



# The Purpose

Winchester District  
United Methodist Women on a Mission

## OCTOBER 2016

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### ZONE MEETINGS

**ZONE 1 MEETING – SATURDAY, NOV 5, HILLSBORO UMC**  
37216 Charlestown Pike (Hillsboro) Purcellville, VA 20143  
9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

**ZONE 2 & 3 MEETING – SUNDAY, NOV 6, FRONT ROYAL UMC**  
1 West Main Street, Front Royal, VA 22630  
1:30 P.M. TO 5 P.M.

**WOMEN OF WONDER – LAUGH AND LEARN**  
(SKITS, MONOLOGUES, HUMOR, ETC.)  
TABLE TALK AND DISCUSSION  
POPCORN IDEAS

**Make plans to come to your Zone Meeting and bring your members with you to enjoy a few hours of fellowship, fun and hopefully some points to help you in your unit.**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 5, 2016, Monday - UMW Christmas-Camp Over Look

Sunday, January 8, 2017, Executive Committee Meeting  
2:00-5:00 p.m. - Zone II Host - Greenwood UMC, Frederick County

January 16, 2017 Monday - Prayer Breakfast Tickets go on sale (details at Zone Meetings)

February 2, 2017 - Thursday UM Day at General Assembly, Richmond

February 18, 2017- Saturday Deadline date to purchase tickets for District Prayer Breakfast \$13.00  
Darlene Walker, email [DBw50@aol.com](mailto:DBw50@aol.com), (540) 667-6990  
mail to 15 E. Hart Street, Winchester, VA 22601 Self Addressed envelope must accompany payment.

March 4, 2017 , Saturday, District Prayer Breakfast - 9:00 - Noon Lee-Jackson Banquet Room, Winchester  
Tickets \$13.00, Deadline to purchase tickets February 16, 2017

April 9, 2017, Sunday, Executive Committee Meeting,  
2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Zone III Host - Fairview UMC, Stephens City

April 22, 2017, Saturday - District Spring Event - 9:00 - Noon Crums UMC - Clarke County

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## FROM THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT

I hope you were one of the eighty ladies present for the Annual Meeting at Market Street. We were blessed with the presence and remarks of Rev. Keiko Foster, pastor of Market Street, as well as Martha Reynolds, who is serving the Boyce-White Post Charge.

Angela Lane remembered twenty-six women who have gone on to their heavenly home since last September, and the candle was lit for one hour and six minutes representing \$2381.25 for missions.

We laughed as Mary and Martha Stewart shared thoughts how we as woman can learn from both Martha and Mary in the Bible.

Officers were elected and your president for 2017 is Carolyn Woodrum from Braddock Street UMC. Mary Frances Townsend installed the new officers and spoke to each officer on the District telling them of their specific function as part of the team. It was a very informative and inspiring service. Each unit's accomplishments were celebrated and certificates placed in their president's packet.

On behalf of the District, thank you Market Street for hosting the meeting.

Our program year ended this past August, with the theme "Growing in Blessedness", where each month we were invited to meditate on a specific Beatitude of Jesus' teachings. This gave me an insight into His teachings and gave me pause to reflect on the meaning of blessedness and my personal relationship with the Living Lord. I can honestly say that serving as your District President these past four years has brought me closer to understanding this relationship and helped me grow in this area. I sincerely thank you for your love, support, friendship and understanding throughout my term on the Winchester District. If it had not been for this journey, all these blessings and friendships would have been missed!  
Blessings

**Linda Borrer, Winchester District United Methodist Women President**

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## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Fall is here!! We have had a very busy schedule since our last newsletter. We have several events left in the year.

The United Methodist Annual Conference will be held October 28-29 at the Good Shepherd UMC in Henrico, VA. A registration form was included in the President's packet at our Annual Meeting, September 25 at Market Street. We are asked to bring items for the Henry Fork Service Center: paper towels, play dough, magic markers, colored pencils and 30 gallon yard trash bags. Work gloves are also needed for gardening at Shalom Farms.

