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North Central Connection

United Methodist Women of Indiana

February 2016

Calendar of Events

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| Feb 27 | North Central District Meeting Anderson 1st—Training Meeting |
| Feb 11 | Legislative Day, Indianapolis |
| Feb. 29 | Deadline for Prayer Labyrinths |
| April 22-23 | Spiritual Growth Retreat Don Hall's Guest House, Ft. Wayne |
| June 24-26 | UMW Jurisdiction, Grand Rapids MI |
| July 19-22 | Mission u DePauw Univ., Greencastle |
| July 22-23 | Limitless, DePauw Univ. |
| July 23 | Mission u Sampler Day, DePauw U. |
| Aug 26-28 | Silent Retreat, Sarto House, Evansville |
| Sept. 17 | North Central District Fall meeting |
| Oct. 7-8 | UMW Conference Celebration |
| Nov. 5 | Leadership Development for District officers, First UMC Martinsville |
| Nov. 12 | Local Unit Officer Training |

Secretaries

Thanks to all units who sent in their officer information for 2016. Although the deadline for getting names in the Conference Directory has passed, we would still very much like to get contact information for at least one woman in every church in our district to share information. Please help us get connected!

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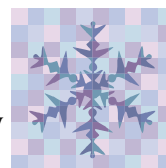
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Well it's a New Year, yeah 2016! We have a clean slate and it is time to set **NEW GOALS!!** I know you are probably thinking that doesn't work too well in our personal lives (like a resolution). It never seems to work for me, but for United Methodist Women, setting new goals, I think we **CAN DO IT!**



Maybe I should start with **Communication** with the Units in our District. If you have a need or concern please let me or one of the other district officers know so we may help.

Reporting is another goal of mine, getting reports in on time. We have a report for UMW Membership Census 2015 due online (new this year) by February 28.

Attending **District Spring & Fall Meetings** is something we all **CAN DO! INVITE SOMEONE TOO!**

Pledge to be a **5-STAR UNIT**

Remember to put on your calendar **Legislative/Social Advocacy Day** Thursday, February 11 at North United Methodist Church, 3808 N. Meridian St. Indianapolis. **Theme: Raising Our Voices for Children.**

Finally, by reading one more book in the **READING PROGRAM** might get you and me in the Reading Reward Book Club. **LET'S GO FOR IT!**

(I share the following from the East District)

TO PONDER: Once there were some people who were "empowered to do anything – and those who were not." While not unusual for the time, challenges existed for those who were "not-empowered," as they could not do anything.

The butterflies which flew all around the "not-empowered" became their inspiration, their symbols of hope and a reminder that there was joy in life and that they could emerge as beautiful and as unique as butterflies. The butterflies symbolize the beautiful human spirit that lifts us up to find our joy and path in life. Let us have the joy to be "empowered to do anything" in 2016.

Blessings,

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Leading from the Kitchen

The kitchen is one of the places where we organize to ensure that all are fed, both literally and figuratively. United Methodist Women members are organizing in new ways. We are **mixing it up** by meeting differently to strengthen engagement and invite new members. We are **stirring up** allies to march alongside immigrant farmworkers. We are **putting the pressure** on policymakers for better educational systems. We **preserve** our financial assets to continue the work when we are gone. We **serve** hot meals to families that are in need.

Does it bother you when many in the Church infer that fixing meals for those shut-in, funeral dinners and bake sales is what United Methodist Women do? It bothers me because we do all that **and so much more!** While we are proud to literally be in the kitchen, please do not allow anyone to limit you or your organized unit of United Methodist Women!

On **Saturday, February 27th** the North Central District United Methodist Women will meet together at **Anderson First UMC**. Hopefully, you and several ladies from your unit and/or church will join us to discuss how we can “mix it up” and continue our **“recipe for success.”** We will experience the opportunities that each of us have to lead our units with specific responsibilities (formerly known as officer training) and general opportunities. (That was “other duties as assigned” in my job description.) Be ready to share how your local unit has mixed things up to meet the needs in your church and community.

Our Indiana **Conference UMW President Cathie Burris will join us** for an interactive presentation, including a special thank you to our North Central District units. We will celebrate with our Mission Today units, 5 Star units and Reading Program participants. (Don’t forget to get your paperwork in; it is past due! Let those readers take a break and join us, too.) Of course, each of your district officers has information to share related to the 2016 issues of emphasis, reporting details, resources for your units and for your personal growth. While the Anderson First Youth group will literally be in the kitchen this day, each of us will participate in fulfilling our PURPOSE to support youth. The group plans to attend the annual Indiana Conference Youth gathering which is now called That Thing. Your offering of support in exchange for the lunch they are preparing for us will add to this special time of sharing.

