

"Farmville District United Methodist Women"



LINKETTE

January 2012

Greetings Farmville District United Methodist Women,

I hope you all are enjoying the beautiful warm weather we are having. I was definitely warmed by the energy of the United Methodist Women who attended the Training Event at Blackstone Conference & Retreat Center on January 22. We had 23 units attending if everyone signed in. We covered a broad area of topics to help each unit officer attending.

I want to especially thank Ruby Lee Anderson, Conference UMW Vice President and Geraldine Sanderson, Conference Treasurer for speaking to our group. Also I appreciated Diane Harbarger from the James River District taking the time to share tips on how to have a "Green" meeting. I hope each of you met our District Team officers—remember they are available to help YOU in your unit. Each member is devoted to the UMW Purpose, delighted in their mission and excited about serving the Farmville District.

I have been busy this week sending emails to my delegates at the General Assembly concerning bills I am concerned about. I hope you are keeping an eye on bills which will affect the "least of these" or people who cannot speak for themselves. One bill being introduced would eliminate the Earned Income Credit that many families use on their tax returns. I also asked my representatives to vote against lifting the ban on Sunday hunting on private property. I will be attending the UM Day at General Assembly on February 2 and hope to be able to thank my delegates for their responses to me.

Our next District Event will be the Prayer Breakfast which will be held Saturday, March 3, beginning with registration at 9AM. Our D.S. Bob Parks will be speaking. Our Mission Focus will be Madeline's House—a woman's abuse center. A list of items needed are on page 2 with the registration form. A representative will speak to us as we eat breakfast. As we Fellowship around the table and during the program we are all part of a "supportive fellowship".

Remember as you plan your unit programs to invite other churches in your area that do not have UMW units and might enjoy or be helped by the program. They don't even have to be United Methodist! Our churches are involved with the Call To Action goals. What goals do you have for your units—how are you going to meet those goals? Perhaps we need to identify the key factors impacting "Vital UMW Units".

I look forward to working with each of you the coming year. If I can help call me (434-292-5486) —email me (bnsmayo@yahoo.com)—write me(521 Walnut Hill Rd, Crewe, VA 23930).

Remember with God in charge anything is possible.

Blessings,

Sue Mayo, President
Farmville District UMW

DISTRICT TEAM

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Tammy Skipwith

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Nancy Nelson

Minutes from the Annual Meeting in October 2011 are included with this newsletter for your information and review. This is a requirement of the Standing Rules of the Farmville District United Methodist Women.

Prayer Breakfast Registration Form

The Mission Focus for the Prayer breakfast will be Madeline's House. Specific items to be collected: Clorox Wipes, Paper Towels, Black-Heavy Duty 32GL trash bags, Lysol spray.

Farmville District U. M. W.

Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, March 3rd

Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center
Blackstone, Virginia



**Registration 9:00 a.m.
Breakfast 9:30 a.m.**

Cost: \$8.00 per person

*Our Guest Speaker is the Rev. Robert Parks, Jr.,
Farmville District Superintendent.*

*Our Offering will be divided between Mission with the
Edisto Indians & Undesignated Mission Giving.
Our mission focus is Madeline's House.*

For information contact Susan Rigg at
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REGISTRATION

Registration Deadline is February 22nd.

Name(s) of those attending (use reverse if necessary)

Name & Phone Number of Contact Person:

Church/Charge:

Make checks payable to "F.D.U.M.W." for \$8.00 per person. Mail registration and payment to:

Betsy Hammer
P.O. Box 206
Keysville, Va 23947
bhammer@verizon.net

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FARMVILLE DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT—2011

