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## UMW UPDATE

West Market Street United Methodist Church

December 1, 2008

### Congratulations Sarah Hester! 2008 Gayle Hicks Fripp Award Honoree

Congratulations to Sarah Hester, who was honored at our December 1<sup>st</sup> UMW General Meeting with the 2008 Gayle Hicks Fripp Award. 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). Sarah was presented with a sapphire Special Mission Recognition pin, representing a gift to mission given in her honor. It was wonderful to have members of her family there to help surprise her! Following is the report shared by the Fripp Award Committee as they presented the award:



*This year's honoree is a very special person. Let us tell you how! Our honoree is an **INNOVATIVE** leader. She has new ideas, and she is enthusiastic about promoting and supporting them. Her visionary leadership has made a real difference in our unit. Our honoree is an **INVESTIGATIVE** person. Before beginning any project, she studies it from all angles. She doesn't hesitate to call people and interview them, in order to understand fully the positives and negatives of any new undertaking. Our honoree is an **INSPIRATIONAL** person. Quoting now from the letter of nomination submitted on her behalf, "she knows how to encourage and inspire others to help her get things done."*

*Our honoree is married, and she and her husband have three adult children. She retired in 1998 from a distinguished career in hospital administration. She serves our church as a member of an usher squad, the Market Bell Ringers and the Support Staff Relations Committee. She is a former member of the Chancel Choir.*

*Within our unit, she is an active circle member who has served as circle study leader and chair of the Committee on Nominations, and as our president. During her term as president, she initiated our Emerging Needs Fund and "stirred us into flame" with our Flame Straws fund raiser. Most significantly, our honoree helped start, and continues to lead, our ground-breaking work with the Prayer Shawl Ministry and the Knitting Circles, a ministry that has become truly meaningful to so many persons.*

*Innovative. Investigative. Inspirational. Her letter of nomination calls her "a real Southern lady whose quiet way charms all who know her." So true! On behalf of the West Market Street United Methodist Women, our award committee, consisting of Mary Belle Gilbert, Emily Johnston and Becky Brown as chair, takes great pleasure in presenting a well-deserved 2008 Gayle Hicks Fripp Award to SARAH HESTER.*

#### From the President...

It is hard to believe that December is already here! By the time you read this, we will have celebrated with Sarah Hester as she was honored with the Fripp Award, installed our new officers for 2009-2010, and recognized the faithful women who have served as leaders of our unit for 2007-2008. **I want to say a very special word of thanks to all of the women who have served as officers for the past two years.** It has been a joy to work with each of you. And, I am looking forward to serving with our new officers in the coming year. Thank you for saying YES!

**Thank you for your generous gifts to the World Thank Offering!** We have received \$415.25 so far! And, thank

you for your continued 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.

I pray for each of you a blessed Advent and Christmas season. May you experience the special joy of spending time with friends and family, and may you revel in the hope and promise of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Shalom,  
Lynne Gilbert



## UMW Christmas Project

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.**

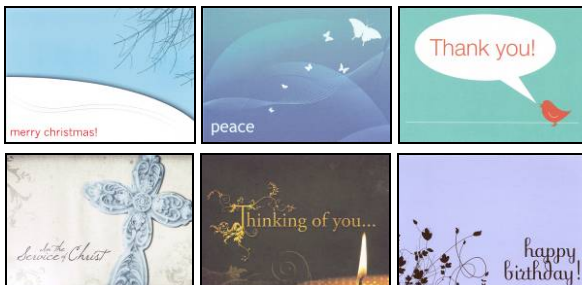
If you were unable to bring your items to your December circle meeting, or the December UMW luncheon...you may deposit them in the large basket marked "UMW Christmas Project" that is in the Gathering Space. You may turn in your financial gifts at your December circle meeting, or send them directly to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

### REMINDER: Reading Program Reports Due

Calling all UMW readers...have you updated your Reading Program sheet in the Library? Please do that by December 10<sup>th</sup> so that we can turn in our reading report to the Greensboro District. **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!

### Make a Gift to Mission as a Christmas Gift!

Gift to Mission cards make a wonderful alternative Christmas Gift. Make a Gift to Mission which supports mission around the world, and tell someone how much you care about them...the perfect combination! Contact Martha Faye Robbins at 292-8564 for more information.



## Treasurer's Report

(Based on Gifts Received through November 21, 2008)

Amount Pledged	\$9,835.00
Number of Members Pledging	113
Amount Paid	\$9,615.00
Circle Special Projects	\$1,041.00
Gift to Mission Cards	\$490.00
A Call to Prayer & Self-Denial	\$547.00
World Thank Offering	\$415.25
Guatemala Mission Trip Project	\$392.00

Please make every effort to complete your 2008 pledge this month. Thank you!

Martha Faye Robbins, Treasurer  
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### Visit Our Church Website, And Our UMW Pages!

Have you checked our West Market Street UMC website? Read the *MarketPlace* online, and find up-to-date information about upcoming events & programs...including United Methodist Women! Our 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.*

### PLANNING DATES FOR 2009

- February 21 Greensboro District Mission Study – Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival – Centenary UMC, 9:00am – 2:00pm.
- 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

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*Wonderful Counselor,*  
**MIGHTY GOD,**  
*Everlasting Father,*  
**PRINCE OF PEACE.**

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