

# United Methodist Women

West Market Street United Methodist Church

## UPDATE

April 1, 2009



### Baby Recognitions to be Presented at May 4th General Meeting

#### General Meeting, Monday, May 4, 2009

Lunch begins at 12:00 Noon

**Special Celebration Honoring Our Babies!**  
**Honor a special baby in your life! (See info at right)**



Join us for this special opportunity to celebrate and honor our babies. Our celebration will include a special treat...a visit by some children from our Early Childhood Center. Make your reservation today!

**Hands-On Mission Project:** Infant diapers for the Diaper Closet at FaithAction International House. Read more about this project in this issue of UPDATE.

**Reservations for lunch are required**, and must be in by Sunday, April 26th. Call Grey Wood (299-2729) or Merrimon Gravely (294-2503) to make your reservations. Cost of lunch is \$6.00. **Childcare is available, by reservation only**, due also by Sunday, April 26th.

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

### From the President...

Greetings! I pray for each of you a blessed Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I hope you are planning to join us for our **May luncheon on May 4<sup>th</sup>**, at Noon, in the Fellowship Hall. We will be celebrating and honoring our babies, and hope to have many of the babies and their Mothers join us for our meeting. It is a special tradition that we look forward to every year. Mark your calendar, invite a friend, make a reservation, and plan to be there!

And, it will soon be time to register for the **2009 School of Christian Mission**, which will be held at Greensboro

College, July 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. Our theme this year is Together at the Table, and there are three great mission studies...*Food and Faith*, *The Beauty and Courage of Sudan*, and *Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival*.

It is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about mission, and share in fellowship with other United Methodist Women from across the conference. You can attend the School of Christian Mission for just one day to get a "taste", or you can be a full-time day student, or...you can even be a resident student and move into a dorm room for three days!

In a United Methodist News

Service commentary, Schools of Christian Mission were described as **some of the very best lay faith education being offered in The United Methodist Church**. Our conference School of Christian Mission is always excellent...I hope many of you will plan to attend the school this year! I have registration brochures available, or you can find them on our conference website at [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org).

Thank you for your commitment to mission!

Shalom, Lynne Gilbert



Honor a special baby with a **Gift to Mission** at our May 4th General Meeting luncheon! Maybe you have a new child, or grandchild, niece or nephew, or a special friend that you could honor? Or, maybe your circle would like to honor a new baby born during the past year.

For a gift to mission of at least \$5.00, you can honor a child, and we will present the Gift to Mission card at our meeting. We hope that many of the children being honored will be able to come that day...it is a tradition that we look forward to every year!

**If you would like to honor a baby, contact Laura Judy by April 20<sup>th</sup>** at 286-9507 or [ljudy@trone.com](mailto:ljudy@trone.com). Laura will need the following information along with your gift: the baby's full name, the names and address of the parents, and the name of the person(s) or circle making the gift.

Let's honor our babies... and at the same time, make a difference in the lives of women, children and youth around the world through the Mission Giving of United Methodist Women.

## Our Mission Giving...



A Report from Our Treasurer

(Based on Gifts Received through March 31, 2009)

Amount Pledged	\$8,568.00
Number of Members Pledging	97
Amount Paid on Pledges	\$4,550.00
Circle Special Projects	\$160.00
Gift to Mission/Gift in Memory	\$110.00
Call to Prayer & Self-Denial	\$264.00
Prayer Shawl Ministry	\$50.00

**Have you made your pledge to mission for 2009?** It is not too late. Talk to your circle treasurer, or contact Norma Funderburk.

Norma Funderburk, Treasurer; Phone: 379-9257;  
Email: [nfunderburk@triad.rr.com](mailto:nfunderburk@triad.rr.com)

### May Hands-On Project: Diapers for FaithAction International House

Our Hands-on Mission Project for our May 4th General Meeting will be **infant diapers for the diaper closet at FaithAction International House**. FaithAction International House provides a vital ministry in our community as a center for cross-cultural learning and service. The diaper closet is an outreach of their immigrant assistance program, which provides assistance to immigrants and refugees in our community who are struggling to find jobs, and to care for the basic needs of their children. The diaper closet helps to meet an urgent need.

**Infant diapers (both cloth types and disposable types) are needed, in all sizes, newborn and up.** Please bring an item to the UMW meeting on May 4th, or collect them at your circle meetings. There will also be a collection box available in the Gathering space.

Thanks in advance for helping us to care for these families who are "strangers in our midst", and for making a difference in the lives of these precious children in our community!!

## Western North Carolina Leads the Nation!

Did you know...that **YOU** are part of the Greensboro District, which is part of the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church? Did you know...that **YOU and other United Methodist Women across our conference led the nation in giving last year for the 8th consecutive year?**

Our conference led the nation in the following channels of giving through United Methodist Women - special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, World Thank Offering, Total Undesignated Mission Giving, and Total Giving!! And, we met our \$811,000 Pledge to Mission.

**The real cause for celebration is the mission made possible by your giving.** Our support for mission projects and personnel around the world makes mission possible...sharing the love of Christ, and touching the lives of women, children and youth. **YOU are in mission around the world!**

If you want to know more about where your money goes, check out the pages of each issue of **Response Magazine!**

Through your giving...**YOU** make mission possible, and **YOU** make a difference, every day, in the lives of women, children and youth around the world.

**THANK YOU!!**



Mission Giving

## PLANNING DATES FOR 2009

April 18	Greensboro District UMW Prayer Breakfast, 8am, Mt. Pisgah UMC
May 4	UMW Executive Meeting
<b>May 4</b>	<b>UMW General Meeting Luncheon, Program: Infant Gift to Mission Celebration!</b>
June 19/20 & 20/21	Spiritual Growth Retreats, Lake Junaluska
July 16-19	School of Christian Mission, Greensboro College
August 22	Greensboro District UMW Annual Meeting/Breakfast, 8am, St. Matthews UMC
Sept. 11-13	Annual Meeting, Lake Junaluska
October 5	UMW Executive Meeting
<b>October 5</b>	<b>UMW General Meeting, Guest Speaker: Dr. Julianne Malveaux, President of Bennett College</b>
Nov. 21	Greensboro District UMW Officer Training for Local Officers, 9am-12pm, St. John's UMC
December 7	UMW Executive Meeting
<b>December 7</b>	<b>UMW General Meeting, Christmas Celebration, including Elizabeth Fisher sharing a Christmas story</b>

### Greensboro District Prayer Breakfast, April 18<sup>th</sup>, Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church

The Greensboro District Prayer Breakfast for United Methodist Women will be held Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church. Cost for breakfast is \$6.00, and reservations are required by April 10<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast begins at 8:00am, and the program begins at 9:00am.

The prayer breakfast is always a wonderful time of fellowship and inspiration with other United Methodist Women from across the district.

**If you are interested in attending the prayer breakfast, call Lynne Gilbert at 207-3479. She will be glad to make a reservation for you.**

**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.