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INSIGHT

Northern Illinois Conference

July 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

July

12-14 --- Summer Mission u, Stronghold Center, Oregon, IL
13 --- KUMC Summer Mission u, Flossmoor, South Suburban Korean
15 --- PS District Leadership Team
19-21 --- Summer Mission u, Wesley Woods, Williams Bay, WI

August

02 --- PN District Leadership Team
07 --- PS District Leadership Team
08 --- PC District Leadership Team
11 --- KUMC Praise Night, Wheeling, First Korean
12 --- LS District Leadership Team
16 --- LN District Leadership Team
16 --- PC Trip to Northcott Neighborhood Center, Milwaukee, WI

September

07 --- NIC Leadership Team
21 --- PS District Annual Celebration, Sycamore UMC, Sycamore, IL.
21 --- PN District Annual Celebration, Bethel UMC, Shannon, IL.
28 --- LN District Annual Celebration, Trinity UMC, Mount Prospect, IL.
28 --- LS District Annual Celebration, First UMC, Lockport, IL.

October

04 --- PN District Leadership Team
12 --- PC District Annual Celebration
18 --- LN District Leadership Team
21 --- LS District Leadership Team
26 --- NIC Annual Celebration and District Leadership Training, First UMC, Arlington Heights, IL.
28 --- PS District Leadership Team

For More Detailed Information and Future Events:

[View the Google Calendar](#)

President's Report

By Bard Farley



I am hopeful we all will be able to take some time for rest and relaxation as we enter the fullness of this summer. I saw so many United Women in Faith from our NIC serving, presenting, witnessing, and helping at both the North Central Jurisdiction and our NIC Annual Conference. I might add we had a good presence at General Conference also! As Audrey Stranton-Smith said in the recent *response* magazine, "How dim would this world be without your (UWFAith) influence?"

I am very much looking forward to our Mission u retreats in July and am hopeful many of you will be attending. Together, we can support each other and learn from each other. Leaning upon our Lord and one another, we are able to put one foot in front of the other and lead with

Summer Mission u

First time attendee scholarship application form [HERE](#)

Paper registration form [HERE](#)

Online registration [HERE](#)

2024 Summer Mission u is right around the corner!

July 12-14 – Stronghold (1922 N IL Rte 2, Oregon IL)

July 19-21 – Wesley Woods (250 Stam St, Williams Bay WI)

Registration is here. It is time to pick your weekend and register now!

When registering online, when you check out, any first timers or commuters will see the discounted fee. If you prefer the paper form the correct registration fees are shown for all categories of registration.

Welcome Home is the adult curriculum that explores how we can know God as an intimate friend who welcomes us.

The sessions will include Scripture explorations, discussions, and activities to apply what is being learned.

Our Theme...

The Kin-dom Is Among You: Drawing Closer to God and One Another

If you have any questions feel free to contact either Betty Erickson at n9yfc@aol.com or Beth Jayapalan at nilumw.registrar@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you in Oregon, IL or Williams Bay, WI!



Secretary's Report

By Lois Voss

A few United Women in Faith NIC 2024 Yearbook & Directory booklets are still available for sale. Order yours [HERE](#).

This is a good time to review your leadership contact information and your membership rosters. Report any changes to [Lois Voss](#).

Thank you for supporting the United Voices for Children by donating to the Bishop's Appeal at Annual Conference. So far over \$36,000 was collected. The Appeal is open through the end of the year on the conference website.

Save the Date for



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SAVE THE DATE! 2024 Annual Celebration



Date: **Saturday, October 26, 2024**

Location: **First United Methodist Church**
1903 E. Euclid Ave
Arlington Heights, IL. 60004



Time: Registration opens 8:30

Annual Celebration and Business Meeting: 9:00 - 12:00

Theme: **"Bind Us Together in Love"**

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-14

Lunch: 12:00

Leadership Training: After lunch

Registration details to follow

Begin gathering your car pool members and plan to join in the celebration!

