

# North Central Connection



## President's Message

Thanks to Carmel United Methodist Church and Carmel United Methodist Women for hosting both our 2017 January Board Meeting and Officers Training. We were so pleased to have a good attendance with great presentations and questions. Hope everyone went home inspired for the coming year.

The North Central District was the only district in the State to make their pledge. Congratulations to all the units for their hard work and dedication in achieving our pledge. We met 110.5% of our pledge goal of \$30,000 to the state. For the coming year our goal is the same and with everyone's help we will again reach it.

There are several goals for the following year I hope you will all try to achieve.

- Pledge to be a 5 Star and All Star Unit. You can do this by completing your pledge and contributing to Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and World Thank Offering and Conference, Askings to Lucille Raines Residence \$10 per member, Mission U \$2 per member and Youth & Young Adult Service \$1.
- Attend the District Spring and Fall Meetings.
- Participate in the Reading Program. (Wonderful books start with just one and you maybe will just keep on reading to a Rewards Book Club Award



**North Central Leadership Team Boxing Up Human Trafficking!**

- Send in your 2018 Pledge to the District Treasurer. This is a valuable tool when the Board makes our District Pledge and Budget.
- Attend a Conference Retreat. There are two more planned this year: April 21-11 Don Hall Guesthouse, Fort Wayne and a Silent Retreat in the Fall in Evansville.
- Attend Mission U: July 18-21: A wonderful experience for all members.

Hope to see you all at the Spring Meeting. As always if you need any assistance with your local unit feel free to contact me or any of your North Central District Team. We are here to serve you.

God Bless each of you for your great work in mission.

Yours in Christ,

Marilyn Chittick, NC District President

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## Calendar of Events—2017

- April 21-22—Spiritual Growth Retreat in Ft. Wayne
- April 29—North Central District Spring Meeting—St. Matthews, Frankfort, IN
- July 18-21— Mission U at DePauw U
- July 22—Mission U Sampler Day at DePauw U
- October 6-7—Conference Annual Gathering
- October 27-29—Silent Retreat in Evansville
- November 4—Leadership Development & Officer Training—Christ UMC in Westfield

## 2018

- May 18-20—UMW Assembly in Columbus OH

## Vice President's Report

Greetings, I'm your new district vice president. Let me introduce myself. I live in Kokomo and worship and participate at Main Street U M C . I am the mother of 5 adult children, 4 living. I have 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. I am proud to be a United Methodist Woman.

As vice presidents we are responsible, as part of a team, to provide programs while supporting and encouraging all to fulfill the purpose of United Methodist Women. There are many resources available to you. Encourage the use of the UMW program book, remembering it can be modified to meet your needs, which occasionally is necessary.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

It is time to go to work.

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## Legacy Fund

March 23, 1869, eight women gathered at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts, and organized what would become United Methodist Women. Celebrate their dedication and foresight with a special gift to United Methodist Women and the Legacy Fund.

Gifts go to **The Legacy Fund**, a permanent endowment that will support the mission outreach of future generations of United Methodist Women as they address the needs of women, children and youth of their day.

We are hopeful that every member of United Methodist Women of Indiana will make a gift to the Legacy Fund of at least \$18.69 per year over and above her Pledge to Mission for five years (2015-2019)

You can give any of the following ways:

- Online at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund)
- By Phone: at 800-278-7771 (8am-6pm EST)
- Text: Legacy150 to 41444 on your mobile device
- By Check: United Methodist Women, 475 Riverside Drive, 15th floor-Finance, New York, NY 10115
- Be sure to add project number 3001147 to your gift.

## Treasurer's Report

Congratulations to all UMW units in our North Central District! We met the **2016 Pledge**. In 2017 our district pledge remains the same as last year: \$30,000.

There are many ways to participate in giving to missions through UMW. If you or someone in your unit has questions, please contact me. I will do my best to find answers for you.

As we begin this New Year, I encourage each unit to become a **Five Star Unit**. It is easy to qualify. Simply make contributions to these five areas of mission giving: - Pledge to Mission - Special Mission Recognition - Gift to Mission - Gift in Memory, and - World Thank Offering.

These five line items are listed under the heading "Mission Giving" on the UMW Remittance Form.

Please fill out this Remittance Form and send it [to me along with your check by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the](#) month. This gives me time to record your giving and forward it to the Conference treasurer.

This is my first year as district treasurer. I have much to learn and am looking forward to working with all of you.

Jo Ann Fryback, Treasurer

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## Membership-Nurture and Outreach:

We had a great training meeting on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Carmel UMC. Thanks to all who attended. I know this time of the year the weather plays a big part in whether we want to travel. I covered the procedure for the 2016 Census for local units online as we have been doing for two years.

