

# United Methodist Women

West Market Street United Methodist Church

## UPDATE

February 1, 2010



### Save the Date !! United Methodist Women Dinner Meeting

**Monday, March 1, 2010**

Dinner begins at 6:00 PM

**Guest Speaker: Mildred Carter**

*Conference President, Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women*

**This is a very special opportunity...invite your spouse & friends to join us for our March meeting!** We will learn a little about UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) and about the United Methodist Church response in Haiti.

**Reservations for dinner are required**, and must be in by Sunday, February 21st. Call Grey Wood (299-2729) or Merrimon Gravely (294-2503) to make your reservations. Cost of dinner is \$7.00. **Childcare is available, by reservation only**, due also by Sunday, February 21st.

The executive committee will meet prior to the General Meeting, at 5:00pm.

**Hands-On Mission: UMCOR Health Kits - Participate in our hands-on mission project and bring or send at least one UMCOR Health Kit to our meeting!** See instructions below.

Because of the earthquake and humanitarian disaster in Haiti, UMCOR has expressed an urgent need for Health Kits. Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women have announced that we will also continue that effort as our hands-on mission opportunity for the 2010 School of Christian Mission. The need for health kits is great, and ongoing. Not only does UMCOR need the kits for relief efforts in Haiti...they also need to continually re-supply so that UMCOR is ready to help when the next disaster happens.

*Health kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Health kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition and cooking classes. When people gain the knowledge and materials to maintain personal hygiene, their overall health improves.*

#### **UMCOR Health Kit Contents:**

Place the following NEW items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", no kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

**In a separate envelope, please include a check payable to UMCOR Sager Brown for at least \$2.00 per kit to help with the costs of buying one tube of toothpaste, and the costs of processing and shipping the kits around the world.** Please do not put the money envelope in your UMCOR Health Kit bag.

#### **Important Kit Assembly Information:**

- All items included in kits must be **NEW** items.
- All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, **it is important that kits contain only the requested items - nothing more.**
- Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment. And, please do not include any religious, political or patriotic notes or emblems in any kit.



*Mildred  
Carter*

### Call to Prayer and Self Denial

**Our theme for 2010 is  
Property Makes Mission  
Possible.**

The 2010 Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering fund will provide for capital expenditures at mission institutions related to the Women's Division of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries.

These institutions include community centers, women's residences, schools, colleges and residential treatment centers. Internationally, these institutions include hostels, residences, hospitals, clinics, schools, and community and day-care centers. The offering will be divided between U.S. and international projects. Funds from this observance will be used to expand facilities for new and emerging programs, as well as for repairs and renovations to maintain and enhance established ministries with women, children and youth.

The Prayer Cards will be given out at the February Circle meetings, and our offerings will be received during Lent at the March meetings. Please consider this as an opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of women and children.

**Thank you!**

## Our Mission Giving...



A Report from Our Treasurer

(Based on Gifts Received through January 31, 2010)

Amount Pledged	\$6,021.00
Number of Members Pledging	62
Amount Paid on Pledges	\$2,498.00
Circle Special Projects	\$64.00
Special Mission Recognition/ Gift to Mission/Gift in Memory	\$20.00

It is time to make our 2010 pledges to mission. You can make a pledge through your circle treasurer, or by contacting our unit treasurer, Norma Funderburk. **Thank you for your Mission Giving. YOU make mission possible!**

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

## Thank You!

### 2009 Conference Giving News

Our conference UMW treasurer reports the following wonderful news about **YOUR GIVING** in 2009:

- Total Giving through the fifteen districts from local units across the conference for 2009 was \$1,071,726.24 which represents an increase of \$12,817.94 over 2008.
- Our undesignated Mission Giving sent to Women's Division was \$844,618.00, which means we met and exceeded our 2009 Pledge to Mission of \$815,000!
- Our Designated Giving sent to Women's Division was \$107,263.74. Designated giving includes the Call to Prayer and Self Denial Offering, national, international and UMCOR projects.
- A total of \$21,817.33 was given to Other projects, and includes \$4,845.00 in contributions to the WNCC UMW General Scholarship Fund.
- Our 2009 conference financial goal was to increase TOTAL Mission Giving in the five channels by 1%. We met our goal! TOTAL Mission Giving increased by just over 2%!

The United Methodist Women of the Western North Carolina Conference have indeed continued to show their love of mission through their giving. Every single dollar makes a difference! Thank you!!!!

## THE READING PROGRAM

*Your Window to the World*

Looking for some good reading? We have a lot of new books in the UMW Reading Program Library! Visit the library and start reading today. Carol Betts or Peggy Joyner will be glad to introduce you to the reading program.

### New Books in the library:

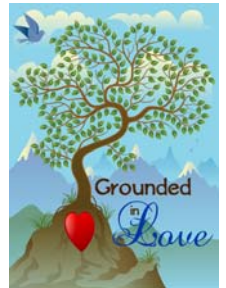
*Louis Sockalexis* by Bill Wise; *No Turning Back* by Gordon Brewster; *Closing the Food Gap* by Mark Winne; *Something To Sing About* by C.C. Payne; *Cecilia's Year* by Susan Abraham; *Longing for Enough in a Culture of More* by Paul Escamilla; *Can We Talk About Race?* by Beverly Tatum; *The Life-Shaping Prayer* by Paul Chilcote; *Bless This Food* by Adrian Butash; *Play With Me* by Sally Miller; *The Road of Lost Innocence* by Somaly Mam; *Too Many Irons in the Fire And They're All Smoking* by Cynthia Hopson; *A Credible Witness* by Brenda McNeil; *Locked Up: Letters and Papers* by Don Beisswenger; *On the Way With Jesus* by Richard Showalter; *Where Mercy Fails* by Chris Herlinger; *What About Religion and Science* by Paul Stroble; *John Lewis in the Lead* by Jim Haskins; *Am I a Color Too?* by Heidi Cole; *The Undertaker's Wife* by Celia M. Hastings; *Faithful Witnesses* by John E. Huessle; *The Other Game* by Phil Dahl-Bredine; *Sacred Spark* by Lisa K. Sykes; *God Trusted a Woman* by Frances Alguire; *A Monk in the Inner City* by Mary Lou Kownacki; *I Wish I Knew What To Do* by Marvin Berkewitz; *A Love Affair With India* by Martha Chamberlain; *The Suicidal Planet* by Mayer Hillman; *Great Joy* by Kate DiCamillo.



## 2010 Spiritual Growth Retreat Theme: *Grounded in Love*

The 2010 Western North Carolina Conference UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat will take place June 18 -19 at Lake Junaluska.

The retreat will be led by Rev. Dawn Hand. Advance registration is not required for the retreat, but housing reservation requests for 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 available at: [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org).



### 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>

**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.