It is time to **Lead from the Kitchen!** United Methodist Women feed women, youth, children, our families, churches and communities in so many ways; literally and figuratively. Mix it up a little, Spice it up a little, **Whip up a great 2016!** Set your timer for 10AM on Saturday, February 27th (registration at 9:30.)

See you in Anderson,

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Member, Nurture and Outreach

Our new year is upon us and moving along quickly. Where are our hearts and minds at this time? What annual goals have your local units set for 2016? How can we look at the ways we do things and find inspiration and creativity? Are there things we could do with other local units in our area? I’m reminded of an African proverb that says **“If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”** We are UNITED Methodist Women. I’m encouraging all of us to not underestimate or undervalue the work that can be accomplished by joining forces. I also want to share a reminder to be thinking about the **Limitless Event**. This year it will held at DePauw University in conjunction with Mission u Sampler Day. The young women will gather on **Friday, July 22. Registration will be from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The event will run through Saturday, July 23 until 4:00 PM.** More information will be coming later this spring. Many thanks to all of you who got your census reports done online this year! That new approach was a perfect example of looking at things and trying something new!



Blessings,

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Program Resources

Happy New Year! I know it is late in the month, but there is still time to send in your reading program names and lists. My address and email are at the bottom of my article, and even though I've heard from several churches, I haven't heard from all of you.

I'm very excited about the books on the 2016 program list — as well as the fact it has been decided the 2011 book list is still eligible for the reading program. That gives us 6 years of book lists to peruse. Bishop Coyner's book, The Andrew Paradigm, is on the list for leadership development, as is I Am Malala. In Nurturing Community, I Love Growing Older, But I'll Never Grow Old, looks like a must read as well.

There have been a few changes besides the addition of the 2011 book list to the reading program. For example, for Plans 1 and 2, Youth titles are included in the eligible reading, and for Plans 3 and 4 Children and Youth titles are included. Also, special recognition is given to those churches who use one of the eligible books as an all church reading program, or if a group of people read an eligible book for a book club. Let me know if your church has either group.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in February. I'll do my best to have the 2016 titles available, as well as program books and prayer calendars.

Blessings in 2016,

Peg Peter, Secretary, Program Resources.

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Communications



Peg Peter and Janeen Burrows will be sharing the Communications Coordinator job. Janeen will be the newsletter editor, so if you want something included in the North Central Connection, send it to her. Peg will be in charge of distribution, so if you have a change of address, email or someone new to be included, send the information to her. We would really like to have someone that could work on the social media part of communications. If you or someone you know has a gift in this area, please let any of the district officers know.

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Treasurers



Congratulations to all the units in the North Central District. We reached **115.9% of our 2015 Pledge!** In addition we contributed \$880 to Lucille Raines for Special Projects. This was certainly a job well done.

As we start a new year I urge all units to become **Five Star Units**. For 2015 the North Central District had fourteen units meet the requirement and will receive certificates at the **February 27 meeting** in Anderson. They are: Anderson New Horizons, Carmel, Carmel St. Marks, Center Chapel, Fowlerton, Frankfort St. Matthew, Kokomo Grace, Kokomo Main Street, Kokomo Shiloh, Marion First, Noblesville First, Sheridan, Swayzee, and Van Buren. Several others were close. Just to review, **to be a 5 Star Unit**, there must be contributions in Pledges, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and World Thank Offering.

Plan to attend the Feb.27 meeting. Bring your questions and the officers will attempt to answer them. I will have sample forms and instructions for the Treasurers.

On that note please try to have your remittances to me by the 25th of the month, so I can forward them to the State. I have forms that can be emailed or copies mailed if you need them for remittances. If you are ordering **Special Mission Recognition Pins** allow eight weeks for delivery and enclose the Special Pin order form. The Program Resources and I have a small supply of special mission cards I will be glad to send you and can order more if you have a special request.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 27th and working with you again this year.

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Leading from the Kitchen

Saturday, February 27

Registration: 9:30 a.m.

10 a.m.—2:30 p.m. at Anderson First, UMC

Please RSVP by Feb. 18

Registration flyer on last page





Social Action

On Sunday, February 7, 2016, the Super Bowl will take place, and a game like this intensifies the space where human trafficking can occur. That's why United Methodist Women has asked members to join the Intercept the Traffickers photo campaign and **open your umbrellas** to raise awareness of human trafficking. Thousands will travel to the San Francisco Bay Area to take part in Super Bowl festivities. Among the travelers will be those arriving by force, fraud, or coercion—they will not be there of their own free will but as victims of human trafficking. Some of those who are trafficked will be serving food in restaurants or at catered parties related to the Super Bowl. Others will clean hotel rooms, wash dishes, tidy nail salons, deliver dry cleaning, or wash windows. Some will be trafficked as sex workers for escort services or in "gentlemen's" clubs.

