

"Farmville District United Methodist Women"



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July 2011

Bless Be The Tie That Binds
United Methodist Women in Christian Love



**THE FARMVILLE DISTRICT
WELCOMES OUR SISTER
UNITS FROM THE PETERSBURG
DISTRICT.**



Rehoboth

Providence

**Olive
Branch**

South Hill

Macedonia

Lawrenceville

LaCrosse

Prospect

Kingswood

**Rocky Run
-Lebanon**

Bethel

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I hope you are all keeping your bodies cool but hearts on fire for missions as we go forth helping

women, children and youth who are less fortunate than us.

I have had the privilege of attending two Petersburg District events and meeting some of the wonderful United Methodist Women who have joined the Farmville District. They are also excited and passionate about missions. We welcome you to the Farmville District!

Many thanks to all of you who attended the Mission Study at Crenshaw UMC. We sent \$206.00 to the Wesley Community Center in Portsmouth. This is a National Mission Project in Virginia supported by Women's Division. Thelma Crowder took the layette items and put together kits for Conference. And wasn't Darlene Amon wonderful. The UMW at Farmville UMC have offered to host next year's Mission Study. We are most grateful!

I hope you are scanning the School of Christian Mission registration form and checking which study you want to take this year. We will all take "*Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Forgiveness, and Reconciliation*" in the auditorium and you get to decide on the second study (*Haiti or Joy to the World*). Talk to your church about the event—get your husband to come with you and take the study with you! REMEMBER THERE ARE CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MINORITY OR FIRST TIME ATTENDEES and DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIPS, AS WELL. Contact me for registration forms or go to the vaumw.org website.

Ladies of the Farmville District our Mission Team needs your help. We will have a number of positions vacant for 2012. Please pray about how God might use your talents to help lead the United Methodist Women of the Farmville District.

Our District Day this year will be October 1, 2011 at VUMAC. Our program will begin at 10AM as usual with lunch to follow. We hope the Saturday date will help working women attend.

NOMINATIONS

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Are You Able?

The District UMW Mission Team is looking for able hands to serve. Contact me if you have a desire to be part of our Mission Team, leading and planning for our Farmville District units. There are a number of positions which will need to be filled for 2012. I look forward to hearing from members of our new units from the Petersburg District. Just complete the form in this newsletter or contact me personally by telephone or email.

Tammy Skipwith

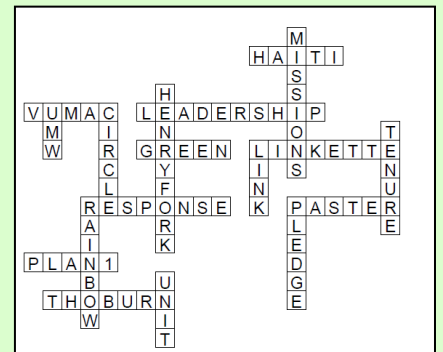
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“...and I will bless you...and you will be a blessing.” Genesis 12:2

The theme for the Conference Spiritual Life Retreat in May was “Blessed to Be a Blessing.” God has blessed us so that we may bless others. To continue our response to God’s invitation to be a blessing to others, our District Day Apart will involve some new ideas.

The Farmville District Day Apart will be on Saturday morning, November 19, rather than a Sunday afternoon. The event will include hands-on mission projects (there will be something for everyone), opportunities for units to share how they are in mission, and an inspiring program and speaker.

Mark your calendars now.
Farmville District Advent Day Apart.
Saturday, November 19, 2011.



SOCIAL ACTION

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I have been searching for ideas on social issues that our units can use when I came across much information in our United Methodist Church Book of Discipline. What we Methodists believe in is clearly stated under Social Principles along with A Companion Litany to our Social Creed. While units are working on their social action projects, I would like them to be reminded of our Social Creed as follows:

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves & others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, & people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights & dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right & duty of persons to work for the glory of God & the good of themselves & others & in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, & responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic & social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice & law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present & final triumph of God's Word in human affairs & gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. AMEN

(This statement of Social Principles is recommended to be available to United Methodist Christians & be emphasized regularly in every congregation).

Good luck to all UMW units as they continue their 2011 goals! The Report Form for the Social Action Award is included in this newsletter.

**MISSION EDUCATION &
INTERPRETATION, Thelma
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In Romans 12:2, the apostle Paul tells his readers to "be transformed by the renewing of your minds." As United Methodist Women we should not be conformed to this present age with its multiple fears and false passions, but we should be reshaped with the mercy and wisdom of God. If we are truly transformed, we are called into a circle of grace to acknowledge our many gifts and blessings and to share what we have with those in need.