	1st QT Jan-March	2nd Qt April-June	3rd Qt July-Sept	4th Qt Oct-Dec	2011 TOTAL
Deposits					
Undesignated Mission Giving					
Pledges	\$4,585.95	\$4,808.81	\$4,847.43	\$6,011.08	\$20,253.27
Special Recognition	\$300.00	\$520.00	\$920.00	\$460.00	\$2,200.00
Gift to Mission	\$75.00	\$185.00	\$340.00	\$125.00	\$725.00
Gift in Memory	\$140.00	\$200.00	\$385.00	\$160.00	\$885.00
World Thank Offering	\$480.61	\$224.42	\$414.00	\$2,880.41	\$3,999.44
Candleburning	\$257.00	\$477.00	\$3,217.47	\$50.00	\$4,001.47
Total	\$5,538.56	\$6,415.23	\$10,123.90	\$9,686.49	\$31,764.18
Call to Prayer	\$992.00	\$1,152.35	\$165.00	\$9.76	\$2,319.11
Other Projects					
Vumac Dimes	\$241.50	\$442.70	\$827.13	\$2,281.20	\$3,792.53
VA Family Services		\$100.00		\$260.00	\$360.00
UMCOR		\$25.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,025.00
Vumac Renovation	\$100.00	\$75.00			\$175.00
Society of St.Andrew	\$168.75	\$402.00	\$100.00	\$675.00	\$1,345.75
Ferrum General	\$50.00	\$26.00	\$112.00	\$14.00	\$202.00
Henry Fork General	\$80.00	\$150.00	\$235.00	\$1,375.00	\$1,840.00
Edisto Indians		\$150.00	\$100.00		\$250.00
Kingsway Prison	\$6.00			\$20.00	\$26.00
Heifer International			\$50.00		\$50.00
Henry Fork Change for Children				\$93.00	\$93.00
Red Bird				\$200.00	\$200.00
All God's Children Camp			\$700.00		\$700.00
Total	\$646.25	\$2,523.05	\$2,124.13	\$5,927.96	\$11,221.39
Total Deposits	\$7,176.81	\$8,418.28	\$12,413.03	\$15,334.45	\$43,342.57
Total Disbursements	\$7,176.81	\$8,418.28	\$12,413.03	\$15,334.45	\$43,342.57
YTD Deposits	\$ 7,176.81	\$ 15,595.09	\$28,008.12	\$43,342.57	
YTD Disbursements	\$ 7,176.81	\$ 15,595.09	\$28,008.12	\$43,342.57	

Total Designated Mission Giving (pledge) \$31,764.18

Units are reminded that the Administration and Membership Development (AMD) is due with the 1st Quarter remittance to the District Treasurer. The AMD for Farmville District is \$2.00 per member. Beginning in 2012 the Conference will no longer furnish units with a copy of the Program Book due to the increase in cost. The Farmville District will furnish Program Books in the Fall to units who have paid their AMD by June 2012-there will be no exceptions.

Secretary, Mission, Education & Interpretation
Elaine Chipley, PH 252-537-5112

My name is Elaine King Chipley. I live in Henrico, North Carolina, right across the Virginia/North Carolina line. I look forward to working with you on Education and Interpretation. I'll be encouraging all the local units to become a "Mission Today" unit. Hopefully we'll reach our goal of 75% participation of local units for 2012 !

I grew up on the Farmville District. My dad, Skelton King, was a Methodist minister and most of his churches in the beginning of his ministry were on the Farmville District. All of these churches contained many wonderful people who were very special to my family. My brother, C.B. King, is a former district superintendent of the Farmville District.

I am a retired teacher. I taught special education for the majority of my teaching career. I taught in both Virginia and North Carolina schools.

After Dad died my husband Dixon and I moved back close to Mom. I have been very active in our church in Gasburg. I have taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and was lay leader for about five years. I have played the piano for church services as well as for the choir. I am a certified lay speaker and have enjoyed this very much.

I joined the UMW at Olive Branch when I retired from teaching. I hold the office of vice president for our local unit. I was the secretary of the Petersburg District UMW for four years. I enjoy UMW activities and I look forward to getting to know the ladies on the mission team as well as many in the local units.

We have two grown sons and two young grandchildren. I love spending time with my family whenever I can. In my spare time I enjoy reading and working in my flower garden.

SECRETARY—Alice Johnson

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While I have never really worked as a secretary, I have been a secretary in every organization that I have ever been a part of starting with the fourth grade 4-H club. My professional life was with United Air Lines as a flight attendant where I worked for 35 years retiring in 2000. Prior to United, I worked with Wachovia Bank and Corning Glass Works.

I am an avid golfer, although not very good, and I really enjoy quilting and reading. People think I am a good cook but that is not really true. I am good at picking out good recipes and making one good dish for all the covered dish meals that one must go to as a Methodist, but I am terrible at putting an entire meal together. Luckily my husband Steve (yes, he's a former United pilot) will eat most anything.

I grew up in Bailey, NC, in a very fundamental Baptist church. Moving to Raleigh after high school graduation, I enjoyed the freedom of not having to go to church for a short time before I realized that I missed it and started exploring my options. I tried the Catholic Church, numerous protestant denominations, and finally settled on a non-denominational church when I moved to California in 1968. That is where I stayed until I married a Methodist pilot from California and joined him in his church. I am very happy to have found him and the Methodist Church.



United Methodist Women listen intently at the Training Event on January 25th

Mission is a gift, not a task, given to us by God. Women in mission are communicators of love in action.