Remember to come to your Zone Meeting either Saturday, Nov 5 at Hillsboro UMC, 9 – 1 p.m. or Sunday, Nov 6 at Front Royal UMC, 1:30 – 5 p.m. Zone 2 & 3 meeting was rescheduled from Saturday, Nov 12 to Sunday, Nov 6 to allow members to become acquainted with our new bishop at Braddock Street UMC, Saturday, Nov 12. Bishop Lewis will be speaking during the Worship Service that morning and then meeting with the laity that afternoon.  
Hope you will mark these dates on your calendar and come share the fellowship as we work to fulfill our Purpose.

**Jeraldine Ridgway, Vice President**

**(540) 635-5483**

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## MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH

Thank you unit presidents for submitting your unit's deceased member report. As we draw near to the end of 2016, I want to take this opportunity to recognize the loss of 28 United Methodist Women members from our district during the September 2015 to August 2016 time period. Each of these ladies was remembered by name at our District Annual Meeting last month.

One United Methodist Women unit was lost from the Winchester District this year. Aldie UMC was removed from the Winchester District in June and became a part of the Arlington District. Your local unit's 2016 Membership Report showing membership changes for 2016 is due the end of January 2017. The units' President packet that was distributed at the District Annual Meeting included the 2015 District Membership Report that shows the 2015 end of year membership that should be the starting number for your 2016 report.

I ask that you continue your efforts to stay a strong active unit by maintaining your current membership, and seeking out new members with the goal of achieving some degree of growth in 2017.

Blessings,

**Angela Lane**  
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## EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

Twenty five of the thirty eight active units participated in completing the Living Into Our Purpose for this year and we thank you. Your unit received an information packet at the recent Sept. 25 District Annual meeting. I will have additional copies of the living Into Our Purpose form along with a copy of suggestions on ways to complete the form available at the upcoming Zone meetings. Refer to item 4-b on the form and you may already be able to check off one item as completed. Many units give a copy of the form to their members so they can check on their progress at each meeting and it is a way to keep you focused on things you need to do.

As individuals you can participate in the reading program as we learn how United Methodist Women influence and help others. Candle burning is a great way to involve your congregation in your candle burning program. Special Mission Recognition is one of the Six Channels of Mission Giving and you may want to uplift the UMW program by awarding the individual pin and certificate before your congregation. It doesn't matter the size of your unit (large or small) because our UMW units are a caring group of women working for others. May God bless you as you continue to make a difference.

**Betty Stelzl, Winchester District Education and Interpretation Coordinator**  
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### VUMAC/Blackstone

NEW LIFE FOR VUMAC: As most of you know, or maybe you had not heard, VUMAC, known to United Methodist Women as Blackstone, has been sold. In June, 2016, there was an article in the Blackstone Courier-Record newspaper which said that "Plans were being finalized to renovate the VUMAC in Blackstone and convert the facility to a three-star hotel, with restaurant, to accommodate trainees at the planned Foreign Affairs Security Training Center at Fort Pickett. The hotel would be called "The Gables at Blackstone" and would feature reconditioned rooms with new beds, televisions, and locks." Recently, word was received from the VUMAC, Inc. that a contract of sale has been entered into with The Gables of Blackstone, LLC, and they expect to go to closing before December 15, 2016. The property will be converted into a hotel and you will be kept informed, as more information becomes available.

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## FROM YOUR DISTRICT TREASURER

Just a reminder: 4th quarter remittances are due **December 8**. Please, PLEASE send these in on time as I have a deadline to meet, too. Need some blank remittance forms? I will have those with me at the zone meetings.

A word or two about pledges:

\*Your unit's pledge for 2016 – Some of you have already completed your pledge. Thank you! J J J Some of you are three-fourths there, which is where you should be by now. J However, some of you are only half-way there L ... or less. L L

\*Our district's pledge for 2016 (\$60,000) – Alas, we are not where we ought to be right now. L As of this writing, we are only 57.8% there LL --and there's less than one-fourth of the year left! Your meeting your pledge is what helps the district meet its pledge. So please do your best to meet your commitment.

