

# United Methodist Women

West Market Street United Methodist Church

## UPDATE

January 1, 2010



### Time to Make our Pledges for Mission Giving

As we begin a new year, it is time once again to make our pledges to support mission through United Methodist Women. Your giving makes mission possible. Giving supports institutions and programs empowering and improving the lives of women, children and youth in the United States and around the world.

Mission Giving provides food, shelter, education, employ-



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ment, healthcare, and human rights advocacy for many living on the margins of society. Mission Giving supports United Methodist missionaries and deaconesses. Mission Giving

also funds spiritual growth programs, leadership development events and mission education opportunities for United Methodist Women members.

Prayerfully consider your pledge for the coming year... and give generously. YOU are making a difference, every day, in the lives of women, children and youth around the world.

### Thank you!

### From the President... Happy New Year!



**Happy New Year!** And, blessings as we begin a new year for United Methodist Women! I hope your Advent & Christmas season was filled with peace, hope, joy, and love as you celebrated God's most precious gift.

**Thank you for your generous giving in 2009.** Our unit met our \$7,500 pledge to mission, gave in all five channels of undesignated Mission Giving, supported the Call to Prayer & Self Denial designated offering, and supported a number of local mission projects right here in Greensboro. Because of your generous giving, we were also able to make a special \$800 year-end gift to the Early Childhood Center scholarship fund, \$200 to the con-

ference "Pennies with a Purpose" campaign through which Bishop Goodpaster challenged us to help build an orphanage in Vietnam, and \$400 will be given to help support our church outreach in Kenya. In addition to your financial gifts, you responded generously to each of our hands-on mission opportunities. **Thank you! You make mission possible!**

January is the month that we once again make our pledges to support mission around the world through United Methodist Women. I encourage you to prayerfully consider your pledge for the coming year... and to once again make a commitment to give generously.

Check out the planning dates in this update and mark your calendar for upcoming events.

Our first general meeting for 2010 will be Monday, March 1st.

Thank you for your commitment to mission as a member of United Methodist Women. Through that commitment, YOU are making a difference, every day, in the lives of women, children, and youth around the world.

Shalom,  
Lynne Gilbert

### Tell the Story:

Invite a Friend to your Circle Meeting!

**What does being a member of United Methodist Women mean to you?** Are things like the following important to you?

...the caring & supportive community

...the opportunities for spiritual growth & mission education

...being part of a group of women that is organized for mission...making a difference around the world by sharing the love of Jesus Christ

You can surely name more reasons that you are a part of United Methodist Women. Share that story with someone you know who is not a member of United Methodist Women, and invite them to come with you to your circle meeting! Both of you will be glad you did!

### Thank You! UMW Christmas Projects

**Thank you for your support of our United Methodist Women Christmas Projects!**

A wonderful variety of wrapping supplies for the Christmas Store was received, and \$159.75 was received for the Early Childhood Center Scholarship Fund.



## Our Mission Giving...

A Report from Our Treasurer

(Based on Gifts Received through December 31, 2009)



Amount Pledged	\$9,578.00
Number of Members Pledging	113
Amount Paid on Pledges	\$9,708.00
Circle Special Projects	\$808.15
Special Mission Recognition/ Gift to Mission/Gift in Memory	\$587.00
World Thank Offering	\$572.40
Call to Prayer & Self Denial	\$349.00
Prayer Shawl Ministry	\$255.00

**Thank you for your Mission Giving. YOU make mission possible!**

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### THE READING PROGRAM

*Your Window to the World*

The cold winds of January are howling...what is a person to do? Warm up with an inspiring book from our UMW Reading Program collection! Librarian Peggy Joyner or our Secretary for Program Resources, Carol Betts, will be glad to help you locate them...stop by the library!



And, **congratulations** to our members who completed plans in the Reading Program for 2009:

**Plan 1 (4 books):** Dianne Druce, Lynne Gilbert, Mary Belle Gilbert, Carolyn Russ

**Plan 2 (10 books):** Emily Johnston, Peggy Joyner, Nancy Kerr

**Plan 4 (20 books):** Carol Betts, Bettye Thompson, Amy Tillery

## Spiritual Growth Retreat

June 18-19, Lake Junaluska

The 2010 Western North Carolina Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat for United Methodist Women will take place June 18-19 at Lake Junaluska. The theme this year will be "Grounded in Love", led by Rev. Dawn Hand. There is no advance registration for the retreat, but housing reservation requests for housing in Lake Junaluska hotels can be mailed on February 8, 2010. The retreat is a wonderful 24 hour get away for inspiration and renewal. If you are interested in going, contact Lynne Gilbert (Phone: 207-3479; Email: [lynnegilbert@bellsouth.net](mailto:lynnegilbert@bellsouth.net)) for a housing reservation form. More information is also available on the conference UMW website at [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org).



### Gift in Memory

**Remember Someone Special!**

Looking for the perfect sympathy card? For a gift of \$5.00 or more, you can send a Gift in Memory card to honor the memory of someone special in your life. Cards are available (for free) so that you can have a supply on hand to use when you need one, and then you make your gift through our treasurer, Norma Funderburk, when you actually use a card. Contact Norma at 379-9257 to get some cards. The inside message says: "In Loving Memory, a gift has been given through United Methodist Women for the mission work of The United Methodist Church."



### PLANNING DATES FOR 2010

February 27	Greensboro District UMW Mission Study, Pleasant Union UMC
March 1	UMW Executive Meeting
<b>March 1</b>	<b>UMW General Meeting</b>
April 17	Greensboro District UMW Prayer Breakfast, Bennett College
Apr 30-May 2	Assembly 2010, St. Louis, Missouri. Info: <a href="http://www.wnccumw.org">www.wnccumw.org</a> .
May 10	UMW Executive Meeting
<b>May 10</b>	<b>UMW General Meeting</b>
June 18/19	Spiritual Growth Retreat, Lake Junaluska
July 15-18	School of Christian Mission, Greensboro College
August 24	Greensboro District UMW Annual Meeting/Dinner, College Place UMC
Sept. 10-12	Annual Meeting, Lake Junaluska
October 4	UMW Executive Meeting
<b>October 4</b>	<b>UMW General Meeting</b>
Nov. 21	Greensboro District UMW Officer Training for Local Officers, Grace UMC
December 6	UMW Executive Meeting
<b>December 6</b>	<b>UMW General Meeting</b>

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**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.