SOCIAL ACTION

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"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; defend the rights of all those who have nothing. Speak up and judge fairly, and defend the rights of the poor and needy."
Proverbs 31:8-9

There are numerous articles in the Response magazines on Social Action that can help educate unit members on ways we can "speak up" for the poor and needy. There is also a free resource from the Mission Resource Center (M5094-2010-11) - "What Every Congregation Needs to Know about Domestic Violence". This will help introduce congregations to this issue and how they might begin to respond. This brochure can be used in conjunction with church or community presentations to raise awareness about domestic violence. It includes a brief list of things that churches can do to prevent domestic violence along with ways of helping to identify both batterers and victims. Units in the Farmville District may wish to contact Southside Center for Violence Prevention (an women's abuse center). They have speakers who can come to your units for a program. You can visit their website www.madelineshouse.org or call 434-292-1077 for more information. They are always looking for volunteers. They will also be our Mission Focus for the Prayer Breakfast.

I hope your unit sent a representative to UM Day at General Assembly on February 2nd. I look forward to hearing what Social Action priorities your unit is working on.

Vice President
Hedy Thomas, 434-392-9497

We started the new year with a bang. Our training event was a big success. I was impressed with the number of ladies who want to do their best in carrying out the duties of their office in UMW. When we accept these jobs we commit ourselves to do our best. It's not just

coming to the meeting of your unit but carrying out your job description all through the year. I look forward to working with the District Mission Team and serving you as Vice-President.

You should be encouraging your members to attend The Prayer Breakfast.

Our D.S. Bob Parks will be our speaker. Set this day aside on your calendar and prepare your hearts to be spiritually filled. A flyer is in this issue of the Linkette.



SAVE THOSE LABELS, BOXTOPS and STAMPS

Don't forget to save those Labels For Education that are accepted by the Henry Fork Service Center in their quest for a new van. Have you thought about putting a reminder in your church newsletter—don't forget to put a pretty container at your church for the labels. If you see the labels below—clip and save them. You may go to www.labelsforeducation.com for product information.

You may bring the labels to any district event or mail them to Mary Moorefield, 1601 Westover Drive, Danville, VA 24541.

Box tops are sent to The Red Bird Mission or Wesley Community Center.

Don't throw away that stamp!! Clip no closer than 1/4" or save the whole envelope when in doubt. Bring to District events. These stamps are given to Peninsula District UMW who negotiates with a local stamp collector who determines if stamps are of value. Geraldine Sanderson reported that over \$200.00 had been collected last year from the stamps.



PROGRAM RESOURCES

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Reading Program 2012

President of Bethel United Methodist Women on Dillwyn Charge, church pianist. Retired from Buckingham County schools – 25 years as teacher and guidance counselor. Married and devoted to her three grown children and their spouses with four beloved grandchildren.

The Secretary of Program Resources has the responsibility of helping the elected leaders of the district organization and secretaries of program resources in the local and district units know about and secure resources that enable them to fulfill the PURPOSE. She should be familiar with the extensive selection of printed and audiovisual materials listed in the Mission Resource Center Catalog and online at www.missionresourcecenter.org. She should promote and subscribe to the two mission magazines, Response and New World Outlook. She should promote the Reading Program, receive reports from members regarding participation in the program, arrange for book sales, and recognize those who completed plans at the yearly district meeting.

Each local unit is encouraged to identify a member to be Secretary of Program Resources. She would help the members secure resources, promote Response and New World Outlook, organize and facilitate the Reading Program, and send a yearly report to the District Secretary of Program Resources.

If you were unable to attend District Training on January 22 and would like the packet of information handed out, please contact me at lyndaanderson@embarqmail.com or call 434-983-2842.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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I've been a member of the Providence UMW (LaCrosse) for 12 yrs. serving as Treasurer 2008-09 and will begin serving as Vice-Pres. in 2012. I was Communications Coordinator for the former Petersburg Dist. from Jan. 2009 to June 2011 and also served on the Mission Team

Finance Committee during that time. Please let me know if you have any questions. Again, I'm looking forward to meeting you all.

VUMAC REPRESENTATIVE

Virginia Anne Broyles, 434-738-6125

My thanks to Sam McCracken, our Director of VUMAC for these new updates taken from his monthly newsletter.

In October the Board of Directors voted to begin Using the name "Blackstone Conference and Retreat

Center" as its new business name. This does not mean any change at all to the values and principles of the Center.

Construction is scheduled to begin this Spring on the new heating system, with completion in early fall. The new "Acorn" Coffee Shop, bookstore, internet lounge and gift shop, opened in December. You will enjoy visiting this new attraction.

The Parlor, room 113, is seeing some renovations due to a generous gift given in memory of Nell Ruth Clay Blanton by her family and friends.

The United Methodist Men have made a commitment of voluntary labor when needed in identified areas.

