

United Methodist Women

West Market Street United Methodist Church

UPDATE

December 7, 2009



Congratulations to Amy Kreimer and Eileen Porter!

CONGRATULATIONS to Amy Kreimer and Eileen Porter, who are both recipients of the Gayle Hicks Fripp Award this year!

Both women are being honored for the many ways in which they model excellence in service and devotion to family, church, and community. Through their efforts, many lives have been positively influenced, and they both have set a standard to which we can all aspire.



Amy
Kreimer



Eileen
Porter

Amy Kreimer - Amy dispels the idea that being the mother of 3 energetic boys is an excuse for limiting your service in the church and the community. You will hear Amy's name mentioned during discussions of numerous endeavors. Amy is a member of Circle #4. *(Continued on Page 3)*

Eileen Porter - Eileen is a retired school teacher who moved to Greensboro and joined WMSUMC in 2002. She quickly discovered how she could use her talents, and she serves quietly and diligently in a variety of ways. She has served Circle #7 as treasurer, and was the secretary of the UMW for two years. *(Continued on Page 4)*

2009 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. **Our hands-on project will be wrapping supplies for the Christmas Store, and our financial project will support the Early Childhood Center Scholarship Fund.**

Hands-On Project: Let's wrap it up!! During early December, we will be

collecting new rolls of wrapping paper, bags of bows, and gift tags to help out the Christmas Store on December 12th hosted by WMSUMC to help families in need experience a joyous Christmas. Last year, there was a shortage in these supplies and UMW can help ensure that the Store is well

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Our Mission Giving...

A Report from Our Treasurer

Based on Gifts Received
through Nov. 30, 2009



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 2009 reading by early December. Readers need to have their reporting sheets filled out and turned in by December 10, 2009.**

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 2010!

If you have questions, talk with Carol Betts or Peggy Joyner...they will be glad to help you!

Amount Pledged	\$9,578.00
Number of Members Pledging	113
Amount Paid on Pledges	\$8,627.00
Circle Special Projects	\$553.00
Gift to Mission / Gift in Memory	\$467.00
World Thank Offering	\$537.40
Prayer Shawl Ministry	\$255.00

Please make every effort to complete your 2009 pledge to mission this month!

We will participate in our 2010 pledge service at our January 2010 circle meetings.

Norma Funderburk, Treasurer

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**United Methodist Women are...
Women Organized for
MISSION**

2009 UMW Christmas Project *(Continued from Page 1)*

prepared and ready for business in 2009! Please bring any of these items to the December General Meeting, or drop them off in the designated box in the Gathering Space.

Financial Project: You may bring your financial gifts for the ECC Scholarship Fund to your December circle meeting, the December general meeting, or send them directly to Norma Funderburk, UMW Treasurer.

Make checks payable to *West Market Street UMW*.

If you have questions about our Christmas project, contact Pam Hughes at 275-6779 or Dianne Druce at 668-4599.

From the President...

Congratulations to Amy Kreimer and Eileen Porter on being honored with the Gayle Hicks Fripp Award at our December luncheon!

Thank you for your generous gifts to the World Thank Offering! We have received \$537.40 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



2009 Fripp Award Honorees (Continued)

Amy Kreimer (Continued from page 1)

She and her husband, Fritz, are the proud parents of three children whom they adopted from Russia. Amy has served as a member of the Carolina Adoption Human Aid Committee which raises money for a Russian orphanage, and has been a leader of the Russian Circle of Friends, a support group for adoptive parents of Russian children. She is often admired for her grace under pressure and calmness as she undertakes enormous tasks. Her energies are often focused around

the children's ministries within the church. Washington Montessori School counts on Amy as a liaison with the church. One of her responsibilities has been coordinating the collection of school supplies and preparation of backpacks for each student. Active in various church ministry programs, Amy is been a key person on the Bulgarian ministry team, has served on the Children's Council, co-lead a Disciple Bible Study, worked with Urban Ministry, and assisted with the annual Thanksgiving turkey drive. Certainly,

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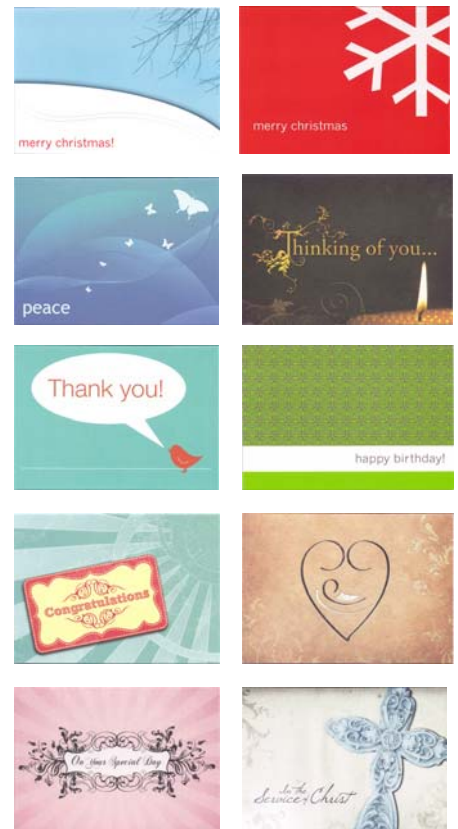
Make a Gift to Mission as a Christmas Gift!

Gift to Mission cards make a wonderful alternative Christmas Gift. They actually make a nice gift 365 days a year!

Make a Gift to Mission which supports mission around the world, and tell someone how much you care about them...the perfect combination!

Contact Norma Funderburk at 379-9257 for more information.

Images of some of the Gift to Mission cards that are available:



PLANNING DATES FOR 2009 / 2010

December 7	UMW Executive Meeting
December 7	UMW General Meeting, Christmas Celebration, including Elizabeth Fisher sharing a Christmas story
March 1, 2010	UMW Executive Meeting
March 1, 2010	UMW General Meeting
April 30-May 2, 2010	Assembly 2010, St. Louis, Missouri. Join UMW from across the country. Info at www.wnccumw.org.

2009 Fripp Award Honorees *(Continued)*

Amy is a model for all young women who wonder how to prioritize time with responsibility and service. She exemplifies the Gayle Hicks Fripp Award, and certainly merits this special recognition.

Eileen Porter *(Continued from Page 1)*

The Guilford Interfaith Hospitality Network has depended on Eileen to help with food preparation, as well as assisting with children's activities. Within the ministries of the church, Eileen has worked on the SENIORS Intergenerational Commit-

tee. She has led children's activities during the Christmas Store, has taught Vacation Bible School, and has served as a shepherd at Music Camp. She has been key in planning the curriculum and schedule for the Washington Montessori School Camp. Her passion for children is exhibited in her tireless efforts as a 3rd grade Sunday school teacher, where she was instrumental in beginning the "Godly Play" curriculum. You hear the younger children saying they can't WAIT to get to the 3rd grade so they can have "Miss Ei-

leen" as their teacher. She is also on the planning team for Children's Chapel. Eileen is admired for the unassuming way in which undertakes great responsibility and for the positive influence she has on the lives of the children who cross her path. Over the years family members have depended on Eileen as a nurturer and care-giver. Eileen certainly epitomizes the standard of excellence established by the Gayle Hicks Fripp Award and is truly a worthy recipient.

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.

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