



# United Methodist Women

## UMW UPDATE

West Market Street United Methodist Church

May 1, 2008

### Scholarships Available for Conference Events

Have you ever attended our conference School of Christian Mission (held right here in Greensboro at Greensboro College), or our conference Annual Meeting? We have some scholarship money set aside in our budget to help with the expenses for a first timer to either of those events. We have \$50 available for a School of Christian Mission Scholarship, and \$70 available for an Annual Meeting scholarship. If you are interested in going to either of these events for the first time, just send a letter or email request to Martha Faye Robbins, our unit Treasurer. Both events are a GREAT way to learn more about the mission and ministry of United Methodist Women.



#### From the President...

As I write this I am looking forward to our luncheon on May 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be celebrating and honoring at least 16 infants with Gifts to Mission...and we hope that a number of our honorees and their mothers will be with us! It is a wonderful tradition that we look forward to every year. A list of those special children, and the sponsors honoring them with a Gift to Mission is included in this Update. Many thanks to all of our sponsors, and to Becky Brown for coordinating this special celebration of our babies! Those Gifts to Mission will go to support mission projects and mission personnel around the world that work to make a difference in the lives of women, children & youth.

I hope you will make plans to attend one or more of the United Methodist Women events that are coming up this summer. Each event is a GREAT way to expand your concepts of mission, and enjoy the fellowship of other United Methodist Women from across our conference, and our Greensboro District. The School of Christian Mission is right here in Greensboro at Greensboro College...with several choices about how you can participate...even for one day! Let's have a big group from West Market! I will be glad to share more information with you about any of the events...just give me a call at 207-3479! We always have some folks going from West Market...and there is always room for YOU!!

Thank you for your commitment to the mission and Purpose of United Methodist Women. You are making a difference...sharing the love of Christ...both here in Greensboro, and around the world. Your giving, your prayers, your faithfulness, the incredible supportive community that you share with each other and with others in

our church family...all are ways that you tell the story of Jesus and His love. Tell the story of United Methodist Women to a friend, and invite her to your next circle meeting! Have a great summer!

Shalom,  
Lynne Gilbert

#### UPCOMING UMW EVENTS...JOIN US!

##### SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREATS



Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center - June 13-14 and 14-15, 2008

Theme: *The Rooms of Your Life*

It is not too late to make a housing reservation, contact Lynne Gilbert for a reservation form.

##### SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

Greensboro College - July 24-27, 2008

Registration Deadline: June 30<sup>th</sup>

Theme: *Living the Sacred*

Mission Studies: I Believe in Jesus, Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival, and Israel/Palestine. Attend as a full-time student (nonresident cost is \$35.00) or attend one of the one-day overviews (\$15.00) (Registration forms are available from Lynne Gilbert.)



##### ANNUAL MEETING

Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center  
September 5, 6 & 7, 2008

Theme: *Called By Name*

(Housing reservations can be mailed on or after July 2, 2008...contact Lynne Gilbert for a reservation form.)

**More information** about each of these events is also available on our conference UMW website. Check it out at: [www.wncumw.org](http://www.wncumw.org)

**GREENSBORO DISTRICT UMW ANNUAL MEETING  
August 23, 2008**

Muir's Chapel United Methodist Church  
314 Muir's Chapel Road  
8:00am Breakfast; 9:00am Program/Meeting  
Speaker: Lynn Sloan Barnes  
Reservation information will be available from Lynne Gilbert.



**Treasurer's Report**

(Based on Gifts Received through April 21, 2008)

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Amount Pledged                 | \$9,362.50 |
| Number of Members Pledging     | 106        |
| Amount Paid                    | \$5,502.00 |
| Circle Special Projects        | \$424.00   |
| A Call to Prayer & Self-Denial | \$547.00   |

*Martha Faye Robbins, Treasurer*  
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**LOOKING FOR SOME GOOD SUMMER READING?  
Participate in the UMW Reading Program!**



Don't forget all of the good books that are available in our Church Library for the United Methodist Women Reading Program. We have a whole section of books...and there are some wonderful books in each of the categories: Spiritual Growth, Nurturing for Community, Education for Mission, and Social Action. Talk with Peggy Joyner in the Library, or contact Emily Johnston, our secretary for Program Resources. Either of those persons will be happy to help you get started reading! It is a wonderful way to deepen your faith, and expand your horizons....check it out!

