



United
Methodist
Women

UMW UPDATE

West Market Street United Methodist Church

November 1, 2008

UMW General Meeting

Monday, December 1st

Fellowship Hall – Lunch at 12:00 Noon

Join us for a festive luncheon! We will celebrate our Fripp Award honoree, install our 2009-2010 officers, recognize outgoing officers, and hear some tips for a healthy holiday season. **You will not want to miss this general meeting...makes plans to be there!**

Hands-on Project: See article on back about our UMW Christmas Project.

Reservations for lunch are required, and must be in by Sunday, November 23rd. Call Peggy Joyner (274-0710) or Patricia Troxler (292-2164) to make your reservations. Cost of lunch is \$6.00. Childcare is available, by reservation only. **Reservations for childcare** are also due by Sunday, November 23rd.

The executive committee will meet prior to the General Meeting, off of the Fellowship Hall, at 11:00am.

From the President...

November is a wonderful time of year...the crisp fall air, the beautiful fall colors, and the anticipation of time with family and friends in the approaching holidays. It is also a season to reflect and ponder on the bounty of blessings that we enjoy each and every day. As United Methodist Women, it is a season when we make gifts to mission out of gratitude for God's abundant grace and blessings...through the World Thank Offering.

Last week, I joined two other United Methodist Women on what has become an annual trip to take a load of donated items to **Henderson Settlement**, in Frakes, Kentucky. Henderson Settlement is a United Methodist national mission institution that serves a high poverty area in "Appalachia" in the mountains of eastern Kentucky by providing a wide range of outreach services to children, youth and adults. The mission of Henderson Settlement is simple..."Meeting Basic Human Needs in Appalachia". It is a very real "island of hope", that makes a difference in the lives of the people there...every single day.

Here's the rest of the story...**YOU are helping to make the ministries of Henderson Settlement possible!** Each time you make a gift through one of the five channels of Mission Giving of United Methodist Women...like the World Thank Offering...you help to provide support for mission projects, personnel and institutions around the world. Henderson Settlement is just one of those special places. Many of our mission institutions are facing very difficult times this year as winter approaches; the needs in the communities where they

serve are great...and growing. Henderson Settlement is no different...they have already had to make difficult decisions to reduce staff and cut back on some programs. The support that they receive from United Methodist Women is just a portion of their total budget...but they depend on that portion to carry out their ministries. Your giving absolutely makes a difference!

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.

Shalom, Lynne Gilbert

World Thank Offering

Each year, United Methodist Women across the country participate in the World Thank Offering. 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.

Give generously...your gifts will make a difference in the lives of women, children and youth around the world.

UMW Christmas Project

As Christmas approaches, we enter a season of celebrating gift of the birth of Christ, and a season when we are especially intentional about sharing that gift by giving gifts to others. Our UMW Christmas project provides us with a special opportunity to make gifts that will make a difference in the lives of persons who are less fortunate than ourselves.



This year our Christmas project will support two organizations with whom we have special relationships. **Our hands-on project will be for Greensboro Urban Ministry...to be used by the Pathways Center and the Clothing Bank.** The Pathways Center provides safe, temporary housing for 16 homeless families. They are in need of women's and men's new underwear and socks, new or lightly used twin and full size sheet sets, diapers (sizes 3, 4 & 5), toothbrushes, family size toothpaste, shampoo, women's & men's deodorant, and Ensure. **Our financial gifts will support our Early Childhood Center Scholarship Fund.**

Please bring your items to your December circle meeting, the December UMW luncheon, or deposit them in the large basket marked "UMW Christmas Project" that will be in the Gathering Space. You may bring your financial gifts to your December circle meeting, the December general meeting, or send them directly to Martha Faye Robbins, UMW Treasurer. If you have questions about our Christmas project, contact Carol Betts at 274-3950.

Many thanks for all you do to make this season a happier time for persons in need. God bless you!

Calling All West Market Street Readers!

THE READING PROGRAM

Your Window to the World

Calling all West Market Street Readers! It's time to catch up your Reading Program book list on the reporting sheets in the UMW Section of the Church Library. All Reading Program participants should plan to complete their 2008 reading by early December. Readers need to have their reporting sheets filled out and turned in by December 10, 2008.

If you haven't been reading this year, you are invited to join the readers' group anytime. Better yet, stop by the Reading Program section on Sunday, check out a book and start reading now for 2009!

If you have questions about the Reading Program, talk with Emily Johnston or Peggy Joyner...they will be glad to help you!



Treasurer's Report

(Based on Gifts Received through October 20, 2008)

Amount Pledged	\$9,672.50
Number of Members Pledging	111
Amount Paid	\$8,216.00
Circle Special Projects	\$1,359.00
Gift to Mission Cards	\$480.00
A Call to Prayer & Self-Denial	\$547.00
Guatemala Mission Trip Project	\$392.00

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

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.

PLANNING DATES FOR 2008

Nov 15	GSO District UMW Officer Training for Local Officers, Guilford College UMC, 9:30 – 11:00am
Dec 1	UMW Executive Committee Meeting, 11:00 a.m.
Dec 1	UMW General Meeting, Noon, Fellowship Hall

PLANNING DATES FOR 2009

June 19/20, 20/21	Spiritual Growth Retreats – Lake Junaluska
July 16-19	School of Christian Mission – Greensboro College
Sept 11-13	Annual Meeting – Lake Junaluska

Enter
his gates
with
thanksgiving...

Psalm 100:4

