
- Vicky Clausen - Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator/1st term, 2nd year

Emma Norton Update

Emma Norton Representative ~ Myrna Kuehl



As always, there are lots of exciting things going on at Emma Norton!

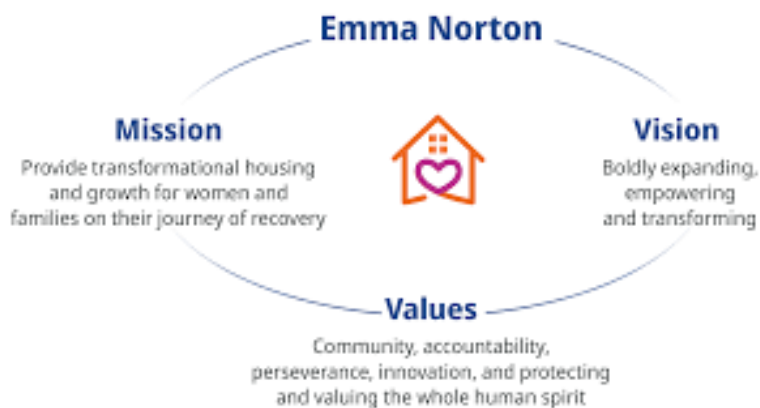
Construction is progressing on schedule for Restoring Waters. The upper floors are being built now! Our Home + Healing: The Campaign for Restoring Waters continues to make great progress as well! Gifts and pledges totaling nearly \$2.5 million dollars have been received, with \$1.25 million to go to reach our full goal to provide truly transformational housing and healing services for 60+ individuals and small families when we open in Spring of 2024. Shawna Nelsen-Wills will be at our Fall Gathering to give us more information and ideas for how we can help achieve the goal.

Emma Norton has had visits from these volunteer groups this summer:

- St. Luke's Youth Group from Omaha, Nebraska hosted bingo and a craft activity. Each resident got to make their own personalized scented room sprays and received a gift bag with lotion, spa masks, portable cutlery sets and more.
- LARK (Ladies Acts Random Kindness) from Advent UMC, with help from resident volunteers, painted a cute garden scene in the second floor bathroom.
- Saint Paul Association of Realtors donated Welcome Baskets and hosted a fabulous bingo party.
- On Father's Day, Eastside Ministry dropped off gift bags for our dads at Emma's Place. Each gift bag included a cool coffee mug, a gift card, a nerf football, soap and a hand-crocheted soap holder.
- Additionally, a special donation was received from a young supporter of Emma Norton named Avery, who heard about our mission from her dad. After Avery learned about Emma Norton, she rallied her friends and family to raise money and assembled eight Welcome Baskets for new residents.

Bring In Kind Donations & Welcome Baskets to the Fall Gathering

- In Kind donations of household cleaning supplies such as disinfectant, floor cleaner, sponges and dish soap are always needed. They would also like back to school supplies: middle/high school backpacks, TI-84+ calculators & charger, TI-30XS calculators, reusable water bottles, subject dividers for 3-ring binders and loose-leaf paper.
- Individuals or groups can also work together to make Welcome Baskets. These include one laundry basket filled with: flat and fitted twin sheet set, pillow and pillow case, blanket (comforter, quilt, winter blanket), bath towel, hand towel and washcloth, toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, bar soap, deodorant and coffee mug. Optional but appreciated items: lint roller, shower caddy, small picture frame, lotion and a journal.





SAVE THE DATE

Conference Annual Fall Gathering

Saturday, October 7, 2023

9:00am-2:30pm

Resurrection UMC, Hastings

“A Legacy of Bold Giving”

Guest Speaker: Deaconess Christi Campos

Executive for Development and Donor Relations

UWF National Office

For United Women in Faith bold giving is built into our shared DNA. Ever since our foremothers put two pennies and prayer together in 1869 to send missionaries to India, we have continued to give boldly to make missions happen. It takes bold giving to accomplish our current work through Mission Giving and our future work through the Legacy Endowment Fund. As members of UW Faith what kind of legacy do we want to leave behind. Join us as we explore the various Legacy Endowment Fund giving categories and discover how to become “trifecta donors” by giving boldly!

