

# United Methodist Women

West Market Street United Methodist Church

## UPDATE

May 1, 2009



### Scholarships Available for Conference Events

Have you ever attended our conference **School of Christian Mission** (held right here in Greensboro at Greensboro College), or our conference **Annual Meeting**? We have some scholarship money set aside in our budget to help with the expenses for a first timer to either of those events. We have \$50 available for a School of Christian Mission Scholarship, and \$70 available for an Annual Meeting scholarship.

If you are interested in going to either of these events for the first time, just send a letter or email request to Norma Funderburk, our unit Treasurer.

Both events are a GREAT way to learn more about the mission and ministry of United Methodist Women.

### From the President...

As I write this I am looking forward to our luncheon on May 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be celebrating and honoring 16 infants with Gifts to Mission...and we hope that several of our honorees and their mothers will be with us! It is a wonderful tradition that we look forward to every year. A list of those special children, and the sponsors honoring them with a Gift to Mission is included in this Update. Many thanks to all of our sponsors, and to Laura Judy and Leah Overman for coordinating this special celebration of our babies! Those Gifts to Mission will go to support mission projects and mission personnel around the world that work to make a difference in the lives of women, children & youth.

I hope you will make plans to attend one or more of the United Methodist Women events that are coming up this summer. Each event is a GREAT way to expand your concepts of mission, and enjoy

the fellowship of other United Methodist Women from across our conference, and our Greensboro District. The School of Christian Mission is right here in Greensboro at Greensboro College...with several choices about how you can participate...even for one day! Let's have a big group from West Market! I will be glad to share more information with you about any of the events...just give me a call at 207-3479! We always have some folks going from West Market...and there is always room for YOU!!

A special highlight at the Conference Annual Meeting in September will be that Harriett Jane Olson, the CEO of the national staff for United Methodist Women, will be the featured speaker. Harriett is providing excellent leadership for our organization. I just returned from the Spring Board of Directors meeting for the Women's Division. I can testify as a director that we are

most fortunate to have her share her wisdom, knowledge, compassion, and vision. It will be a treat to have her here in Western North Carolina.

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. Your giving, your prayers, your faithfulness, the incredible supportive community that you share with each other and with others in our church family... all are 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!

Have a great summer!

Shalom,  
Lynne Gilbert



### UPCOMING UMW EVENTS...JOIN US!

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREATS** - Lake Junaluska - June 19-20 and 20-21. Theme: *Encounters with Jesus*. It is not too late to make a housing reservation, contact Lynne Gilbert for a form.

**SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION** - Greensboro College - July 16-19. Registration Deadline: June 22nd. Theme: *Together at the Table*. Mission Studies: Food and Faith, Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival, and The Beauty & Courage of Sudan. Attend as a full-time student (nonresident cost is \$35.00) or attend a one-day overview(\$15.00). Registration forms are available from Lynne Gilbert.

**ANNUAL MEETING** - Lake Junaluska - September 11, 12 & 13. Theme: *Sisters with a PURPOSE*. Housing reservations can be mailed on or after July 1, 2009...contact Lynne Gilbert for a reservation form.

**More information** about each of these events is also available on our conference UMW website. Check it out at: [www.wncumw.org](http://www.wncumw.org)

## Our Mission Giving...



A Report from Our Treasurer

(Based on Gifts Received through April 30, 2009)

Amount Pledged	\$8,568.00
Number of Members Pledging	97
Amount Paid on Pledges	\$5,221.00
Circle Special Projects	\$242.00
Gift to Mission/Gift in Memory	\$160.00
Call to Prayer & Self-Denial	\$349.00
Prayer Shawl Ministry	\$100.00

### 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)

## LOOKING FOR SOME GOOD SUMMER READING?

### Participate in the UMW Reading Program!

Don't forget all of the good books that are available in our Church Library for the United Methodist Women Reading Program. We have a whole section of books...and there are some wonderful books in each of the categories: Spiritual Growth, Nurturing for Community, Education for Mission, and Social Action.

Talk with Peggy Joyner in the Library, or contact Carol Betts, our secretary for Program Resources. Either of those persons will be happy to help you get started reading! It is a wonderful way to deepen your faith, and expand your horizons....check it out!

## GREENSBORO DISTRICT UMW ANNUAL MEETING

August 22, 2009 - St. Matthews United Methodist Church - 8:00am Breakfast; 9:00am Program/ Meeting. Reservation information will be available from Lynne Gilbert.

## INFANTS HONORED WITH GIFTS TO MISSION AT OUR MAY LUNCHEON

Gifts to Mission through United Methodist Women were made in honor of each of these children.

Gift to Mission is one of the five channels of undesignated Mission Giving. The Mission Giving of United Methodist Women makes a difference in the lives of women, children and youth around the world.

### Infant names and Sponsors:

**Leah Grace Aust** - Circle 2, Betty Betts

**Abigail Ruth Carihfield** - Circle 8, Becky Brown

**Noah Freeman Dupont** - Circle 8, Kimberly Kramer, Nonnye Durham

**Ethan Paul Finch** - Circle 1, Betty Betts

**Rory Raymond Goldmann** - Circle 8, Teri Smith

**Riley Benjamin Hall** - Circle 2, Circle 4

**Vivienne Betts Hodge** - Circle 4, Carol Betts

**Riley Joseph Honeycutt** - Circle 1

**Stella Jane Lanier** - Circle 5

**William James Preston** - Circle 2, Circle 4

**Julia Elizabeth Shearin** - Circle 8, Circle 6

**Avery Elizabeth Smith** - Circle 1, Circle 4

**Luke Robert Stevens** - Teri Smith

**NatiLee Catherine Pearl Thompson** - Betty Thompson, Circle 6

**Alexander Jacob Wesson** - Circle 6, Teri Smith

**Kenneth Stauber Wilson** - Circle 2, Circle 4



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## PLANNING DATES FOR 2009

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>

## Hands-On Mission Project: UMCOR Layette Kits

The hands-on mission project this year at the **School of Christian Mission** (July 16-19, Greensboro College) will be **UMCOR Layette Kits**. Many women do not have swaddling clothes with which to welcome their child into the world. Layette Kits provide basic supplies for their baby's needs. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) ships layette and other kits around the world...providing basic necessities for persons in need, often because of natural disaster and war.

**Would your circle be willing to prepare a kit** for us to take to the School of Christian Mission? Each circle leader has received a handout with details about preparing a Layette Kit.

Just let Lynne Gilbert (207-3479) know if you are preparing a kit. If no one in your circle is planning to attend the School of Christian Mission, Lynne will be glad get it from you and deliver it.

**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.