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ZONE MEETINGS

ZONE 1 – November 7 – 9:30-Noon – Middleburg UMC

ZONE II & III -- November 14 – 9:30-Noon – Braddock Street UMC

(All are welcome to attend either session as convenient for you!)

Theme: Membership Growth

Speaker: Miran Kim, sharing suggestions for attracting and retaining members with a time for questions and discussion.

Hands-On Mission for Prison Ministries:

Please bring items to assemble 5 or more kits if possible (All items can be purchased at Dollar Tree):

- Pack of Note Cards
- Colored Composition Book
- Christmas Pencil
- Stick Pin for Writing
- 2016 Pocket Planner
- Puzzle or Word Search Book
- Stationery Paper & Envelopes
- 2016 Wall Calendar
- Postage Stamps for Mailing Their Cards

MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH

During our time of remembrance at the District Annual Meeting in September, we named the 26 United Methodist Women in our district who passed away and went to be with our Lord this year. As we watched, Bobbie Cochran skillfully added a flower of remembrance for each member to create a lovely fall bouquet. We will miss them all.

The 2016 United Methodist Woman program book is titled "Growing into Blessedness". Let's seek to make greater strides for growth as we move into our new year. We must dig in and work harder to bring forth new flowers by engaging and encouraging others into service and mission with our United Methodist Women organization. Come hear more about this in your Zone Meeting November 7 or 14 as we touch on ways to nurture and increase our membership. There will be an opportunity for discussion of local unit growth and a mission activity. See the information above! (Continued)

Local unit Presidents are asked to please submit your 2015 Year-end Membership Report to me by January 31, 2016. Provide the number of members beginning January 1, 2015 and the number ending December 31, 2015.

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FROM THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT

I hope that all ninety-seven people who came to the Annual Meeting, Sunday, September 27, 2015 enjoyed the day and the hospitality extended to us by the Leesburg United Methodist Women. They were there to assist with parking, registration and all the logistics necessary to support this meeting. Our speaker, Sue Boltz, was a delight and took us through her walk with United Methodist Women and spoke to us about how she listened and heeded God's call.

Many accomplishments of units were celebrated and I'm sure there were many that we did not hear about. **Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to United Methodist Women.**

Keep inviting women to share in this great supportive organization doing missions locally and around the world. Angela Lane and her committee have been planning the Zone meetings scheduled for November centered on membership growth. They are also planning a hands-on mission project that you will read more about in this issue.

"Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: Sing forth the honor of his name; make his praise glorious." Psalm 66: 1-2 (KJV)

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SOCIAL ACTION

It was great to see all of you at the Annual Meeting of the Winchester District United Methodist Women. The hard work and dedication of your local organizations working for Social Action is apparent by the reports you submitted. Collecting and distributing food and clothing to area charities, volunteering in Women's Shelters, mentoring school children, providing food for food packaging so students will have food to eat on the week-ends are examples of how United Methodist Women are the hands and feet of Christ.

Psalms 146:7-9 says--He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. Consider how He does this--by and through each one of us (United Methodist Women).

Social Action priorities for 2016 are **Human Trafficking and Poverty**. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance to you or your local organization.

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FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Crisp mornings, warm and gentle afternoons and cool evenings, fall is upon us and the mellow days of summer are receding into memory. As we move back into our fall routines, we again look forward to the activities and programs of our District United Methodist Women. We have just celebrated our District Annual Meeting and it was wonderful seeing each of you. We missed those of you who were not with us and look forward to seeing you at our fall events.

The fall events begin with the Zone meetings. Zone I meeting will be held Saturday, November 7 9:30-Noon at Middleburg United Methodist Church in Middleburg, Virginia.

Zones II and III will be Saturday, November 14, 9:30-Noon at Braddock Street United Methodist Church in Winchester, Virginia.

This year we have Miran Kim, a member of The National United Methodist Women Program Advisory Group. She will lead us in a discussion regarding membership, how to acquire new members and how to keep everyone involved. A very special part of the program will be the chance to prepare kits for the women's prison ministry.

There will be food and fellowship, worship, work, and a time to share with your sisters. We will celebrate all the wonderful things you have accomplished during this year. You really do not want to miss this time together. Additional information on the Zone meetings can be found in this newsletter.

As I leave the office of Vice-President I would like to thank each of you for your love and support. It has been such a gift to serve in this capacity. I have enjoyed moments of quiet reflection, of laughter, witness, and great joy with many of you. You are truly an amazing group of dedicated women who serve God and fulfill our Purpose with faith, hope, and love as we reach out to those whose need is great. God grant his grace and blessing to each of you as you continue in His work.

