

United Methodist Women

West Market Street United Methodist Church

UPDATE

March 1, 2010



Baby Recognitions to be Presented at May 10th General Meeting

Do you have a special baby you would like to honor with a **Gift to Mission** at our May 4th General Meeting luncheon? Maybe you have a new child, or grandchild, niece or nephew, or a special friend that you could honor? Or, maybe your circle would like to honor a new baby born during the past year.

For a gift to mission of at least \$5.00, you can honor a child, and we will present the Gift to Mission card at our meeting. We hope that many of the children being honored will be able to come that day...it is a tradition that we look forward to every year!



Baby Gift to Mission Card

Inside Card: *To celebrate a new life, a gift to mission has been given in your honor through United Methodist Women.*

If you would like to honor a special baby, contact Laura Judy, Co-Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture & Outreach, at 286-9507 or ljudy@trone.com.

Laura will need the following information along with your gift: the baby's full name, the names and address of the parents, and the name of the person(s) or circle making the gift.

Let's honor our babies...what a neat way to honor a special child, and at the same time, make a difference in the lives of women, children and youth around the world through the Mission Giving of United Methodist Women.

Thank You!



this issue of Update). Thank you for making a difference in the lives of persons in need around the world!

March 23rd marks the 141st birthday of the organization that we know today as United Methodist Women. Thank you for your commitment to mission as a member of United Methodist Women. Through that commitment, YOU continue the legacy of those special foremothers from 1869, and you are making a difference, every day, in the lives of women, children, and youth around the world.

Shalom,
Lynne Gilbert

From the President...

Greetings! As I write this, I am looking forward to our March 1st general meeting. By the time you receive this UPDATE, we will have had an exciting evening, hosting our Conference UMW President, Mildred Carter. What a great way to begin the year!

I hope you are finding special ways to nurture your spiritual journey during this season of Lent. I encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities at our church for worship, study, and service during this season of reflection as we prepare for the glory of Easter. As United Methodist Women, part of our PURPOSE is "to know God, and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ". Our faith journey is central to

who we are, and everything we do as women organized for mission. Participate in worship and Bible study, pick up a Reading Program book from our library, use our Prayer Calendar to pray for mission personnel and projects around the world, participate in our Call to Prayer & Self Denial offering, find a new way to volunteer and serve...the possibilities are unlimited, and all will enrich your faith journey.

Thank you for your response to our hands-on mission project making UMCOR Health Kits. It is not too late...the UMCOR Health Kits are also the hands on mission project for the School of Christian Mission, which happens right here in Greensboro, July 15-18, at Greensboro College (more info in

YOUR Mission Giving Makes a Difference!

YOU are making mission possible, many times in places where these things would not otherwise be available:

- By providing medical care, including joining the fight against the scourge of HIV/AIDS in Africa,
- By providing scholarships, and education & enrichment opportunities for children and youth,
- By helping to meet basic needs, like clean water, food, and housing,
- By providing support for national and international mission institutions and programs,
- By working against injustice through advocacy & education efforts,
- By providing resources and education opportunities for United Methodist Women...at local, district, conference & national levels,
- And, more...these are just a few...**YOU are in mission around the world!**
- **Thank You!!**

Our Mission Giving...



A Report from Our Treasurer

(Based on Gifts Received through February 28, 2010)

Amount Pledged	\$6,623.00
Number of Members Pledging	69
Amount Paid on Pledges	\$3,455.00
Circle Special Projects	\$131.50
Special Mission Recognition/ Gift to Mission/Gift in Memory	\$40.00
Prayer Shawl Ministry	\$30.00
Sale of ornaments / notecards	\$20.00

Our circles will be receiving the **Call to Prayer & Self-Denial Offering** at our March circle meetings. The theme for 2010 is "Property Makes Mission Possible", and the offering funds 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.

Have you made your pledge to mission for 2010? It is not too late. Talk to your circle treasurer, or contact Norma Funderburk. **Thank you for your Mission Giving. YOU make mission possible!**

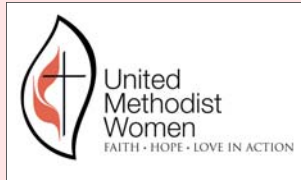
Norma Funderburk, Treasurer; Phone: 379-9257; Email: nfunderburk@triad.rr.com

Earthquake in Haiti: YOU are there helping!

We have all watched with horror the images of devastation and suffering in Haiti in the aftermath of the earthquake. Thank you for the many ways that you have helped...by making gifts to the United Methodist Committee on Relief, by making or helping to make UMCOR Health Kits, and more. **It is important for you to know that you are also helping to make a difference in Haiti through your gifts to Mission Giving through United Methodist Women.** United Methodist Women has two regional missionaries working with grassroots organizations that we partner with in Haiti. You can read more about how United Methodist Women are helping by visiting a special page on the UMW website at: <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/news/news/?i=31813>

2010 School of Christian Mission:

Faith. Hope. Love in Action.



Make plans to join us for the **2010 School of Christian Mission, July 15-18, 2010, at Greensboro College.**

We always have a good group of West Market UMW members to attend...some for the whole school, some for just one day. It is a great opportunity to share in study, fellowship, and fun with other United Methodist Women.

The school theme this year is *Faith. Hope. Love in Action.* The three exciting mission studies will be:

- Spiritual Growth Study: *For the Love of God: John's Letters*
- Current Issue Study: *Joy To the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity*
- Geographic Study: *The Beauty and Courage of Sudan*

Complete information about the School of Christian Mission, including the registration brochure, is available on our conference UMW website at www.wnccumw.org. If you have questions about the school, just call Lynne Gilbert at 207-3479.

Registrations can be sent beginning May 1st, and the registration deadline is June 21, 2010.

Mark your calendar now and make plans to join us in July for the School of Christian Mission! Invite a friend to join you!

Greensboro District United Methodist Women Prayer Breakfast

The Greensboro District UMW Prayer Breakfast will be held Saturday, April 17th, at Bennett College. Cost for breakfast is \$6.50, and reservations are required by April 5th. Breakfast begins at 8:00am, and the program begins at 9:00am.

The prayer breakfast is always a wonderful time of fellowship and inspiration with other United Methodist Women from across the district. **If you are interested in attending the prayer breakfast, call Lynne Gilbert at 207-3479. She will be glad to make a reservation for you.**

PLANNING DATES FOR 2010

March 1	UMW Executive Meeting
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April 17	Greensboro District UMW Prayer Breakfast, Bennett College
Apr 30-May 2	Assembly 2010, St. Louis, Missouri. Info: www.wnccumw.org .
May 10	UMW Executive Meeting
May 10	UMW General Meeting
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
October 4	UMW General Meeting
Nov. 21	Greensboro District UMW Officer Training for Local Officers, Grace UMC
December 6	UMW Executive Meeting
December 6	UMW General Meeting

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.