To express our belief that we can help survivors of human trafficking live as whole persons, we invite you to join us by **Opening an Umbrella** to form a virtual line of defense around Levi's® Stadium, to prevent and protect those who may be victimized by human trafficking. What is an "umbrella" defense? It is named after the football defensive play created by New York Giants coach, Steve Owen. The innovative formation enabled the Giants to shut out the then-formidable Cleveland Browns

At the Spiritual Growth Retreat in January, several "umbrella pictures" were taken that will be posted to show our support. In your neighborhood, at church, in the grocery store, and at work, become a part of our circle of protection and prevention to intercept human trafficking. On the United Methodist Women website, www.unitedmethodistwomen.org, you will find bulletin inserts to use in your church on February 7. You could also have a group gathered under umbrellas before church to further call attention to this tragic issue.



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Education and Interpretation

As your new Education & Interpretation district officer, my purpose is to educate on missions & assist the treasurer on your pledges & contributions to missions & fulfilling your requirements in giving.



Are you using the Mission Today form as a tool for planning events/meetings? This can rejuvenate your unit about mission work by getting & staying involved in the name of Jesus Christ. Use your Response Magazine & New World Outlook magazines, Prayer Calendar, Program book, write 5 letters to missionaries, attend district meetings, Mission u or Sampler Day, visit Lucille Raines Home, etc. Each year check off more merits & share your mission giving. Mission Today recognition honors each unit at our District Spring Meeting. Come see what units receive Gold, Silver, Bronze, & Honorable Mention. If you attend & bring someone that is 1 check. If you ask a district officer (your Friendship Church representative) to attend one of your unit meetings this year, that is 2 checked off in 1 day.

SEE YOU AT THE SPRING MEETING ON FEBRUARY 27th.

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Spiritual Growth



United Methodist Women are being asked to have an active role in the General conference prayer ministry, being held in Portland, Oregon May 10-20. On page 8 of this newsletter you will find a pattern for a quilted hand labyrinth. Detailed directions can be found at www.inumc.org/umw. Only 2000 are needed from across the country, so if we could get 10 from our district that would be great. Please contact me if your unit would like to provide one as I need to let national know our intentions. **Completed prayer labyrinths need to be brought to our Feb. 27 meeting.**

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Mission u July 19-22

Sampler day July 23rd

This year's studies will again appeal to all ages (from 3 to 103!) and to both clergy and laity. The United Methodist Women of Indiana's 2016 event will be at DePauw University in Greencastle July 19-22. A one-day Sampler Event on Saturday July 23 offers a condensed overview of the school. All weekday participants take the spiritual growth study and choose one other class, either the geographic or the social action study.

Spiritual Growth Study: *The Bible and Human Sexuality.* This study explores the Bible and human sexuality as two essential components of our Christian faith. The Bible is part of the foundation of our faith. Human sexuality is part of who we are as human beings, created by God and called good. The study invites us to explore the complexity of the biblical text and our varied understandings of it in light of human sexuality.

- **Geographical Study:** *Latin America: People and Faith* is an overview of the richness of Latin America and its people for readers on the North American continent. The study examines the history of the region from pre-Colombian times until colonization and the struggle for independence. It also explores the current challenges of the nations, along with their rich art, culture and the ongoing contributions of women. The role of religion is woven throughout the pages and will help the reader understand how Latin America has been influenced by various religions and faith traditions.

- **Social Action Study:** *Climate Justice, A Call to Hope and Action.* This study invites you to understand climate justice. The study will challenge you to see what needs to happen for climate justice to become a reality in the world today. This will entail not just focusing on the environment, but also asking hard questions regarding financial profit, a growing economy, our independent way of thinking and our understanding of efficiency.

Chi-Mi-Ca is offered for children to age 12 and Yo-Pe-Mi-Ca for youth ages 13-17. Joan Schnell is children's director and Rev. Byron Fritz will lead the youth. Clergy are invited and encouraged to attend. Continuing Education Credit is available for pastors attending the full weekday event.

Scholarship forms will be available soon.

Lucille Raines RESIDENCE

Lucille Raines was beautifully decorated for Christmas and my prayers are that the residents all had a joyful holiday season. Your continued prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

The Lucinda Ornaments have been a big success so if anyone has left over Christmas money burning a hole in their pocket I have them available for sale. Unfortunately we are not offering an after Christmas discount, we are a non-profit, but you know the money goes for a good cause.