Again, as I wrote in the November 2016 newsletter that I will be glad to help those who do not have access to a computer enter your local units census numbers for you. Be looking for a packet in the mail to each of you that I do not have an email for. This will give you a guide on how and what to enter online. When you receive this information, please give me a call if you need any assistance. Remember you can also use your Smart Phone, or your local library if they provides computers and of course your local church to enter the information.

Things you will need to know:

- (1) Church Name
- (2) District Name (North Central)
- (3) Conference Name (Indiana)
- (4) UMW Unit Name
- (5) Jurisdiction (North Central)
- (6) Church Address
- (7) Type of Unit (Local)
- (8) Primary Language
- (9) Unit President's contact information, phone and email
- (10) Number of members as of January 1, 2016
- (11) Number of new members for 2016
- (12) Number of members lost for 2016
- (13) Name of person reporting this data and contact info.
- (14) You will also be asked to select what types of social media your unit uses if any.

Tip: Include your Minister/Pastor in your count—they are considered UMW also!

Here is the online address to report the local unit census:

[www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2016](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2016)

If you want to do the survey for membership online site:

[www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/myUMW](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/myUMW)

If I don't hear from you I will call, REMEMBER DEADLINE IS March 30, 2017!!!!

Connie Pearson, MNO Coordinator

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## Spiritual Growth

We are transformed by God's love for us, but if we are truly followers of Christ, it's not just about our transformation. How does Christ's love finds its way through you to others? As United Methodist Women, we're pretty good at taking care of those in need. But how do we react, or interact, with those who disagree with us politically, theologically, or culturally? How do we love our enemies?

I encourage you to attend the **Spiritual Growth Retreat**, April 21-22, at Don Hall's Guesthouse in Ft. Wayne. The retreat is led by Rev. Mary Kathryn Pearce, a District Superintendent in the Illinois Conference. She brings humor, knowledge, and a love of Christ as she challenges you to live out the greatest commandment, "Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, soul, mind and strength," and the second "Love your neighbor as yourself."

### Registration deadline is March 17.

Cost is \$90 with 2 per room, and only \$60 with 4 sharing a room. You can find a registration form in this newsletter or online at [www.inumc.org/umw](http://www.inumc.org/umw).

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## Education & Interpretation

Blessing for a prosperous and energizing new year for UMW. Please be sure and send your mission today form as they are due January 15, 2017 for the 2016 year. They must be received in order to receive your award at the spring meeting and also allow me time to get to the E & I conference chairperson.

Remember to incorporate your mission today form when planning your calendar for the new year. Use your Prayer Calendar, Response magazine, Program book; send 5 cards to people in your prayer calendar, and ask a district officer to your meeting.

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## Program Resources

Time to turn in your Reading Program lists for 2016. If you haven't already sent them in, please include the member's name, Plan number, books and categories read so I can make sure they receive the appropriate award at the Spring Meeting.

I will then forward your lists to the conference Program Resource Secretary so she may include the names in her reports as well.

I'll have 2017 reading program catalogs at our Spring Meeting, and the book lists can be checked with your local libraries to see how many books are available in your area. I'll also have as many reading program books as are available.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Spring Meeting.

Terry Grotenhuis

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## Committee On Nominations

The North Central District is looking for a few more women to be involved at the district level for UMW. Specifically we are looking for someone interested in being the Mission Coordinator for Social Action, as well as a few more members for the Committee on Nominations. If you are interested, please contact me below:

Phylliss Hackler 515 Center Street, Pendleton, IN 46064 [Hackler79@aol.com](mailto:Hackler79@aol.com)

## Lucille Raines 40th Anniversary

### Open House:

May 16, 2017: 3-7 pm

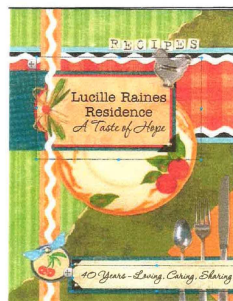
May 17, 2017: 10-4 pm

May 18, 2017: 3-7 pm

947 N. Pennsylvania  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
317.636.3328

## *A Taste of Hope*

Recipe Book by  
Friends of Lucille  
Raines  
Residence:  
Celebrating 40 years  
of Ministry in 2017



### Features:

- History of Lucille Raines
- 500 recipes from folks whose lives have been touched by Lucille Raines
- Favorite & Specialty recipes
- 24 pages of hints and resources

Minimum \$15 donation



"Rebuilding Lives-  
Committed to Addiction Recovery"