As women of the Farmville District, I believe we do just that through our various local mission projects and our undesignated giving to the conference. As your acting coordinator, let me remind you of several things:

1. Please fill out the **Mission Today Unit** report (list attached) and send to Thelma Crowder, 1303 North Main Street, South Boston, VA 24592 by the deadline. If you have further questions, you can call me at 434-572-4001. The time period for qualifying is September 1st to September 1st.

2. Please consider attending the Virginia Conference School of Christian Mission at our own VUMAC in Blackstone. The dates are July 22-24 and July 25-28. This year's classes are Forgiveness and Reconciliation; Haiti and its challenges; and Mission and Evangelism in the World. The registration deadline is July 10th. I hope to see you there.

3. Lastly, I ask you to support what I call "mission without money" projects. We are collecting Labels for Education from Campbell's products, Box Tops for Education, cancelled postage stamps, and soda can tabs for The Ronald MacDonald House at Duke Hospital.

I hope your passion for mission work and faithful contributions will help to knit our newly expanded Farmville District UMW into a community of grace.

Peace and joy in His Service,

Thelma Crowder (substitute)

DISTRICT TREASURER

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Hi Friends. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer, but looking forward to our fall District meeting. As you look forward to our fall meeting consider qualifying your group or yourself for one of our recognitions. Many units are very near becoming a 5 or 6 star unit. Often just purchasing a \$5 in a

Gift in Memory card or Gift in Mission card will bring your group up to 5 or 6 star status. Most of the 5 or 6 star categories require just a small amount to count for recognition with the one exception being the Special Recognition Pin, which requires a \$40 donation. Can't we all make the 5 star recognition? Each unit has until September to send in their pledges and donations in order to be recognized at our District meeting.

Individuals may want to consider becoming a Rainbow Giver this year. We have a few members so far that have qualified. Becoming a Rainbow Giver involves giving a \$60 donation that will be used as \$5 to your mission pledge, \$5 to The World Thank You Offering, \$5 Gift In Memory Card, \$5 Gift In Mission Card, and a \$40 Special Recognition Pin to the person of your choice. This is a nice option in which to do your giving.

I hope when our District meeting arrives we will fill a table with rewards and certificates for our local units and our individual members.

Have a nice remainder of your summer.

Mary Fulton

PROGRAM RESOURCES

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Hello Fellow Readers,

I hope you are having a nice summer and are finding time to read a book or two. "Just Choose Happiness" and "Same Kind of Different As Me" are both good reads. The controversy reported in the news regarding Greg Mortenson

("Three Cups of Tea") has been disturbing. I pray that much of the story he tells is true, as educating children in that area of the world is a just cause. Please see that the Reading Program Report is completed for your unit and returned to me by September 9th. I look forward to seeing you at the district meeting in October. We'll have all the new books for 2012 available.



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MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE & OUTREACH

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I hope each of you have been inviting women to your UMW meetings. They are all around us and they come in all colors and nationalities and even different ages. What would happen if each unit in the Farmville

District would increase their membership by just one member!

Please remember the Young Women's Event (ages 18-35) at Leesburg UMC, Leesburg, VA. The event will begin with dinner on Friday night and end with worship on Saturday at 4PM. Registrations forms are on the vaumw.org website or contact one of your District Team members for a form. Locations for this event will be rotated each year to help coordinate closer locations for attendees. Are there college students in your congregation that would benefit from this event? Remember there are scholarships – both District and Conference. Remember a list of your unit's deceased members from September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011 is due to me by September 9th so they can part of our Memorial Service on District Day, October 1, 2011. We will honor their memory and celebrate their loving spirit to United Methodist Women. If you need more information contact me by email sherrylg37@yahoo.com or phone 434-374-0543(w) or 434-374-0332(h).



**FARMVILLE DISTRICT DAY
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
"FINDING PEACE"**

October 1, 2011 - VUMAC BLACKSTONE, VA

Lunch Menu: Chicken Salad Plate
(chicken salad, potato salad,
coleslaw, deviled egg, fruit, cheese
biscuit and cobbler for dessert).

Registration: 9:30 a.m.
Program & Meeting 10.00 -12Noon
Lunch: 12 Noon

Cost \$10.00 (\$3.00 Registration Fee + \$7.00 Lunch)

**Offering will be go to VUMAC. Mission Project will be nonperishable food
for Nottoway County Food Pantry.**

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME(s) _____

CHURCH

CONTACT PERSON & TELEPHONE:

**Make check (\$10.00 per person) payable to: FDUMW - Mail to:
Betsy Hanmer, PO Box 206, Keysville, VA 23947
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 24, 2011**