Lucinda pins continue to be a great opportunity to spread the news of Lucille Raines and again this spring we have a booth at the Indiana Flower and Patio Show, March 12-20. Please check your calendar, volunteers to man the booth are always needed. And remember, working the booth gives you free admission to the show — It's a Win-Win!!

Contact me to reserve a shift at the booth and let me know when you need pins to sell.

Brenda Crawford, NC Raines Representative

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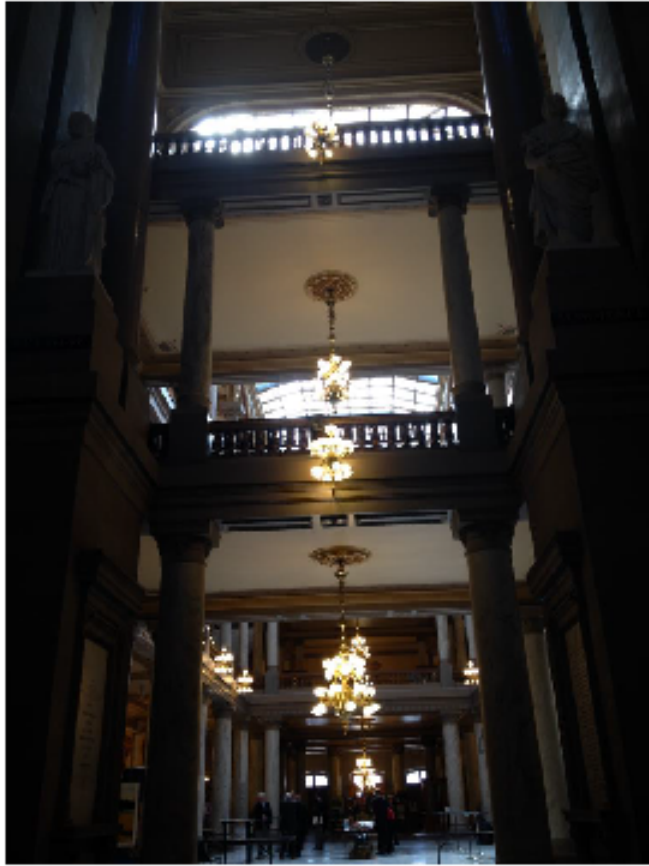
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"We stand under the umbrella in support of the protection and prevention to intercept human trafficking." UMW Board of Noblesville First UMC showing our support in the interception of Human Trafficking.

From left to right: Brooke Crum, Ruth Leverett (hidden), Nancy Harrison, Nancy Huff, Karen Staton, Bernie Bruhn, Cathie Mills, Jan Howell, Judy Bailey Scull, Margaret Roberts, Carol Brost (kneeling) and Anita Beck (kneeling) Photo taken by Tom Shriver



FEBRUARY 11, 2016

9:30AM-3:30PM ET
LEGISLATIVE DAY

***Theme: Raising Our Voices
for Children***

United Methodist Women of Indiana and
Church Women United co-sponsors

North United Methodist
Church, 3808 N.
Meridian St,
Indianapolis, IN

***Maternal and Child
Health, Child
Abuse, Quality
Public Education,
School funding,
Trafficked Youth***

***Program will
consist of morning
speakers and an
afternoon
workshop***

***Contact Cathy Burris
317-991-5459 for
more information***

Registration begins
December 1st. Call Lakisha
Crawford at 317-557-3767 or
email to Kiki0333@aol.com



Spiritual Growth Retreat

April 22-23, 2016 (Friday, 7:00pm—Saturday 3:00pm Eastern)

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

Don Hall's Guest House

1313 W. Washington Center Road, Fort Wayne, IN

Registration Deadline: March 19, 2016

Leader: Anne Bunch
***"Playing at the Feet of Jesus:
The Spiritual Practice of Play"***

Spiritual Retreat Registration Deadline March 19, 2016.

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 | | \$ 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: Carolyn Maxey, 14 E 1050 N, Chesterton,
IN 46304; Phone 219-926-1302 or cell 219-241-0341, email: Rmaxey1050@aol.com. **Deadline March 19, 2016.**

Materials: 8 1/2" x 8 1/2" quilt top fabric; 8 1/2" x 8 1/2" batting; 10 1/2" x 10 1/2" quilt backing fabric
Center quilt top fabric (face up), batting, and quilt backing (face down). Baste or pin together, leaving 1" surplus of quilt backing around all edges. Center paper design (face up) on right side of the quilt top and pin or baste the paper pattern to the three layers. Or, you can trace the design on the right side of the top fabric. Using contrasting thread and a straight stitch, sew all four pieces together, following the labyrinth design, being sure to stitch all circuits of the design. Shortening the stitch length on your machine will help the paper tear away more easily.