I hope to see each of you at one of the Zone meetings. I wish for each of you a glorious fall, filled with joy, laughter, and love.

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WOMEN IN MISSION HISTORY

In 1812, Rev. Judson and his wife Ann were in the first American party of missionaries to set sail for Asia. Ann was commissioned as an "assistant missionary" to go to women "to whom your husband can have but little, or no, access. ... Teach them... that they are not an inferior race of creatures... that they have immortal souls... to accept of Christ as Savior." Her early accomplishments as a missionary wife were phenomenal. In addition to childbirth and care in running a household in a foreign country, she did evangelistic work, ran a small school, and was a pioneer translator of the Bible in two languages. Harriet Newall was another wife in the 1812 party. Less than a year later, she died, becoming the first missionary martyr.

This excerpt is taken from Conduct Becoming to a Woman by Elaine Megalis

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Silent & Live Auction to Benefit Legacy Fund Annual Meeting, Blackstone, October 24-25, 2015

United Methodist Women will be celebrating 150 years of mission to women, children and youth in 2019. A legacy fund has been established by the United Methodist Women to continue this legacy for the next 150 years. Donated items are needed for Auction and the following are some suggestions: Theme baskets with a list of items on the outside of basket and basket should be covered with clear cellophane; gift certificates (Wal-Mart, Food Lion); collectibles, homemade jellies, jams, relishes or candies; and scarves, purses or jewelry. Just use your imagination!! If any individual or unit would like to contribute an item, but cannot attend the annual meeting, please give Linda Borrer a call.

Linda Borrer

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BLACKSTONE CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER DIMES AND DOLLARS



The United Methodist Women will be celebrating 40 years of the Dimes and Dollars program for Blackstone, now known as the Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center. It was the custom to pass around a sock at the unit meetings collecting whatever monies they could for the furnishings of the bedrooms. The celebration will begin at 11:30 with lunch, Saturday, October 24, 2015 and continue with the dedication of the Wicker Room in honor of United Methodist Women. We will be bringing our D&D sock containing a check for \$477.72 to empty into the larger sock and wearing silly socks and a decorated hat and singing the famous D&D song. So far this year, the Winchester District has contributed \$1,396.38 including the third quarter. Hope you will be there to celebrate this anniversary.

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FROM YOUR DISTRICT TREASURER

- ❖ 4th Quarter Remittances are due December 8.
- ❖ If you haven't already done so, please let me know your unit's pledge for 2016.
- ❖ And speaking of pledge, at the close of the 3rd Quarter we were three-fourths through the year but had reached only 60% of our district's pledge goal of \$60,000.00.
- ❖ A word of thanks to those of you who remember to place your stamp on the envelope ¼-inch away from the corner.

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WINCHESTER DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CALENDAR October 2015 – March 2016

United Methodist Women Virginia Conference Annual Meeting	Sat. – Sun Oct 24 - 25 Blackstone Conference & Retreat Center
Local Officer Organization List Mail to Linda Borrer	Due by December 1
4 th Quarter Remittance Mail to Mary Preston	Due by December 8
Membership Report Mail to Angela Lane	Due by January 31
Executive Committee Meeting, Zone I	Sun., Jan. 10, 2:00-5:00 P.M. Harmony UMC, Hamilton VA
UM Day at General Assembly, Richmond	Thurs., Feb. 4
District Prayer Breakfast Order form will be in <i>The Purpose</i> January 2016	Sat., March 5 Lee-Jackson Banquet Room, Winchester

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ALL ARE INVITED! UNITED METHODIST WOMEN FUNDRAISERS

October 24 - Pancake Breakfast

Pancake Breakfast at Montague Avenue UMC, Winchester
8 AM – Noon Saturday October 24 sponsored by UMW

The United Methodist Women of Marshall UMC is supporting the efforts of the church in collecting new or never used Christmas cards and postage stamps that will go to the Virginia Women's Prison. With these items, 600 residents at that prison can write to their children and family. Please do not place stamps on envelopes. Deadline for these items to be taken to the Marshall UMC is November 15. There is a collection tub in the hallway going to the social hall or an outside drop box at the double glass doors.

**SEND YOUR UMW FUNDRAISER or EVENT INFORMATION TO
susannalockley@gmail.com or call 540-974-1623!**

FROM THE SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES

The 2014-15 reading program has come to an end and I would like to say "congratulations on another great year". You will see below some of the outstanding results. Set your goal now so that if you were not included in these results that you will be next year. Your only reward is that you may become a better person by something that you read that may change your life.

