

United Methodist Women

West Market Street United Methodist Church

UPDATE

October 1, 2009



Gayle Hicks Fripp Award Nominations

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 Sarah Hester, 3426 Deep Green Drive, Greensboro, NC 27410, no later than October 20th. If you have questions, contact Sarah Hester at 288-7823. Betty Betts and Kay Arthur are also serving on the 2009 Fripp Award Committee.

The recipient will be recognized at our December UMW meeting. **Nominate someone today!**

From the President...

As I write this I am enjoying the cooler days as Autumn settles in...it is my favorite time of year. Take time to enjoy the season: the crisp temperatures, the deep blue skies, and the glory of God's creation in a full blaze of color!

I am looking forward to our October General Meeting on October 5th. It is exciting to have Dr. Julianne Malveaux, President of Bennett College, to come share with us.

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!

And, be sure to put our December 7th luncheon on your calendar to share in the celebration of our honoree!

Our conference is continuing an emphasis on supporting public education. Last year the initiative urged us to write letters to our elected officials

about the No Child Left Behind Act. This year, we are encouraged to be intentional about making memories with children. Read more about it in this Update. Many of you are so supportive of West Market's relationship with Washington Montessori School, making a difference in the lives of children there. Thank You!

Thank you for your commitment to the mission and Purpose of United Methodist Women. You are making a difference for women, children and youth...telling the story of Jesus and His love...locally and globally. Tell the story of United Methodist Women to a friend, and invite her to your next circle meeting!

Shalom,

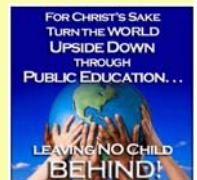
Lynne Gilbert

WNCC-UMW Continues Public Education Initiative

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women are continuing their emphasis on making a difference for children...as we continue our Public Education initiative. This year, the emphasis is on making memories with children.

Experiences give children a basis for learning to read and write. Children have difficulty relating to things they have never experienced. We are encouraged to be intentional about making memories & sharing experiences with children who might not otherwise have those opportunities. It could be as simple as reading with a child, or inviting a child to help you bake cookies!

Each circle leader has a copy of the conference initiative brochure, and it is also available on the conference website at www.wnccumw.org.



Our Mission Giving...



A Report from Our Treasurer

(Based on Gifts Received through September 30, 2009)

Amount Pledged	\$9,278.00
Number of Members Pledging	109
Amount Paid on Pledges	\$7,341.00
Circle Special Projects	\$407.00
Gift to Mission/Gift in Memory	\$467.00
Call to Prayer & Self-Denial	\$349.00
Prayer Shawl Ministry	\$255.00

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

A channel of Mission Giving... 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.



You are receiving a calendar that you might use as a way to think about God's abundance in your life. Make

yourself a World Thank Offering 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.

Assembly 2010

Faith. Hope. Love in Action!

St. Louis, Missouri

April 30 - May 2

United Methodist Women assemble every four years to celebrate, to lift up, to learn, and to return to their communities better equipped for mission. Assembly 2010 has been themed: **Faith.**

Hope. Love in Action. It is an exciting experience to be part

of this large gathering of United Methodist Women.

Complete information about the Assembly is available from Lynne Gilbert, and on our conference UMW website at:

www.wnccumw.org

There is a chartered bus trip going to the Assembly from our conference. Lynne Gilbert and Sara Williams are coordinating that trip for the conference. Think about it! The reservation deadline for the bus trip is October 31, 2009.

Now Available...

2010 Prayer Calendar

Join United Methodist Women around the world in prayer each day for our mission personnel & mission projects. And, read short messages from some of those places of service.

Cost: \$11.00

Contact Carol Betts at 358-6941, and she can help you order one.



PLANNING DATES FOR 2009

- Nov. 21 Greensboro District UMW Officer Training for Local Officers, 9am-12pm, St. John's UMC
- December 7 UMW Executive Meeting
- December 7 UMW General Meeting, Christmas Celebration, including Elizabeth Fisher sharing a Christmas story**

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- April 30-May 2 Assembly 2010, St. Louis, Missouri. Join UMW from across the country. Info at www.wnccumw.org.

United Methodist Women... On The Road!

Members of West Market Street United Methodist Women have been busy this summer attending UMW sponsored events...the Spiritual Growth Retreats, the School of Christian Mission, the Greensboro District UMW Annual Meeting, and the conference Annual Meeting.

Each of these events offered opportunities to fellowship and share with other United Methodist Women, and learn more about mission, and how we fulfill our Purpose.



Mark your calendar now for these events in 2010...and join us!

- June 18/19 - Spiritual Growth Retreat, Lake Junaluska
- July 15-18 - School of Christian Mission, Greensboro College
- September 10,11,12 - Annual Meeting, Lake Junaluska



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.