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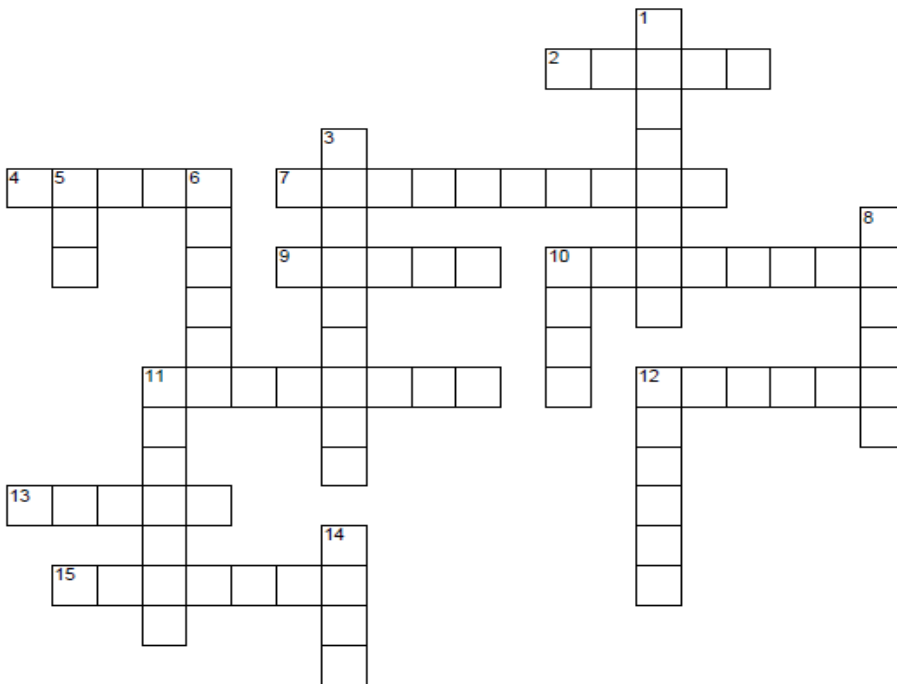
Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center
BLACKSTONE
Growing Faith for over 115 Years

By this time, you know that Cammie Armstrong is retiring As of July 30th and Sam McCracken will become the new Director for our Assembly Center. We deeply appreciate Cammie's dedication in the seven years of her service. We recognize her gift of administration and management of our center. She will be missed and we certainly wish her

well in her retirement. Some of you may have attended the even on June 11 when Gov. Bob McDonnell gave an address titled "Faith of Our Founding Fathers" at the Assembly Center. His address was preceded by a dinner and a debate between George Washington portrayed by Kevin Grantz and Patrick Henry portrayed by Michael Wells.

The Goodson Lodge has received new window treatments which includes room-darkening blinds, sheers, and curtains. New stage curtains are forthcoming. The reception area is getting a new look-additional chair, a new message board, fresh paint and other new furniture. The emergency appeal for funds has been successful. Our center needs a new heating system. Hopefully, this will take place in the near future.

We are so grateful for your Dimes and Dollars. You do a good job of keeping this before your units. The Assembly Center relies on your contributions to deal with everyday maintenance.



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ACROSS

- 2 The School of Christian Mission geographic study.
- 4 Where dimes/dollars go.
- 7 The new reading category.
- 9 "Going _____" - a UMW social action priority.
- 10 Name of the Farmville District Newsletter.
- 11 The UMW Magazine.
- 12 The person in each church that is always a UMW member.
- 13 The that requires reading 4 books?
- 15 First missionary sent to India.

DOWN

- 1 The focus of UMW.
- 3 UMW save Campbell's labels for them.
- 5 Abbreviation for United Methodist Women.
- 6 The name applied to more than one group in a church.
- 8 The period of an officer's service.
- 10 The name of the Conference newsletter.
- 11 The name of the Mission Giver who contributes \$60.
- 12 What UMW do with thier mission dollars.
- 14 The name of a UMW group in each church.



Many thanks to the Crenshaw United Methodist Women for hosting the District Mission Study! Their hospitality was wonderful and food quite delicious.

As of June 2011 Henry Fork Service Center has collected 1,302,865 points in their bank—they need 297,135 more for the van. **LADIES KEEP ON CLIPPING THOSE LABELS!!**

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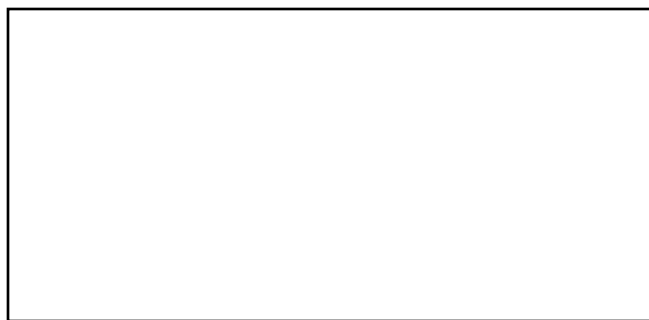
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