Sally Vonner Elected New General Secretary & CEO of United Women in Faith



United Women in Faith is pleased to announce the election of Sally Vonner to the position of General Secretary and Chief Executive Officer, effective June 1, 2023.

Ms. Vonner joined the organization’s national staff in 2010 as Assistant General Secretary of Membership and Leadership Development. With reorganization in 2018, she became the Transformation Officer, coordinating the organization’s visioning and strategic development to positively impact the lives of women, children and youth. She oversaw an organizational rebranding that opened new ways for women to join, introduced program innovations and initiatives and rolled out United Women in Faith as the new public-facing name.

“My primary focus is to continue and expand the mission and reach of United Women in Faith as we put our love and faith in action to change the world, and work to improve the lives of women, children

and youth around the world,” Ms. Vonner said. “I commit to lead with faith and trust in God, the support of the directors, the Program Advisory Group, my colleagues, and most of all, the members of United Women in Faith.”

Leadership Development Retreat For Conference & District Officers



Attention all present and new Conference and District Officers!

The Leadership Development Retreat will be held on October 7-8 at Resurrection UMC in Hastings.

Once again, this will be in combination with the Conference Fall Gathering rather than a separate event. All officers will be receiving LDR registration information in mid-August. Lodging information was sent out in June and all officers were encouraged to make reservations early. Leadership development is an important component of serving as an officer in United Women in Faith. Plan now to attend this fun and informative event!

Big Waters District UMWIF Financial Report
2021 2022 Final, 2023 Budget and YTD and 2024
Proposed Budget July 31,2023

	<u>2021 FINAL</u>	<u>2022 BUDGET</u>	<u>2022 FINAL</u>	<u>2023 BUDGET</u>	<u>2023 FINAL</u>	<u>2024 PROPOSED</u>
REVENUE						
District Pledge	\$ 44,479.41	\$ 45,900.00	\$ 37,801.41	\$ 45,900.00	11,998.46	\$ 40,000.00
Pledge to Mission	\$ 39,838.73		\$ 34,488.91		11119.96	
Special Mission Recognition	\$ 800.00		\$ 225.00		160.00	
Gift to Mission	\$ 475.00		\$ 480.00		410.50	
Gift in Memory	\$ 1,100.00		\$ 425.00		190.00	
World Thank Offering	\$ 1,878.18		\$ 1,695.00		437.00	
Love Offering	\$ 387.50		\$ 487.50		50.00	
Emma Norton	\$ 6,334.00	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,669.00	\$ 6,800.00	3072.00	6800.00
Miscellaneous Revenue						
Prayer and Self Denial	\$ 901.82		\$ 664.06		260.00	
Designated Other	\$ 420.00		\$ 300.00		125.00	
Flowers and Book Sales	\$ 10.00		\$ -			
UMCOR	\$ 1,090.00		\$ 1,245.00		200.00	
Mission U	\$ 25.00		\$ 10.74		150.00	
District/Conf. Offering	\$ 652.50		\$ 166.00		330.50	
Legacy	\$ -		\$ -			
Other Districts Contrib-Speakers						
Honorarium	\$ -		\$ 200.00		100.00	
Total of Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 3,099.32	\$ -	\$ 2,585.80	\$ -	965.50	
Total from Units ALL Catagories	\$ 53,912.73	\$ 52,700.00	\$ 47,056.21	\$ 52,700.00	16035.96	46800.00
A&MD from Conference	\$ 9,580.00	\$ 10,080.00	\$ 9,580.00	\$ 10,080.00	5040.00	10080.00
A&MD from Conference Applied to	\$ (8,113.73)		\$ (7,955.41)			
GRAND TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 55,379.00	\$ 62,780.00	\$ 48,680.80	\$ 62,780.00	21075.96	56880.00
EXPENSES						
Officers Expenses						
Mileage, Lodging, Meals	\$ 222.24	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 378.17	\$ 2,200.00	517.40	2200.00
Literature (Handbooks,Mission U, I	\$ 48.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 195.90	\$ 400.00	38.63	400.00
Supplies (Paper, Labels, Ect.)	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 16.99	\$ 100.00	51.79	100.00
Postage	\$ 95.40	\$ 200.00	\$ 56.78	\$ 200.00	336.75	200.00
Financial Review	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	300.00	300.00
Copying	\$ 42.95	\$ 100.00	\$ 10.70	\$ 100.00		100.00
MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT						
Communications	\$ 98.03	\$ 400.00	\$ 106.85	\$ 400.00		400.00
Distict/Conference Meetings/Speal	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,780.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 1,780.00	1303.00	1780.00
Mission U Fee	\$ 355.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	300.00	4000.00
Resources	\$ 27.40	\$ 200.00	\$ 34.20	\$ 200.00		200.00
Bank Charges	\$ 47.25	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00		50.00
Officer Recognition	\$ 140.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00		100.00
Legacy Fund	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00		150.00
Miscellaneous including Flowers	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00		100.00
Dist. Gathering Focus Organization	\$ 682.50	\$ -	\$ 166.00	\$ -		0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES (admin, mbr)	\$ 2,158.77	\$ 10,080.00	\$ 1,990.59	\$ 10,080.00	2847.57	10080.00
Unspent Money Returned to Confer.	\$ 8,113.73		\$ 7,955.41			
TOTAL SENT TO CONFERENCE	\$ 45,106.50		\$ 38,734.80			
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDED	\$ 55,379.00		\$ 48,680.80			
Balance carried over to Next Year	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		500.00