Prayer Calendar and Program books will be available at the Zone meetings and the next book sale will be during the annual Prayer Breakfast on March 5, 2016.

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	Readers	Books Read	Plan I	Plan II	Plan III	Plan IV	Children Readers	Books Read	100%
Bethany	8	46	6						
Bethel-Warren	13	103	1		1	2	22	1	
Bluemont	10	139	3			2	15	44	
Braddock Street	27	80	8						
Brucetown	9	36	4						
Duncan Memorial	8	18	1						
Fairview	7	36	2						
Front Royal	20	34	2						
Harmony	9	17	1						
Hillsboro	11	89	6	3			1	3	
Kernstown	2	42				2			
Leesburg	50	289	16		1	2	2	10	
Market Street	5	23	3						
Mt. Zion - Leesburg	2	3							
Refuge	16	73	3	1			3	2	
Reliance	16	13	2						
Relief	4	6	1						
Rest	1	6	1						
Roszell Chapel	5	21	4						
Stephens City	5	31	5				3	2	
TOTALS	228	1105	69	4	2	8	46	62	

20 Units participated
 228 Readers
 1105 books read
 83 plans completed
 46 children readers
 Bethel-Warren had the most children readers
Those reading 20 or more books:
 Rachel Shatananda: 51
 Stevi Budd: 33
 Kristen Sawyer: 27
 Jean Hoggatt: 23
 Patricia Beckwith: 22
 Pam Budd: 21
 Patsy Spring: 20
 Phylis Tharpe: 20

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

The district appreciates all the work you do throughout the year. There are 39 units and at the District Annual meeting in Leesburg on Sept. 27, we recognized 33 units who completed the Living Into Our Purpose form.

Level 1 last year was 11. This year 0 because they are now level II or III.

Level II - silver last year 7, this year 11.

Level III - gold last year 16, this year 22.

You received the Living Into Our Purpose form in your information packet at our recent District Annual meeting which you can refer to throughout the year. This way you can keep track of the great things you do during the year and come next September you will already have your form completed. Refer to item 4-b on the form, and depending on the size of your unit, you may already qualify to check that item for participating in the District Annual meeting. If you attended the Sept. 12 mission encounter, you can check item 5-d. If you attend the upcoming March 2016 Prayer Breakfast, you can check 2-c.

Candle burning is one of the items under 1-d and since September of last year, your selfless giving of \$4,070.85 compared to \$3,986.50 of the previous year, will help make the lives of women, children and youth everywhere a little bit better.

We continue to learn more about United Methodist Women and how they influence and help others through the Reading Program. You stay busy in your own churches and community while supporting United Methodist Women by encouraging scripture reading, prayer and participation in Mission Studies. You participate in the collection of school supplies for local elementary schools, the backpack program, kits for Conference and Bible Studies. Lifting up the "green" meeting awareness and recycling seems to be increasing. Something new I noticed on the reports was "Christmas Shoe Box Program" for young children. These are just a few of the many things you do. You are making a difference.

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COMMUNICATIONS

The District Executive Committee in the interest of committed stewardship is considering in the future the idea of digitalizing our newsletter *The Purpose*. The newsletter would be sent via email to the pastor and the unit president or her designee and anyone in the unit who has given me their email address.

However, we want to ensure that everyone who needs and wants the newsletter receives it by either email or regular mail. Your Zone leader will contact you sometime in the future to review the list of those persons already receiving the newsletter by email and others who can be added to that list.

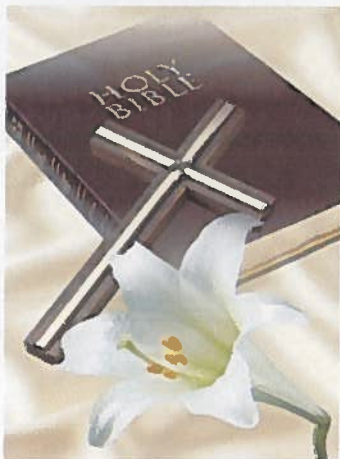
It is our intent to become more faithful in our care of God's creation and a step closer in the direction of "going green".

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

With all the tragedy going on in the world I felt the need to submit this again. Let's continue to pray for our children and our world leaders.

Food For Thought

Adopted through Love

As Christians, we are spiritually adopted by God because he loves us. God speaks to us through our love for one another, no matter how we came into "family". God's love makes us part of his family regardless of our external situation. God's love through

Jesus draws us close and reminds us: "I wanted you. I love you."

As God's children we are called to constantly remember: "For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16)

Good parents take care of their children. We have become a part of the family of God through adoption because God wanted us-and still does. Rejoice! You have been adopted!

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