\*Our district's pledge for 2017 (\$54,000) – Yes, that's about 10% lower than what it has been. Why? Because total Mission Giving for each of the past two years has been about 10% shy of the goal. Therefore we lowered our sights a little and made the goal a little closer to reality.

\*Your unit's pledge for 2017 – If you didn't turn this in at annual meeting last month because you hadn't decided on it yet, please let me know what it is as soon as you do.

And now a word or two about the A&MD fee (\$2.25/member): Almost all of you have already sent it in. Thank you! :) However, there are a few who have not. :( If you're not sure if you are one of those few, please check your records, or you can call me.

As always, if you ever have questions, feel free to contact me any time.

**Mary Preston, Winchester District UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Treasurer**  
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## FROM THE SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES

Greetings from the book lady!

The reading program for 2016 has ended and I have updated the reporting:

- Total readers 222
- Total books read 860
- 64 plans completed

All of these numbers are down from last year. Let's see if we can do better this coming year. The 2017 books are available through the resource center at [www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org). Please note that some of the books are only available through kindle. I did find some of them at Amazon in real book form.

Program books and Prayer Calendars will be available at the Zone meetings. If you can let me know before Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> how many of each your unit will need, I will mark them for you to pick-up at your Zone meeting. This will help me know how many to order.

Happy reading,

**Patty Moran, District Program Resource Secretary (the Book Lady)**  
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## HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Bishop Charlene Kammerer participated in United Methodist Day at General Assembly each year of her time in Virginia. In 2010 she said, "I get comments and letters asking why I -- and you-- are 'wasting our time' in politics. I believe it has everything to do with our faith and certainly our heritage as United Methodists. The church has always exerted a strong moral and ethical influence on the state. There is no social holiness apart from our expression of it. I am amazed at the corporate impact we have as a United Methodist group." In 2017, UM Day at GA will celebrate 25 years with two events.

There will be an Anniversary Celebration on January 14th and the "regular" UM Day at General Assembly on February 2nd. You are invited to join the festivities. The Celebration will be at Centenary UMC on Grace St. in Richmond, beginning with lunch at Noon and a program in the sanctuary at 1 pm. Pre-registration is necessary and you may register and pay online before Friday, January 6 for \$15. Early bird registration of \$25 by Jan 6 for the "regular" UM Day at General Assembly. Final registration deadline is Friday Jan 27 at a cost of \$35. Check the [vaumc.org](http://vaumc.org) website and watch for more information in The Advocate or contact me.

**Janice Webb, Historian**  
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**(703) 777-3316 (recorder on 5<sup>th</sup> ring)**

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### **CAMP OVERLOOK – A UMW Christmas!**

Our United Methodist Women have been invited for a Christmas Banquet and Program on Monday, **December 5, 2016** at Overlook's Blessings Lodge. Cost is \$15 which includes tax and gratuities for either lunch at noon or a meal at 6:00 PM. Menu includes Christmas Punch Bowl, Roast Beef, Buttered Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Garden Salad and Fruit Pie a-la-mode, and hot and cold beverages. Make your reservations before Nov. 28. Details are online at [www.CampOverlook.org](http://www.CampOverlook.org).

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### **Social Action**

It was good to see all of you who attended the Annual Meeting of the Winchester District United Methodist Women. This meeting is a cumulation and celebration of what our local organizations have done over the past year. When each local organization completes the Living Into Our Purpose form, it gives a summary of how your unit and its members are growing in mission giving, faith, hope, love and action.

In 2016, Poverty and Child Hunger and Human Trafficking were Social Action Priorities. Our district had twenty-five Living Into Our Purpose local units. Your involvement with your local community and your local church has created an awareness of the Poverty and Child Hunger in our local areas, especially our schools.

Human Trafficking doesn't just happen "over there", it is happening here in Virginia. It is also not just about SEX, it is also about labor related issues, a form of Modern Day Slavery. Law enforcement and other federal and global agencies are working to educate society about the myths and realities of this issue. Thank you for all you do.