2024 Big Waters District Slate of Officers

To be Elected:

President: Myrna Kuehl
2nd term 1st year
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763-567-8892 myrnakuehl@comcast.net

Spiritual Growth Coordinator: Vicky Clausen
2nd term 1st year
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320-230-6460 vlemaisel@gmail.com

Resource Manager/Education & Interpretation
Coordinator: Louise Johnson
1st term 1st year
1705 11th St. NE, Buffalo, 55313
952-412-9533 ljohnson@nuveramail.net

Program Coordinator: TBD
Membership Nurture & Outreach Coord: TBD
Comm. on Nominations/Classes of 2025-27: TBD

Continuing in Office:

Treasurer: Karen Strobel
1st term 2nd year
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1st term 2nd year
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Chairperson, Committee on Nominations -
Class of 2024: Kathy Hulsebus
1700 Boulder Dr., Sartell, 56377
918-407-0253 kjhulsebus@gmail.com

Social Action Coordinator: Diane Bublitz
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Membership Nurture & Outreach - TBD

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Class of 2025 - TBD

Class of 2026 - TBD

Class of 2027 - TBD

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BIG WATERS DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH FALL GATHERING



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9:00 am – 2:30 pm

UMC of Anoka, 850 South Street, Anoka, Minnesota
Hosted by Anoka UW Faith and Coon Rapids UW Faith

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Guest Speaker ~ Shawna Nelsen-Wills, Advancement Director,
Emma Norton Services

REGISTRATION FORM

UWF UNIT _____

CITY _____

NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING FORM _____

EMAIL OF PERSON SUBMITTING FORM _____

How many will be attending? _____ Please send a list of names!

Any special needs, including dietary _____

I need child care: ___ Yes ___ No Ages of Children _____

___ Group registration payment enclosed (one check)

___ Individual registration payments enclosed

Cost: \$20.00 per person for registration in advance/\$25.00 per person without registration in advance

Please make checks payable to Big Waters UWF and mail to:

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Big Waters 2023/2024 Calendar of Events

September 15	BW District Executive Team Meeting	UMC of Anoka
September 16	BW District Fall Gathering	UMC of Anoka
October 7	Conference Annual Gathering	Resurrection UMC, Hastings
October 7-8	Leadership Development Retreat	Resurrection UMC, Hastings
February 17	BW District Executive Team Meeting	Zoom
April 19	BW District Executive Team Meeting	St. Cloud First UMC, Sartell
April 20	BW District Spring Gathering	St. Cloud First UMC, Sartell
May 30-June 2	UWF NC Jurisdiction Quadrennial Event	Indianapolis, IN
June 15	BW District Executive Team Meeting	Onamia UMC
September 20	BW District Executive Team Meeting	TBD
September 21	BW District Fall Gathering	TBD

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