This summer you will be able to enjoy a new outdoor deck under the magnolia tree next to the auditorium. This will feature tables, chairs and benches and it will have WiFi available.

Keep your Dimes and Dollars coming! This means so much to the ongoing upkeep. Many thanks for your continued support.

Virginia Anne Broyles

DISTRICT TREASURER

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Let's take a pretend trip in our imaginations. What would we do if we got a sudden phone call and were told that Jesus was going to be our dinner guest that evening? I know, let's check the freezer for something for dinner. We have some steaks, a rib roast, a leg of lamb, and a nice ham. Now we need to make a choice. Well the steaks are out because my family likes to

enjoy a steak during a quiet evening at home. Ok, the rib roast, but the Smithingjones are coming over for dinner next week and I really want to impress them with a nice meal. So the leg of lamb – wait I promised to take something special to the Jonesmiths and I know they love my leg of lamb. Then the ham is left, but I was planning on using that for our church picnic. Well then, let me look and see what is left. Oh, I found something – I have a couple cans of tuna and some stale bread for the filling. A tuna casserole will be just fine. He doesn't ask for much.

We know we would not make those choices faced in the presence of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Yet, many times when we make our pledges to mission that is exactly what we do. Jesus told us that what we do for the least of us is what we do for him. I have been analyzing our giving as units and as individuals. There is a large difference in our giving patterns. Our giving averages from \$2 per member per year to \$110 per member per year. Looking at that monthly, that is 20 cents per month to about \$10 per month. I was feeling real proud and smug with myself because my pledge is greater than that, then I remember my husband and I laughing because we went out to lunch and 2 hamburgers cost us \$40. That was a lot more than my monthly pledge, so I suddenly felt ashamed and vowed to try to do better for "the least of us". I hope you can join me in that vow to do better for Him and those in mission that have so many great needs that we cannot even begin to imagine what their need would be like. As you examine your giving to missions in prayer and thoughts, please consider what you have as you decide what to pledge. Do you have clothes in your closet with the price tags still on them? Do you have more than one pair of shoes or more than one purse – how about more than 10? Do you enjoy lunches out with friends and family? If these things are true, you can probably afford to increase your giving to missions.

I pray that next year we can make remarkable increases in our giving as we make it our goal to do for Jesus by giving to "the least of us."

I was raised and schooled in Michigan. We moved to Virginia in 1979 and joined the Methodist Church in Boydton at that time. The UMW was the first group to invite me to join them, so I did. I remember our meetings back then when so many women of the church belonged and we met in each other homes and enjoyed a program and social time together. I retired from teaching high school about 5 years ago and became more active in the UMW at that time. I am the president of our local unit and the district treasurer which is my first district office. I have enjoyed the many learning opportunities that I have gotten from the UMW through their mission studies, conferences, and many other programs.

Mary

MEMBERSHIP NURTURE & OUTREACH

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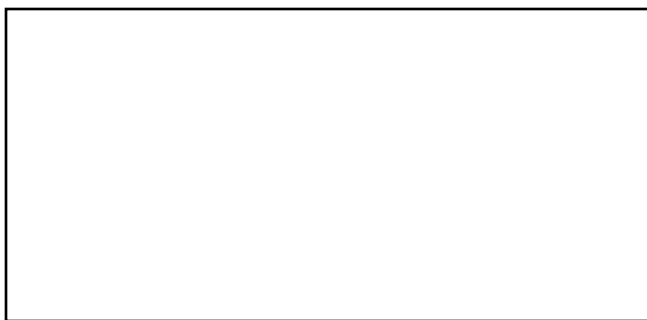
I started 2012 with the following verse from Isaiah 60:1, "ARISE MY PEOPLE! Let your light shine for all the nations to see! For the glory of the Lord is streaming from you." United Methodist Women should arise and let our light shine for everyone to see. My membership

started in UMW when I was 18 had graduated from high school and an older member took me by the arm and told need to be here. I enjoy the meetings of my local unit, we are only 10 members, but the things we accomplish thru a year is amazing. All with teamwork and lots of prayer. I encourage each member of a local unit to reach out to a young lady or a not so young lady that is not a part of UMW and invite them to join you at a meeting.

Thank you to the 18 units that returned the 2011 Membership Report. For those who did not send in your reports I have had to use Charge Conference and Unit Officer membership figures. I hope you included your pastor in your membership figures.

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RETURN SERVICE
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Remember:

♥ Please make copies of the Linkette for those in your unit who may not be able to access it via the internet or need a hard copy. To save costs by the District UMW, we are sending only 1 copy per unit via USPS. This will go to the unit president. Others may access this edition and past ones at www.umcfarmville.org under community-United Methodist Women.



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for forms and
information.**