**BABIES HONORED WITH GIFTS TO MISSION  
AT OUR MAY LUNCHEON**

| <u>Infant's Name</u>               | <u>Sponsors</u>                                 |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <i>David Alastair Bell</i>         | <i>Libby Ball &amp; Sarah Hester</i>            |
| <i>Shelby Elizabeth Brown</i>      | <i>Becky Brown</i>                              |
| <i>John William Russell Buford</i> | <i>Circle 4 &amp; Merrimon Gravely</i>          |
| <i>John Archer Craven</i>          | <i>Betty Gale Sikes</i>                         |
| <i>George Chadwick Fisher</i>      | <i>Elizabeth Fisher &amp; Hilda Prefontaine</i> |
| <i>Trinity Marie Hall</i>          | <i>Circle 8 &amp; Becky Brown</i>               |
| <i>Theodore Rollen Hartley</i>     | <i>Circle 8 &amp; Teri Smith</i>                |
| <i>Edgar Davis Johnson</i>         | <i>Elizabeth Fisher &amp; Betty Betts</i>       |
| <i>Brennan Reece Luster</i>        | <i>Circle 1 &amp; Betty Betts</i>               |
| <i>Lilly Esther Messer</i>         | <i>Circle 8 &amp; Becky Brown</i>               |

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| <i>Rosemary Ellen Messer</i>                   | <i>Circle 8 &amp; Becky Brown</i>      |
| <i>Everette Robert Peeden</i>                  | <i>Circle 4 &amp; Farish Cochran</i>   |
| <i>Naomi Joyce Rhoads</i>                      | <i>Lu Ellen Hooper &amp; Ann Fouts</i> |
| <i>Jacob Burritt Scanlan</i>                   | <i>Circle 1 &amp; Teri Smith</i>       |
| <i>Miller Scholtz Stanley</i>                  | <i>Rachel Dunn &amp; Peggy Johnson</i> |
| <i>Ward Whisnant Suttle</i>                    | <i>Ruthie McLeod</i>                   |
| <i>Elizabeth Nan Suttle</i>                    | <i>Ruthie McLeod</i>                   |
| <i>Jordan Nicole Osborne</i>                   | <i>Susan Osborne</i>                   |
| <i>Salem Grace Strange</i>                     | <i>Kitty Strange</i>                   |
| <i>Eli Lewis Woods</i>                         | <i>Kitty Strange</i>                   |
| <i>Matthew Christopher Anderson Lynn Jones</i> |  |

**REPORT FROM THE SOUTHEASTERN  
JURISDICTION QUADRENNIAL  
MEETING OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
April 4-6, 2008 – Hampton, VA**

Wow!...a word used often to describe the SEJ Quadrennial Meeting in Hampton, Virginia. Over 1,200 United Methodist Women from across the Southeast journeyed to Hampton to participate in worship, fellowship, focus groups, and yes...fun. Four of our West Market UMW members attended, and were among the 234 UMW members from Western North Carolina: **Betty Betts, Lynne Gilbert, Mary Belle Gilbert, and Jennifer Moffitt.**



One of the main purposes of the meeting was to elect Women's Division Directors for the 2008-2012 Quadrennium. Our jurisdiction elects 11 women to serve on the national board of directors for United Methodist Women (composed of 50 United Methodist Women from across the country). Every four years, each of the fifteen conferences in our jurisdiction nominates three persons, and then the voting is done during the quadrennial meeting business session by six voting delegates from each conference, the current jurisdiction officers, and the current Women's Division directors from our jurisdiction. Our own **Lynne Gilbert** was one of the persons nominated by the Western North Carolina Conference...and she was elected! **Congratulations Lynne!**

**VISIT OUR CHURCH WEBSITE,  
AND OUR UMW PAGE!**

Our church web address is:  
**[www.wmsumc.org](http://www.wmsumc.org)**

**The PURPOSE of United Methodist Women**  
*The organized unit of 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.*