**Scholarship for Women Pursuing
Church Vocations**
Scholarship application [HERE](#)

Northern Illinois Conference United Women in Faith offers a scholarship for women pursuing a church-related vocation, whether in ordained or lay ministry. Applicants must be accepted by an accredited graduate school, reside in the Northern Illinois Conference, demonstrate

Summer Reading

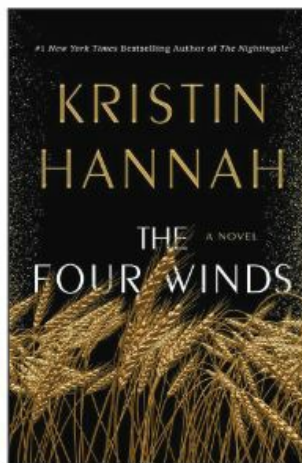
By Linda Osikowicz

A hot summer day can be a good time to stay inside and read a book or maybe enjoy one outside in the shade or at the beach. No matter where, you can find some good suggestions in the United Women in Faith Reading Program. True, some are hard reads—tough subjects, deep information—but good for us to expand our horizons. Still, there are some novels and some easier reads. Here are a few I've enjoyed lately.

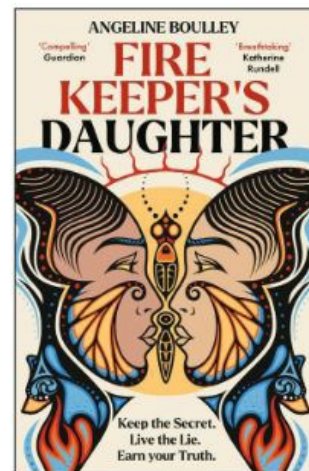
While the first two are from the 2023 Reading Program list, they still count towards this year's credit.



The House That Love Built by Sarah Jackson is the story of the author and how she opened her home to immigrants. It is an educational look at the immigration system. The individual's stories she shares put a face to this crisis.



The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah is a novel about a woman married to a farmer during the dust storms and Great Depression. She has to make difficult decisions about how to care for her family. Not only does this offer a glimpse of life during this time, but also comments now on life for the marginalized, those seen as different and not accepted.



Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley is a Young Adult thriller about a Native teen who must root out the corruption in her community. There's murder, mystery, insight into the drug problem and into Native American culture in Northern Michigan. There will come a point when you can't put this book down!

You can find much better descriptions of the books [HERE](#).

You can download the 2023 and 2024 Reading Program catalogs as well an Excel file of all books, 2019-2024, which are eligible as books for the Reading Program this year. If you can't find a book at your library, ask your librarian about getting it on loan from another library. Don't forget audio books, too. And, if you purchase your books from the [UWFaith bookshop](#), 10% of your purchase will go to support United Women in Faith. Happy reading!

Community

I Can't Get Into The Water

By Brooke Buzard Watson, Cunningham Children's Home

"I can't get into the water, I can't get into the water, I can't get into the water," 14-year-old Jayson said over and over again.

Jayson was standing on the banks of the Middle Fork River at Kickapoo State Park in Oakwood, Illinois, as his peers from Cunningham Children's Home were offering him cheers of encouragement to join their float trip adventure. He was participating in a day trip organized by Cunningham's Special Therapies staff. The summer tradition allows Cunningham kids the chance to explore the outdoors, starting with building a fire and preparing a hot dog lunch at a camp site, before an afternoon of hiking and activity on the water.



Jayson during the day trip to the Middle Fork River

Read Jayson's story
here

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At Kids Above All, we are a season ahead in order to resource our kids with what they need to begin a new school year with new supplies and backpacks and a new attitude for learning. Please review the information to see how you can step up for our kids this summer. Blessings always, Deaconess Catherine

This year's flyer with the list of supplies needed is [HERE](#). Gift cards are also welcomed and greatly appreciated.

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