Note: Do NOT alter the size of the pattern.



Tear away the paper pattern. Using a satin or tight zig-zag stitch, retrace the entire labyrinth design on the straight stitch path. Finish edges. Begin with corners, folding the backing over itself at 45 degree angles toward the quilt top, covering raw corners. Stitch each mitered corner in place. Then, fold the backing of each of the four sides in half way, then fold again, over the raw edge. Finish with a 1/4" - 3/8" seam allowance.

***Making Disciples of
Jesus Christ through
Mission Opportunities for
Youth and Young Adults***

Youth and young adults receiving funds from the Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund will be asked to submit a summary of their experiences to the conference organization of United Methodist Women within 45 days of trip completion. Send report to the Conference E&I coordinator.

Scholarship recipients' contact information may be obtained by contacting the Youth & Young Adult Scholarship Committee.

The Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund is funded by the giving of each local organization (unit) of United Methodist Women of Indiana.

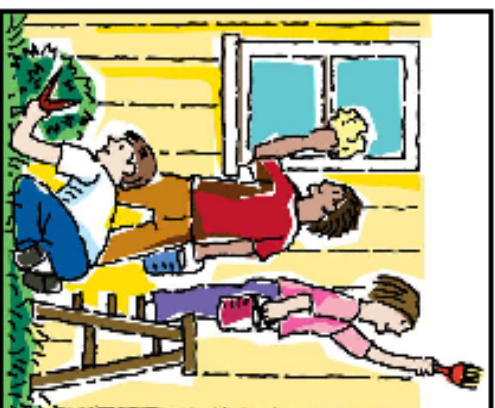


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| 2016 Youth & Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund Committee | | |
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**2016
Youth and Young
Adult Service**

Scholarship Fund
*Mission Scholarships for
Youth and Young Adults*
*A Project of United
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Indiana Conference*

www.inumc.org/umw

Criteria for applying:

- ▶ *Youth & young adults ages 13-25*
- ▶ *Must attend a United Methodist Church*
- ▶ *Qualifying persons must participate in work, study, or travel experiences that develop leadership in the Youth & Young Adults Ministries of the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church.*
- ▶ *Preference will be given to projects supported by UMW national, GBCM, and advance specials of the Indiana Conference UMC*
- ▶ *Amount of scholarship shall be determined by the Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Committee.*

2016 Application Deadlines

| Project Date | Due Date |
|--------------|-----------|
| Jan—Mar | Feb 15 |
| Apr-Aug | March 15 |
| Sep-Dec | August 15 |

2016 Youth & Young Adult Service Scholarship Application Form

Please type or print
plainly—one form
per group

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|--|----------------------------------|
| Individual/Group Name: | # Youth & Young Adults in group: |
| Parent/Youth Leader name: | Email Address: |
| Home Address | City & Zip: |
| Phone | |
| Applicant's UM Church: | District: |
| Church Address: | Phone: |
| City: | Zip: |
| Mission Project: | |
| Methodist-Related Project Number (if Applicable): | |
| Project Location: | |
| Cost per youth/young adult: \$ | |
| Dates: | |
| Project Objective/ Work Goal: | |
| | |
| | |
| A letter of reference from Youth Leader or local church pastor must accompany the application. | |
| Mail completed form to the Youth & Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund Committee at the address on the reverse side of this form. | |
| Form may be duplicated as needed. Download at www.iumnc.org/umw | |



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Receive training for your local units and
Celebrate our 2015 achievements!!



Saturday, February 27, 2016

Registration: 9:30 a.m.

Program: 10 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Anderson First UMC

1215 Jackson St., Anderson

Guest Speaker: Cathy Burris

Our new Indiana UMW President

Lunch provided by Anderson 1st Youth to attend "That Thing" Conference
at Epworth Forest this summer

Church _____ City _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Email _____ Lunch: Yes _____ No _____

Training: Pres ____ VPres ____ Secy/Comm ____ Treas ____ Prog Res/Reading ____

Mission (E&I, Spiritual Growth, Membership, Social Action) ____

Registration: \$5 per person Lunch: Free will offering for Anderson 1st youth

Mail to Beth McDaniel, 15648 Hawks Way, Carmel, IN 46033 **by Feb. 18, 2015**

OR email her at in.nc.umw@gmail.com indicating you will bring payment on 27th

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North Central District Training

February 27

Speaker: Cathy Burris
Conference UMW President

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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.