



# Southwest Airwaves

*Southwest District United Methodist Women*

## Calendar

August 2019

Southwest District

Annual Day

Sept. 12

Clarinda

Conference Annual Day

October 5

Staves UMC, Des Moines

Fall Mission u

October 18-20

Marshalltown

District Mission Study Day

October 26

Coon Rapids

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## President's Letter

"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing." I Thessalonians 5:11 NRSV

One thing that our founders did extremely well was to develop a creative, supportive fellowship. You are invited to be a part of that fellowship at our Annual Day at Clarinda on Thursday, September 12. Lynn Calvert, our Conference president will be our keynote speaker! As we continue to celebrate 150 years of United Methodist Women, we will share our successes with awards, share our sorrows in our memorial service, and share learning through a skit, officer training and breakout sessions. We will bring gifts for Bidwell-Riverside, Hawthorn Hill, and Shesler Hall as we continue 150 years of mission. Please send reservations for lunch by the deadline of September 2.

The memorial service will be separate from our introductions, so please send the names to me, so their names can be printed and more formally recognized.

One of the outstanding attributes of UMW is the commitment of learning! Mission u was truly inspiring as well as educational. The officers presented the skit that we had done at Annual Day last year. We are keeping our day jobs. Judy Marin, as Dean of Mission u did a super job! Fall Mission u is October 18 to 21. If you are at all interested, please take the hand of a friend, enroll and grow.

Plan to join us for Mission Study Day on October 26 at Coon Rapids. We will enjoy our history and progress together.

You women of the Southwest District continue to amaze me by your love, generosity and willingness to serve. You do make an impact on a world with so many hurting people.

Blessings in his Love,'

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## Program Resources – Betty Smallen and Betsy Henry

The Iowa Annual UMW meeting is just around the corner on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Clarinda. So read the books you have out and bring them bank and exchange for more good reading. The reading reports have been coming in good time. Thank you.

The new 2020 list for the reading program is not yet out. When it comes online, we will order a number of good books and some not so good books for another year.

Have a good rest of the summer and we will see you in September in Clarinda.

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## Spiritual Growth – Peggy Smalley

As I prepare to attend Mission u, I am reminded of the conditions that our founders faced. I will drive myself; they would have relied on others to arrive for a meeting. I will study material prepared by those who will teach the classes from guides written with much history and documentation noted. They listened and determined the action that needed to be taken to improve life for women & girls in India as the conditions there were explained by women who knew firsthand what they faced.

They truly stepped up with faith that they could make a difference. That is the task we face today with many more tools/technology to use as maps to make life improvements. May we all STEP OUT in faith knowing that our steps can make a difference in today's world.

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## Secretary/Communications Coordinator – Bethany Watson

Sorry, I have not told you all about me. I am a very busy person, if I am not working, I'm either busy with other groups that I belong too. I am the daughter of Sheri Watson, Granddaughter of Lucille Dempster. I do work 2 jobs; one is full time and the other is part time. It is easier to get a hold of me by my cell or even emailing me. If you have question ask away if I not have an answer I will try and get the answer for you. Please note I do have a new address. My mom and I have moved.

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**Treasurer Helen Pollock**

Dear Treasurers,

Please make every effort to come to the Annual Meeting on September 12 in Clarinda. Besides a great program, this is the time for Officer Training. As usual, I will have information and paperwork for you. I try hard to give your papers to someone else from your unit or get them into your unit's president's packet, but we continue to have problems getting this important information to you when you don't attend. Coming to Annual Meeting makes you a better United Methodist Women member and a better treasurer, so try really hard to make it a priority to attend!

I still have some of you mailing Legacy Fund money to me with your remittance form. I then have to send it to national and your unit does not get the proper credit from national. It is lose / lose for both of us. Please remember to send your Legacy Fund donation directly to National!

I'm thrilled to report that we have a new district treasurer nominated, so you will have excellent leadership in the future. If elected, I will continue on the district board in a different position. UMW is an awesome organization that deserves our time, talent, and commitment!

Thanks for all you do to make the world a better place!

Helen Pollock

District Treasurer

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**Nominations Committee – Laura Amos, Chairperson**

"The Lord gives the command; The woman who proclaim the good tidings are a great host." Psalms 68:11.

For 150 years our predecessor have stepped up to answer God's call to serve in Faith, Hope and Love in Action.

I'm asking you to listen to God's calling you to be a District officer. We need you!! You will join a team of wonderful ladies who will lead us into the future 150 years and beyond with God's help. This year has been an exciting time to celebrate our 150 birthday and learn about our past history. What a story they all have to share.

We still need a Vice President and Program Resource officers. The Ballot is enclosed please call Laura or Carol with any question or concerns. See you in Clarinda at Annual Day. In God's service.

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## Membership, Nurture, and Outreach – Pat Means

I hope everyone is having a great summer and are staying out of the heat. This is the time of year that the membership part is slow. This is when I start thinking about the rest of my job and your (the nurturing and outreach part). It is stated that it takes a village to raise a child. Well, it takes the whole group to make a unit. Some of the different offices overlap, and I think that it would be great if those offices worked together. For example, when I think of Nurturing, I think of Spiritual Growth. So why not get together with that person and plan something that will nurture your unit. When I think of Outreach, I think of Social Action. If we work together maybe we will become more active unit and therefore bring in more members. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

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Adair  
Dunlap  
Lanesboro  
Logan  
Lohrville  
Macedonia  
Scranton  
Stratton

### **Katherine Howell**

Audubon  
Bayard  
Greenfield  
Irwin  
Linden  
Panora  
Stuart

### **Pat Means**

Bedford  
Grant  
Lenox  
Lewis  
Malvern  
Mercer Center

### **Helen Pollock**

Anita  
Carson  
Broadway, CB  
Glenwood  
Massena  
Villisca

### **Carol Rogers**

Avondale  
Braddyville  
Buck Creek  
Clearfield  
Corning  
Fontanelle

### **Phyllis Schwaninger**

Clarinda  
Emerson  
Hillsdale  
Orient  
Shambaugh  
Strahan

### **Peggy Smalley**

Bowman Chapel  
Carroll  
Coon Rapids  
Denison  
Dow City  
Guthrie Center

### **Bethany Watson**

Epworth-CB  
Hazel Dell  
Missouri Valley  
Salem-CB  
St. Mark's-CB

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