



United  
Methodist  
Women

## UMW UPDATE

West Market Street United Methodist Church  
September 1, 2008

### UMW General Meeting

Monday, October 6, 2008 – 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

**Program:** Its OK to be GREEN! – Take the GREEN Challenge!

**Hands-On Project:** Supplies for West Market Guatemala Mission Team (See article)

**Reservations for dinner are required, and must be in by Sunday, September 28th.** Call Peggy Joyner (274-0710) or Patricia Troxler (292-2164) to make your reservations. Childcare is available, by reservation only. **Reservations for childcare** are also due by Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

The executive committee will meet prior to the General Meeting, off of the Fellowship Hall, at 5:00 p.m.

### From the President...

Greetings! United Methodist Women are busy as our circles gather again in September, and as we look forward to our October general meeting. Invite someone new to join you at circle, or to come to our general meeting!

I hope you will make plans to **join us on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for our general meeting.** Our program will be "Its OK to be GREEN...Take the GREEN Challenge! God calls us to be good stewards of creation...and each of us needs to do our part. Come for an informative program on how we as individuals and as church members can help to make a difference. Here is your first challenge...CARPOOL to our meeting! And, I hope you will participate in our hands-on project for the meeting...see article about baby items for Guatemala.

**One of the ways that United Methodist Women are involved in mission is through advocacy on justice issues.** Across the country...one of our advocacy efforts in recent years has been the *Campaign for Children, Phase III – Public School Education*...encouraging local units to get involved in Public Education in their local communities. Our conference began a special initiative this year called **For Christ's Sake...Turn the World Upside Down through Public Education**...to encourage local units to take the next step, and to find new ways to get involved in making a difference for our children. A survey of local units about their involvement with local schools found that United Methodist Women in our conference are now providing monetary gifts, schools supplies, volunteer time, and other creative resources for our schools with a total estimated value well in excess of \$1,000,000 per year. Wow!

**In September & October, we are encouraged to participate in a conference-wide UMW letter writing campaign about the re-authorization of the No Child Left Behind Act...to challenge and encourage**



our legislators and other decision makers to make changes in the law to correct the injustices it includes, so that it will better serve our children. Complete information about the letter writing campaign is available on our conference UMW website at [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org). I encourage you to participate in this advocacy effort for our children!

Watch the MarketPlace and next month's UMW UPDATE for information about a special dinner that United Methodist Women will be hosting on October 27<sup>th</sup> during the **Dr. Reginald Mallett preaching series at West Market.**

We had West Market United Methodist Women attending each of the conference UMW events this summer. Each of those events is a special opportunity for growth through fellowship, study, and sharing. I especially enjoyed the School of Christian Mission...and it is right here in Greensboro! Put July 16-19, 2009 on your calendar and plan to join us next year for all or part of the 2009 School of Christian Mission.

**Thank you for ALL that each of you do as women in mission through United Methodist Women!**

Shalom,  
Lynne Gilbert



## Treasurer's Report

(Based on Gifts Received through August 22, 2008)

Amount Pledged	\$9,662.50
Number of Members Pledging	109
Amount Paid	\$6,415.00
Circle Special Projects	\$858.00
A Call to Prayer & Self-Denial	\$547.00

Note Cards with the stained glass windows (\$10) or sketch of church entrance (\$4) can be purchased in the Church Office or at the UMW General meetings. These cards are an ongoing fund raiser for the UMW.

Now is the time to **re-link your Harris Teeter VIC card to their "Together in Education" program** for the 2008-2009 school year which sends a percentage of your grocery bill to the school you choose. You can do this at their service desk, cash register or online at [www.harristeeter.com](http://www.harristeeter.com). Since helping Washington Elementary School has been a project of the UMW for several years, you are urged to link with that school – code number: 2888. Last year Washington received hundreds of dollars from that program.

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### October Hands-On Mission Project *Baby Items for Guatemala*

Our church is sending another Mustard Seed Medical Mission Team to Guatemala this November and will need the following baby items for their Boca Costa Medical Clinic for the Mayan mothers living in impoverished conditions in remote villages.

We are asking United Methodist Women to help by bringing the most needed items to your October circle meeting or to our October General Meeting Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. The following items are needed:

- Cloth diapers
- 100% cotton receiving blankets
- Onesies
- Cash donations (Checks should be made payable to UMW, designated for Guatemala Baby Supplies)



Items may be brought to the October 6<sup>th</sup> UMW dinner meeting, or placed in the container marked FOR GUATAMALA BABY CLINIC in the Gathering Space near the Outreach table at church. Monetary donations should be brought to the October 6<sup>th</sup> UMW General Meeting or given to your circle treasurer. Thanks ever so much in advance for your generosity and cooperation.

Carol Betts, Mission Coordinator for Social Action

### NEW Reading Program Books!

Eight new books from the Reading Program lists recently have been added to our collection. Stop by the Library, peruse the additions and check one out!

The titles and authors of the new books are as follows:

1. *Far Appalachia: Following the New River North* (Adams)
2. *A Song Flung Up to Heaven* (Angelou)
3. *Surrendering to God* (Beasley-Topliff)
4. *Dancing with Words: Storytelling as Legacy, Culture and Faith* (Buckley)
5. *Praying in the Wesleyan Spirit: 52 Prayers for Today* (Chilcote)
6. *Stories for the Heart: The Second Collection* (Gray, editor)
7. *Home Across the Road* (Peacock)
8. *Its the Little Things: Everyday Interactions that Anger, Annoy & Divide the Races* (Williams)

Thanks once again to Peggy Joyner for her help in acquiring these new titles for our Reading Program collection.

Note, many of our books are quick reads, so it is not too late to join the UMW Readers for 2008. You are invited!

Emily Johnston, Secretary of Program Resources

### GAYLE HICKS FRIPP AWARD Send in a Nomination Today!

Each year our United Methodist Women present the Gayle Hicks Fripp Award to a member of the West Market UMW who has given outstanding service to her unit, her community, and her profession (including homemaking).

Nominations must be made in writing, including reasons for the recommendation, and be signed by the person(s) making the nomination. All nominations should be sent to Becky Brown at P.O. Box 38875, Greensboro, NC 27438-8875, no later than October 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, contact Becky Brown at 282-3564. The recipient will be recognized at our December UMW meeting. Nominate someone today!

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[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.*