Available at Spring District Meetings  
and 40th Anniversary Open House.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN			
THE REMITTANCE FORM			
FOR ALL TREASURERS (Indiana Conference)			
Local Unit: _____		District: _____	
Conference: Indiana		Period From: _____ To: _____	
<b>MISSION GIVING</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>
1. Pledge to Mission			
2. Special Mission Recognition			
3. Gift to Mission			
4. Gift in Memory			
5. World Thank Offering			
TOTAL MISSION GIVING (Lines 1 thru 5):			\$ -
<b>DESIGNATED GIFTS</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>	
6. A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial			
7. Supplementary Gifts			
A Brighter Future for Children and Youth			
Assembly Offering			
Scarritt-Bennett Center			
Magazine Fund			
National, International, & UMCOR Projects (If additional pages are needed, please complete the Supplementary Gifts -- Details Form)			
NAME OF PROJECT	ADDRESS and/or PROJECT/ADVANCE #		
Total from additional page--Supplementary Gifts --Details Form			
SUBTOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY GIFTS (Line 7 only):			\$ -
8. Bequest (Please attach a copy of the Will or excerpt of the Will.)			
9. Other Designated Gifts			
TOTAL DESIGNATED GIFTS (Lines 6 thru 9):			\$ -
<b>CONFERENCE MISSIONS</b>			
Lucille Raines Residence			
Raines Special	For: _____	Given by: _____	
Mission u			
Youth & Young Adult Service Scholarship			
Special Outreach			
Total Conference Askings			\$ -
<b>MEMO TOTAL - TOTAL GIVING FOR MONTH (Including Special Mission Recognition Orders)</b>			<b>\$ -</b>
Less: SMRs (and other as applicable) remitted previously (Enter as a positive number)			
<b>TOTAL REMITTANCE</b>	Check #: _____	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Treasurer: _____		Address: _____	
Phone: _____		Cell: _____	
E-mail address: _____		Date: _____	





## Spiritual Growth Retreat

April 21-22, 2017  
(Friday, 7:00pm—Saturday 3:00pm Eastern)

Rev. Mary Kathryn Pearce, Leader

### “The Listening Heart”

Matthew 5:44-45 and Mark 12:29 (Common English Bible)

**DINNER ON YOUR OWN**

Don Hall's Guesthouse

1313 W. Washington Center Road,  
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Registration Deadline: March 17, 2017

**Cancellation Notice:** Please be mindful that the conference incurs certain fixed costs due to contractual obligations. Because of our desire to be good stewards of mission funds, participants are asked to give at least 7 days notice of cancellation.

**Spiritual Retreat Registration Deadline March 17, 2017. Please be mindful of above 7 day cancellation policy.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify your choice by checking the appropriate option

	# per Room	Lodging & Meal (Dinner on your OWN)
One person per room w/2 meal		\$120
2 persons per room w/2 meals		\$ 90 each
3 persons per room w/2 meals		\$ 75 each
4 persons per room w/2 meals		\$ 60 each
Commuter Registration, w/1 meal only	No overnight room	\$ 35 per person

\_\_\_\_\_ Need Handicap Accessible Room \_\_\_\_\_ Special Diet \_\_\_\_\_, Specify \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Make check payable to UMW of IN)

Roommates: (1) \_\_\_\_\_, (2) \_\_\_\_\_, (3) \_\_\_\_\_

Please send completed registrations, along with checks made payable to **UMW of IN** for all persons staying in one room together in one envelope to: **Brenda Crawford, P.O. Box 21, Windfall, IN 46076-0021, Home 765-945-7033, Cell 765-437-4576, [nbcraw@yahoo.com](mailto:nbcraw@yahoo.com). Deadline March 17, 2017.**



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Note: Pictures & videos captured during the event by conference representatives will be used for news and promotions, including social media. Registering for the event gives permission for one's image to be used. Names of youth and children will not be used with pictures.



# North Central District Spring Meeting

April 29, 2017 1-3 pm

St. Matthew UMC

1951 Wilshire Drive  
Frankfort, IN 46041

Speaker: Rev. Duane Carlilse, "The Potter's Wheel"



Come and Celebrate

R.S.V.P. by April 20

to: Jean Soard

3344 Weathered Rock Circle, Kokomo, IN 46092

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Please be sure to indicate if you need Childcare when you R.S.V.P.



First United Methodist  
Church  
1215 Jackson Street  
Anderson IN 46016

**UMW Online**

[www.inumc.org/umw](http://www.inumc.org/umw)

**Facebook**

UMW of Indiana Conference

**Conference email address** [umwin@inumc.org](mailto:umwin@inumc.org)

**North Central District  
Spring Meeting  
April 29  
St Matthew, Frankfort**  
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# North Central Connection



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**Our Purpose**

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.