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UMW UPDATE

West Market Street United Methodist Church

October 1, 2008

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 20th.** If you have questions, contact Becky Brown at 282-3564. Mary Belle Gilbert and Emily Johnston are serving with Becky on the award committee. The recipient will be recognized at our December UMW meeting. **Nominate someone today!**

From the President...

As I write this I am looking forward to our October General Meeting on October 6th. I hope it will be an informative evening as we take the GREEN challenge together. Thank you for your gifts to support our hands-on mission project baby items for our mission team to take to Guatemala.

Thank you to the many of you who participated in the letter writing campaign about the No Child Left Behind Act. The conference has received lots of positive feedback from teachers and others involved in public education...with appreciation for the commitment of United Methodist Women to be involved in working to make a difference for our children. Read more about this special advocacy effort on our conference website at www.wnccumw.org.

You will have the opportunity next month at your circle meeting to participate in the **World Thank Offering**. Read more about that in this issue of UPDATE, and think about the many ways that God's abundant grace touches your life everyday. Participating in the World Thank Offering is a tradition in United Methodist Women that is over 100 years old...making spontaneous gifts out of gratitude for our many blessings. I encourage you to participate, and to give generously.

Have you thought about nominating someone for our Fripp Award? Do it today!

Finally, as we approach **Election Day**, I have shared with each circle leader a few copies of a little piece which includes some history of women's struggle in the early 1900s to gain the right to vote. Be an informed voter, and exercise the precious right that our foremothers struggled mightily for us to have...**VOTE!**

Thank you for your commitment to the mission and Purpose of United Methodist Women. You are making a difference for women, children and youth...locally and globally. Your giving, your prayers, your faithfulness, the incredible supportive community that you share with each other and

with others in our church family are all 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!

Shalom... *Lynne Gilbert*

United Methodist Women to host a Dinner with Rev. Dr. Reginald Mallett

Monday, October 27th, 5:30pm
Fellowship Hall

We have a very special opportunity coming up this month! We will be hosting a dinner on Monday, October 27th for Rev. Dr. Reginald Mallett, a renowned minister from Great Britain. United Methodist Women and all members and friends of West Market are invited to join us for dinner and a time of sharing by Dr. Mallett, and the 7:00pm evening worship service.

Reservations for dinner are required, and must be in by Sunday, October 19th. Call Jeanne Shepherd in the church office at 275-4587 to make your reservations. Childcare is available by reservation only. **Reservations for childcare during dinner** are also due by Sunday, October 19th.

Dr. Mallett will be at West Market October 26th-28th for a preaching series...at all Sunday morning services, and on Sunday thru Tuesday evenings. Dr. Mallett is both an ordained Methodist minister and a physician. As a minister, he has served some of the largest churches in British Methodism.

Dr. Mallett has preached extensively in the United States and has been the preacher at several Annual Conferences and at many events at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

Make your dinner reservations today...and plan to be with us for a special evening on October 27th. And, plan to be present for ALL of the preaching series by Dr. Mallett. **You will be glad you did!**



Treasurer's Report

(Based on Gifts Received through September 23, 2008)

Amount Pledged	\$9,622.50
Number of Members Pledging	109
Amount Paid	\$7,088.00
Circle Special Projects	\$952.00
Call to Prayer & Self Denial	\$547.00
Gift to Mission Cards	\$420.00

It's time to think about purchasing the brass ornament with our church design as a gift or for your own Christmas tree. This is a continuing UMW fundraiser. Ornaments are \$10.00.

Martha Faye Robbins, Treasurer
292-8564 or e-mail
marthamrobbins@bellsouth.net

World Thank Offering

Each year, United Methodist Women across the country participate in the World Thank Offering...in a variety of ways. The gifts are usually collected in October and November...but in many units, the collected offering represents spontaneous giving by members over the course of a year, or maybe a special month. One of the five channels of undesignated Mission Giving through United Methodist Women, the World Thank Offering is an opportunity to make gifts out of gratitude for God's abundance and in celebration of the joys of life. Every single day, we are surrounded by the abundant grace of God...we have so much for which we can be thankful.



You are receiving a special label, and a calendar that you might use as a way to think about God's abundance in your life. Put your label on a container at home, make contributions during October and November...and then bring your offering to your November circle meeting. Give generously...your gifts will make a difference in the lives of women, children and youth around the world.

Home & Closet Consignment Sale

- Friday, October 17 (9:30am-7:00pm)
- Saturday, October 18 (8:30am-12:00noon)



Have you heard? The Home & Closet Consignment Sale, sponsored by West Market Street UMC and The Early Childhood Center preschool in downtown Greensboro, is scheduled for October 17-18, 2008. The sale features clothing for all ages (newborns to adults), books, toys, baby equipment, furniture, home decor, bedding and more! **Interested in selling?** Consignors

earn 60% of the sales prices. **Too busy to consign?** Consider donating - it's tax-deductible and you'll get a letter for your tax records. **Want to volunteer?** Work 3 hours and you're admitted to the Volunteer Preview Sale on Thursday, October 16 at 6:30pm.

Email homeandcloset@gmail.com or call 378-6093 for more information.

Please spread the word to all your local friends who might like to sell, donate, volunteer or JUST SHOP!

Report of the Committee on Nominations UMW Officers for 2009-2010

President Lynne Gilbert
 Co-Vice Presidents..... Tina Delaporte & Lyn Rollins
 Secretary Rebecca Parker
 Treasurer Norma Funderburk
 Mission Coordinators:
 Membership Nurture & Outreach Laura Judy & Leah Overman
 Spiritual Growth Cindy Joseph & Beth Loseke
 Education & Interpretation..... Jeannie Herbert
 Social Action Dianne Druce & Pam Hughes
 Secretary of Program Resources Carol Betts
 Communications Coordinators..... Betsy Holder & Lynn Jones
 Circle Coordinators..... Brenna Shepherd, Karen Meredith
 and Jennie Kiser
 Chairperson of Membership Mary Jo Elmore & Sabrina Hinson
 Committee on Nominations:
 Chairperson Betty Betts (2012)
 Member Mary Jo Elmore (2010)
 Member Amy Kreimer (2012)
 Member Sarah Hester (2010)

Submitted by the Committee on Nominations:
Sarah Hester, Mary Jo Elmore, Beth Loseke & Betty Betts

Planning Dates for 2008

- November 15 Greensboro District UMW Officer Training for Local Unit Officers, Guilford College UMC, 9:00am – 12:00pm.
- December 1 West Market UMW Executive Committee Meeting, 11:00am, Fellowship Hall 3
- December 1 West Market UMW General Meeting, 12:00 Noon, Fellowship Hall

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www.wmsumc.org

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www.wnccumw.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.