Now, I must add another "priority", On **Tuesday, November 8**, voters will elect the next national president as well as local and state representatives. By exercising our right to vote we honor those who struggled and continue to struggle for this right. Pray for discernment as we stand up for the marginalized by supporting programs and policies that benefit women, children and youth.

As always, please contact me if I can be of assistance to your local organization.

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## Winchester District Mission Encounter

I want to thank those of you that worked so hard to make our September 10th Mission Encounter a wonderful experience.

Thanks also to those that enrolled in the studies that were offered. We were blessed to have wonderful Study Leaders.

Pastor Linda Lowe, Esther Barkat, Karen and James McElfish, Phyllis Blankenship and Jeraldine Ridgeway are all so very much appreciated.

We were truly blessed. The United Methodist Women of Stephens City UMC, as always, did an excellent coffee hour and lunch.

I pray God's richest blessing upon all of you as you continue in God's Great Mission.

Remember: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path. (Proverbs 3:5&6)

Join us next year on Saturday, September 9, 2017, from 9am-4pm at Stephens City UMC..

Lillian B. Sloane  
Violet Carter-Co-chairs

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### Charter for Racial Justice

Peace and Grace to all,

**The District Charter for Racial Justice** met recently, as mandated, and would like to encourage all units to become aware of the Charter for Racial Justice and put into practice what we, as United Methodist Women, have pledged to do.

Copies will be available at Zone meetings and one copy was put in each President's packet at the Annual Meeting.

At the 2016 General Conference the Charter was re-ratified. We as members of The District Committee will be happy to assist your unit in any way we can in helping you to put into action or interpret the Charter.

Blessings,

Sheila A. Smith

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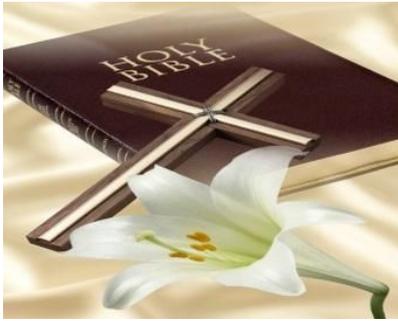
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**Children's Programs Coordinator.** Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church, Berryville, VA, is seeking a part-time Children's Program Coordinator. Email if interested, for job details. Hours: Work will be part-time, 12 – 15 hours per week, with some flexibility. Salary: Will be based on training and experience.

Contact: Len Lawson, Chair of Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, at [1970lawson@comcast.net](mailto:1970lawson@comcast.net) or Rev. Jeff Butcher at [jeffbutcher@vaumc.org](mailto:jeffbutcher@vaumc.org).

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## Spiritual Growth

Greetings to all of my sisters in Christ. Let's give Linda Borrer a great big thanks for a job well done. As we reflect on the purpose of the United Methodist Women, we are reminded what our units are. I am very pleased that four ladies from Wesley UMC has joined our United Methodist Women's Unit. We are now John Mann/Wesley UMW. We are also pleased to announce that Pastor Jean McDonald Walker has also joined our Unit. God is Good.

**Save the Date:** November 19, 2016 John Mann / Wesley UMW Prayer Brunch

### A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Dear Father  
We humbly come before you  
With grateful hearts,  
Praising you with all our being,  
For we know  
That every good and perfect gift  
Comes from you-  
the One who never changes.  
We recognize those good things,  
both large and small

With which you've blessed us.  
But we also recognize our forgetfulness  
in giving thanks each and every day.  
Forgive us in our humanity, Lord,  
May we learn to thank you for the good,  
and may we trust the evil  
To be made good by You  
For You alone are worthy  
Of our praise and thanksgiving  
Amen

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, bring peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." Melody Beattie

**Sadie P. Nelson Spiritual Growth Coordinator**  
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*"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." (Genesis 2:15)*

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HILLBORO UMC 37216 CHARLESTOWN PIKE, (HILLSBORO) PURCELLVILLE, VA 20143**

**ZONE 2 & 3 MEETING: SUN. NOVEMBER 6, 2016 1:03-5:00PM (NEW DAY/TIME),  
FRONT ROYAL UMC 1 WEST MAIN STREET, FRONT ROYAL, VA 22630**