

United Methodist Women

West Market Street United Methodist Church

UPDATE

April 1, 2010



Baby Recognitions to be Presented at May 10th General Meeting

General Meeting, Monday, May 10, 2010

Lunch begins at 11:30 AM

Special Celebration Honoring Our Babies!

Honor a special baby in your life! (See info at right)



Join us for this special opportunity to celebrate and honor our babies. Our celebration will include a special treat...a visit by some children from our Early Childhood Center. Make your reservation today!

Hands-On Mission Project: Infant diapers for the Diaper Closet at FaithAction International House. Read more about this project in this issue of UPDATE.

Reservations for lunch are required, and must be in by Sunday, May 3rd. Call Grey Wood (299-2729) or Merrimon Gravely (294-2503) to make your reservations. Cost of lunch is \$7.00. **Childcare is available, by reservation only**, due also by Sunday, April 26th.

The executive committee will meet prior to the General Meeting, at 10:30am.

From the President...

Greetings! I pray for each of you a blessed Eastertide as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I hope you are planning to join us for our **May luncheon on May 10th**, at 11:30am, in the Fellowship Hall. We will be celebrating and honoring our babies, and hope to have many of the babies and their Mothers join us for our meeting. It is a special tradition that we look forward to every year. Mark your calendar, invite a friend, make a reservation, and plan to be there!

And, it will soon be time to register for the **2010 School of Christian Mission**, which will be held at Greensboro College, July 15th – 18th. Our theme

this year is Faith. Hope. Love in Action. There are three great mission studies...*For the Love of God: John's Letters*, *The Beauty and Courage of Sudan*, and *Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity*.

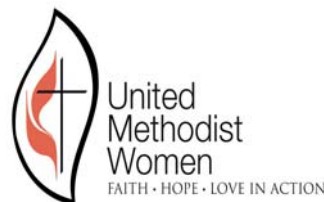
It is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about mission, and share in fellowship with other United Methodist Women from across the conference. You can attend the School of Christian Mission for just one day to get a "taste", or you can be a full-time day student, or...you can even be a resident student and move into a dorm room for three days!

Our conference School of Christian Mission is always excellent...I hope many of you will plan to attend the school

this year! I have registration brochures available, or you can find them on our conference website at www.wncumw.org.

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



Honor a special baby with a **Gift to Mission** at our May 10th 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!

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.

Our Mission Giving...



A Report from Our Treasurer

(Based on Gifts Received through March 31, 2010)

Amount Pledged	\$7,383.00
Number of Members Pledging	78
Amount Paid on Pledges	\$4,430.00
Circle Special Projects	\$212.50
Special Mission Recognition/ Gift to Mission/Gift in Memory	\$40.00
Call to Prayer & Self Denial	\$307.00
Sale of ornaments / notecards	\$20.00

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

May Hands-On Project: Diapers for FaithAction International House

Our Hands-on Mission Project for our May 10th General Meeting will be **infant diapers for the diaper closet at FaithAction International House.**

FaithAction International House provides a vital ministry in our community as a center for cross-cultural learning and service. The diaper closet is an outreach of their immigrant assistance program, which provides assistance to immigrants and refugees in our community who are struggling to find jobs, and to care for the basic needs of their children. The diaper closet helps to meet an urgent need.

Infant diapers (both cloth types and disposable types) are needed, in all sizes, newborn and up. Please bring an item to the UMW meeting on May 10th, or collect them at your circle meetings. There will also be a collection box available in the Gathering space.

Thanks in advance for helping us to care for these families who are "strangers in our midst", and for making a difference in the lives of these precious children in our community!!

Western North Carolina Leads the Nation!

Did you know...that **YOU** are part of the Greensboro District, which is part of the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church? Did you know...that **YOU and other United Methodist Women across our conference led the nation in giving last year for the 9th consecutive year?**

Our conference led the nation in the following channels of giving through United Methodist Women - Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, World Thank Offering, Total Undesignated Mission Giving, and Total Givng!! And, we met and exceeded our \$815,000 Pledge to Mission.

The real cause for celebration is the mission made possible by your giving. Our support for mission projects and personnel around the world makes mission possible...sharing the love of Christ, and touching the lives of women, children and youth. **YOU are in mission around the world!**

If you want to know more about where your money goes, check out the pages of each issue of **Response Magazine!** And, visit the national website for United Methodist Women at:

www.umwmission.org

Through your giving...**YOU** make mission possible, and **YOU** make a difference, every day, in the lives of women, children and youth around the world.

THANK YOU!!



Mission Giving

United Methodist Women... Did you know?

Did you know...that the Mission Giving of United Methodist Women is at work in 103 mission institutions here in the United States and in nearly 300 programs and institutions in more than 58 countries around the world?



Did you know...that Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women are working together to make a difference for children through public education? United Methodist Women across our conference are challenged to get involved... volunteer, be an advocate, make a difference for a child!

Did you know...that your mission giving is supporting a regional missionary who is helping to organize grassroots relief efforts for women in Haiti?

Did you know...that 140 women from our conference will be going to the 2010 Assembly for United Methodist Women at the end of April? It is an international gathering...with more than 6,000 women expected...to share in worship, fellowship, and LOTS of workshops & experience opportunities.

PLANNING DATES FOR 2010

April 17	Greensboro District UMW Prayer Breakfast, Bennett College
Apr 30-May 2	Assembly 2010, St. Louis, Missouri. Info: www.wncumw.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.