

# UMW VOICE

The Newsletter of Bozeman's United Methodist Women

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## Slate of Officers for 2015

President: Janna Christensen

Vice President: Open

Recording Secretary: Nettie Warwood

Asst. Recording Secretary: Patti Hatfield

Treasurer: Wanda Myers

### Mission Coordinators

Spiritual Growth: Brenda Anderson-Baker

Mmbshp, Nurture, & Outreach: Jen Smith

Social Action: Patti Hatfield

Education & Interpretation: Gloria Zimmer

Sec. of Program Resources: Rachel Jarvis

Nominations Committee:

Lee Allinger

Elaine Smith

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Publicity & "UMW Voice": Dana Doney

CWU Representative: Cecilia Tank

Historians: Cecilia Tank & Lois Adams

***Anyone interested in filling an open position should contact Nettie Warwood at 580-2944 or nwarwood@outlook.com***

## Women's Treasure Tea

Sunday, November 2nd, 2:00-4:00 p.m.



Invite a guest(s) and, if you wish, bring a treasure to re-home with someone else. Beverages, goodies, and a fun treasure drawing are sure to make for a great afternoon. Children are welcome guests, or childcare can be provided upon request.

**RSVP by October 27th by calling Jackie at 586-2526.**

## Notes from the President

Please join the UMW Mission Team at its regular meeting, 11 a.m., Tuesday, November 11, in the Friendship Room to **elect 2015 UMW Officers and approve the budget** for next year. Those acts will be first on the agenda and you may stay for the rest of the meeting which includes program planning -- or not, as you wish. We welcome your input and help.

**Thank you again for your generous financial support** of our work in missions. If you made a pledge for 2014, we would appreciate final gifts by November 15 if possible. And, of course, Wanda is receiving your pledge slips for 2015 at this time.

—Jackie Montgomery, President, 586-2526

## Upcoming Meetings



<b>Fall General Meeting &amp; "Treasure Tea"</b>	Sunday, Nov. 2nd	BUMC Friendship Room
<b>Inkspots Card Making</b>	Changing to Monday Evenings TBD	TBD (call Martha @ 586-6389)
<b>Mission Team Meeting &amp; Election</b>	Tuesday, Nov. 11th, 11:00-1:00	BU MC Friendship Room
<b>Newly Retired Group</b>	Tuesday, Oct. 18th, 10:00 a.m.	IHOP Restaurant
<b>Miriam-Ruth Circle</b>	Wednesday, Nov. 19th, 10:00 a.m.	BUMC Conference Room
<b>Trinity Circle</b>	Wednesday, Nov. 19th, 1:15 p.m.	BUMC Fireside Room
<b>Evening Circle</b>	Monday, Nov. 24th, 5:30 p.m.	BUMC Conference Room
<b>General Meeting &amp; Advent Program</b>	Wed., Dec. 3rd, 9:30 a.m.	BUMC Friendship Room

## Yellowstone Conference Annual UMW Celebration Looks at Tough Issues Facing the People in Our State & Beyond

Vicki Waddington, our UM pastor in Sidney/Richey, addressed those at UMW Annual Celebration at Helena St. Paul's on Oct. 4 via Skype. She described the effects of meteoric development as oil is retrieved from the Bakken. While many are making high wages, the local infrastructure struggles to provide adequate schools, roads, housing, etc. Locals are forced from their way of life, and stress on families, children, and single males/females, particularly if poor, is magnified. Human trafficking and increased crime are realities.

Yellowstone Conference is reaching out to oilfield workers through radio spots, and the local church has established a free store and other ministries. Asked how UMW and UM churches might lend a hand, she said we could welcome into our communities those who have fled the area, pray for the situation, and think about other actions. Paying attention

to what happens in the state legislature as county commissioners beg for assistance was lifted up from the floor.

Chris Haughee, chaplain at Intermountain Children's Home in Helena, presented the treatment available there for children with severe emotional and mental illness and stories of healing.

Some attendees made an optional visit on Friday to IMCH to observe a group activity and interactive chapel worship. Packets contained information on social justice issues emphasized by National UMW—climate change, domestic violence, human trafficking and immigration.

Attending from Bozeman were Jeannie Haight, Wanda Myers, Leoti Waite, and Gloria Zimmer.

—Submitted by Gloria Zimmer

## Spiritually Speaking...

*Note: I ask your indulgence as I recycle this Thanksgiving column from four years ago. I am full of gratitude this year—for the answered prayers that have brought me joy and the unanswered prayers that have taught me faith.*



Two Thanksgivings ago, I made a list of one hundred things I was grateful for. Last year on a beautiful afternoon right before Thanksgiving, I was cross-country skiing in the vacant fields near my house. As I watched my dog Daisy playing in the sparkling snow, I was filled with joy and gratitude. I remembered my list from the year before and thought about how many things I could list this year. Five hundred maybe?

Then I started thinking of all the people I was grateful for, and books and music and gifts of nature. I wondered if I could come up with a thousand things I was thankful for. That seemed so utterly extravagant—but then so is God's generosity.

If I could list a thousand things I was grateful for, I thought, that would mean that I've received at least a thousand blessings from God. And while I'm sure that's just a fraction of the blessings I've actually received in my lifetime, it made me wonder. What would change in my life if I saw myself as someone who had received a thousand blessings from God? So I started making my list.

It took several days, but I reached one thousand. My list might not stand up to an audit; I know that some items seem like duplicates. But just because last night's sunset was gorgeous doesn't mean I don't need to thank God for tonight's. When I'm paying attention, I can thank God at least once each day for my husband. And there's never a time when clean flannel pajamas, still warm from the dryer, aren't an occasion for thanks.

I know I'm more than a few years past being able to call myself a girl. Still, I began to think of myself as "The Girl With a Thousand Blessings." It sounds like the title of a story or song or painting—someone else, someone who is not me. My reasoning was that when I'm feeling depressed or crabby or self-pitying, I could think of this fictional girl. Then, with a flash of surprise and recognition, I would remember that I am her and that I am an abundantly blessed child of God.

Knowing myself as "The Girl With a Thousand Blessings" will be the first thing on my Thanksgiving list this year.

*Loving Father, you have granted me far more blessings than I can even recognize. I pray that your infinite love will expand my heart's ability to notice and be grateful for all your gifts in every moment of every day.*

—Brenda Anderson-Baker,  
Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth