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2009 Holiday Craft Bazaar November 7, 2009

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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Volunteers are needed to help with set up and decorating the evening before, greeters, floaters, price the bake sale items, work the bake sale tables, clean up, etc. Volunteer sign ups will be available at meetings as well as emailed, please review the needs, check your calendar and sign yourself up (and even husbands) for as many opportunities as you can. If you are interested in being on the committee please let Tiffany Thompson know. We would LOVE your help and suggestions. Together we can make this the most successful Craft Bazaar yet!

Don't forget that our next meeting on October 27, we will be making chocolate covered pretzels to sell at the Bazaar. Come join in on the FUN!



2010 UMW *Reading Program*



The purpose of the Reading Program is to encourage United Methodist Women:

1. To expand understanding of and participation in God's mission;
2. To increase sensitivity to all human beings—their needs, interests, and concerns;
3. To encourage critical thinking about issues facing humanity today;
4. To grow in understanding of Scripture as it relates to Christian faith in contemporary life;
5. To enhance self-knowledge and to act from that knowledge;
6. To strengthen involvement in local and global Christian mission.

How to participate

The Women's Division recommends a diverse range of books with the intention of broadening exposure to a variety of concepts. The division does not intend that United Methodist Women accept each word or idea contained within each volume. Some books you may agree with. Some you may not. Either is all right. At the least you know that the Women's Division cares and wants you to be knowledgeable and caring Christian about the issues of the day.

Persons who wish to participate may choose any of the plans. Participants should enroll in one of the plans and report completion of reading requirements.

Plan I

- 4 books each year
- 1 from each category
- Selections from the 2006-2010 reading list (youth also)
- Regular reading of Response Magazine

Plan II

- 10 books each year
- at least 2 from each category
- Selections from the 2006-2010 reading list (youth also)
- Regular reading of Response and New World Outlook Mag

Plan III

- 15 books each year
- 8 books with at least 2 from each category
- 7 additional books from any category
- Selections from the 2006-2010 reading list (youth and children also)
- Regular reading of Response and New World Outlook Mag

United Methodist Women: *Purpose and what we do*

Purpose

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.

What we DO

UMW is a mission organization whose

through prayer, action, and financial gifts in response to God's call. We focus on the needs of women and children by becoming aware of the plight of those around us globally and by studying their circumstances.

We hold annual fundraisers, like the Craft Bazaar, Mother Daughter Tea, Fashion Show Brunch, among others, in order to raise funds. This helps to give to mission projects. We also collect hygiene, school, and layette kits to provide to those in need during emergencies.

BACKPACK BUDDIES

is one of our local outreach missions. Backpack Buddies is a feeding program for children who might otherwise go hungry over the weekend during the school year. The UMW, representing our church, "adopt" children from Landstown Elementary School, who are chosen by the school staff and guidance office, as families in need. Backpacks are packed weekly by UMW volunteers on Wednesday evenings before Mid-Weeks. Carrie Middleton, school teacher and Backpack Buddies liaison between the UMW and the school, attends to making sure that the backpacks are

delivered to the school guidance office and ready for distribution each Friday afternoon before school dismissal. The backpacks are filled with food they can prepare themselves every weekend during the school year.

This months current NEED is:

Individual, Instant Oatmeal / Cereal Boxes

More missions and news

HEART HAVEN: Volunteers' alternate monthly between the Virginia Beach and Norfolk homes working with mentally disturbed adults. Sharing a book, songs, crafts or any small activity with them is a joy. We provide a snack of cookies and juice, which concludes our evening visit. Not a lot of time out of your busy schedules and a most rewarding experience. Please consider participating in this act of mission. Heart Haven starts back up this month, October 13, we are looking forward to seeing our friends again soon.

September 19th Stop Hunger Now Event: Those in attendance along with about 20 others from our church were:

Laura Romeo, Janet Nash, Barb Schaefer, Betty Anne Covey, Dawn Green. Also other members from the CCUMC Outreach Team, Young Adults Group, and others who signed up through the church bulletin. It was a wonderful event with over 1200 United Methodist Folks from across the Norfolk District coming out to help in feeding the hungry. Over 280,000 meals were put together, weighed, sealed and packaged for delivery to New Generation School and Orphanage in Yei, Sudan.

September 25th Annual UMW District Meeting. UMW received the following awards and announcements for their mission efforts:

We received the Mission Today "Silver Unit" Award

We received the Dove Award in meeting 8 of our goals

Listed as one of the District's growing UMW Units

2009-2010 UMW Officers

President: Tiffany Thompson

Vice President: Suzanne McIvor

Secretary: Joyce Burdon

Treasurer: Janet Nash

Mission Education Coordinator: Laura Romeo

Social Action Coordinator: Cheryl Allen

Membership, Nurture & Outreach: Lori Floyd

Communications Coordinator: Jessica Bueno

Chairman of Nominations: Freya Lee

Nominations Committee: Jane Chambers and Carolyn Ray

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

October 6: UMW Bazaar Meeting
Fellowship Hall 6:15

October 27: Bazaar CRAFT Meeting- (making pretzels)
Fellowship Hall 6:15

November 6: Set up for Bazaar
5:30 PM in Family Life Center

November 7: CRAFT BAZAAR
9:00-3:00 Family Life Center

December 1: Cookie/Ornament Exchange - Fellowship Hall 6:15

When we meet:

Monthly meetings are held at the church. Currently the meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:15 PM. The Nursery is also available during these meetings.



Thank you for your commitment to the mission and Purpose of United Methodist Women. You are making a difference for women, children, and youth...locally and globally. Your giving, your prayers, your faithfulness, the incredible supportive community that you share with each other and with others in our church family are all the ways that you tell the story of Jesus and His love. Tell the story of United Methodist Women to a friend, and invite her to the next meeting!

News of our members

Rita Tromley: Health Concerns

Mauritta Keplar's husband: Suffering from kidney failure.

Kristen Lee Moore: Prayers for good test results. GOOD news! Thanks for prayers.

Eric Lee: (Donn's brother): Prayers for health issues. DOING BETTER!

Carol Kunkel: Fell down flight of stairs. No broken bones, but in pain.

Cheryl Allen's mother: Situation with neglect and damages to rental home, need guidance on proper actions to take.

CCUMC: Prayers for our pastors, church leaders, and the financial situation of our church.

Brenda Harp: Cancer.

Phyliss Gillo: Husband passed away.

Patsy Moore: Fell and fractured her arm.

Sherri Doxey: Mastectomy on August 28.

Pam Morton: Very ill with Cancer and dealing with organ rejection issues.

Marge Harrell: Treatments for throat cancer.

Virginia Coleman: Husband with Alzheimer's.

Dorothy Craft (Jane's Mother) 80 Years old 9-1-09.

Tom Ryan (Jane's brother-in-law) open heart surgery 9-14-09

Marty Taylor: Recovery from prostate cancer treatment.

If you know of any joys, concerns, and prayer requests, please contact

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