This quarter of the Richmond District Newsletter, the WORD, is being brought to you by all the women who have come before you and blazed the trail for the Spiritual Growth, Welfare and Education of Women, Children and Youth around the world. This road was made by the efforts of organized women’s groups in the United Methodist Church and its predecessors, known now as UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. We are proudly celebrating the 150th Anniversary of our founding this year. If you have not shared the good news with members of your congregation, we hope that your unit will commit to a recognition or celebration in some form by year end.

To that goal, in July, the VA Conference UMW Mission Encounter will study Ellen Blue’s book Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission in a session of the same name. This Friday- Sunday study will be held at Smith Mountain Lake, beginning after dinner on Friday evening and ending at noon on Sunday. Two other adult studies will also be offered using the books: Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship by Janet Wolf and What About Our Money? A Faith Response by Susan K. Taylor. Mission Encounter will also offer a The Children’s Study (ages 6-12) being taken from the book MARKED: A Mission Journey with Jesus in the Gospel of Mark by Rita Hays. You choose one topic for your study. Registration for the Mission Encounter will be available on the VA Conference UMW website at vaumw.com under EVENTS soon.

The Richmond District Mini-Mission Encounter will be held in Richmond on September 14th at Beulah UMC. The Mini-Mission Encounter will be studying three topics that are presented in July but in a concentrated 3-hour, one half day format. Registration for the Mini-Mission Encounter will be published in the WORD.

Important to know: There are scholarships offered by both the UMW Conference and the UMW Richmond District for UMW Conference Events: The Spiritual Life Retreat, the Mission Encounter and the Young Women’s Retreat (18-40 yrs.). They are on a first come basis and are geared toward woman who are attending the event for the first time. Contact me for an application. We usually have carpools to these events, so share the ride and do your part for better air quality.

Thank each of you who attended the Annual Prayer Breakfast held at Shady Grove UMC in Mechanicsville. We heard from Renyatta Banks, Director of Wesley Community Service Center and Bobby Boyd, the new Camp Director of Westview on the James. Thank you Shady Grove UMW for extending such gracious hospitality and serving us a wonderful meal. We registered 111 people and collected over $900 for W.C.S.C.

See the Vice President’s article about our May 9th, “ON THE ROAD in MISSION”, bus trip to W.C.S.C., where we will commit ourselves to transforming their library and seeing the wonderful restoration that is taking place in their building.

If you are going to VA Annual Conference in Roanoke this June 19-22th, come and join us for the UWW Breakfast on Friday, June 21st. Our Guest will be Darlene Amon, former Conference UMW President and a member of the 2019 General Conference Virginia Delegation. Cost is-- $18.00 REGISTER on-line with debit /credit card at https://www.eiseverywhere.com/406158 by June 12th or by calling Scotty Doyle 804-640-5355. by June 9th. Checks payable to Roanoke UMW.

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We welcome our newest Chartered UMW Unit at Discovery UMC. Sandy Sowder is their President. Also, Happy One Year Anniversary to our Powhatan UMW sisters who in January celebrated one year since their Re-charter in 2018. How far back can you trace your unit’s history? I feel sure we have some of the oldest groups in the nation here in the Richmond area.

Thank you for your Faithfulness in Mission.

Peace,
Scotty Doyle, Richmond District UMW, President 804-640-5355  sdoyle22@verizon.net

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2019
Theme: Sisterhood of Grace

**May 3-5** Conference UMW Spiritual Life Retreat, Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Ctr, Lynchburg, VA  Leader: Rev. Dawn Marie Singleton  Registration form in this issue of WORD

**May 9** “On the Road Again” to Wesley Community Service Center, 1701 Elm Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704  Reservation due 4-12-19 Call Ruth Wilkinson to register 804-747-6493

**June 1** UMW Day at Ferrum College, 215 Ferrum Mountain Rd, Ferrum, VA 24088  Registration form in this issue of WORD

**June 19-22** Virginia Annual Conference, Roanoke, VA

**June 21** UMW Breakfast at Annual Conference, Register on line with check/credit card at [www.eiseverywhere.com/406158](http://www.eiseverywhere.com/406158) or call Scotty Doyle 804-640-5355 by June 9th,

**July 26-28** Virginia Conference Mission Encounter, 4-H Camp at Smith Mountain Lake  Registration will soon be available on line at vaumw.com under EVENTS

**Sept 14** District Mini-Mission Encounter, Beulah UMC

**Sept 13-14** Conference UMW Young Women’s Event, Camp Overlook, Keezletown, VA

**Sept 19** “On The Road Again” to The Shenandoah Valley

**Sept 28** District Annual Meeting, Worship and Praise UMC

**Oct 26** VA Conference UMW 47th Annual Meeting, Reveille UMC

**Nov 9** District Officer and Leadership Development Day, St. Luke’s UMC

**Dec 7** District Advent Service, Forest Grove UMC, Ashland, VA  Speaker: The Reverend Doctor Peter Moon
The days of this Year are going swiftly, and The Easter Celebration is almost here – we give THANKS for the meaning of 'Easter Morning'. Along with this, personally, – I wish each and everyone of you safe traveling on the roads to be with your families, friends and even vacation, ha!

Say THANKS to God for everything that happens, knowing that every step is a step towards achieving something bigger and better as we participate in the Great Message of The Lenten Season and then THE SPECIAL MESSAGE OF EASTER MORNING! Yes, our Lord and Savior conquered death through rising from the tomb and giving us that MESSAGE OF SACRIFICE & LOVE. What a glorious message of Love!! Thanks be to God. Happy Easter my friends!

Looking back to the first three months of this year, 2019, quite some special programs have happened through your participation and dedication of: Our District UMW "Day Apart"; "UMW Day at General Assembly "; "Hearts for Justice Tea"; and then “Our Prayer Breakfast” yesterday. If you missed any of these special gatherings/celebrations, YES you were missed!! Both Reneyetta Banks, Wesley Community Service Ctr. Director and Bobby Boyd, Director of Westview Camp, have come on as new directors, and we gave them our Special UMW Welcome!! We were happy to have such a wonderful attendance and participation FROM MANY OF YOU. Thanks, THANKS!!

May 3rd -5th Our Conference UMW Spiritual Life Retreat is coming up and if you have not participated before, consider going to Eagle Eyrie with us.

May 9th Our 1st ‘On The Road Again In Mission Express’ will be heading to Wesley Community Service Center and we would love to have you join us!! From travel, to work, to eating and fellowshipping together much labor is accomplished…….come join in with us!!

June 1st, UMW Day at Ferrum College

Sept 19th -PLAN NOW TO JOIN US ON OUR NEXT ‘On The Road Again In Mission’ Express as we head to The Valley of VA. Check out the flyer attached

There will be a Day Trip to work at SHALOM FARMS in late summer. You’ll be seeing that date very shortly!! I WISH TO THANK EACH OF YOU WHO HAD A PART IN OUR ‘FALL SALE OF GERANIUMS’ BY OUR UMUMR AUXILIARY that just ended and I’M SO PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE SOLD APPROXIMATELY 2100 PLANTS! YES, and MANY THANKS to all who contributed!! THANKS!!

SISTERHOOD OF GRACE
I WISH TO THANK EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION & COMMITMENT TO UNITED METHODIST WOMEN WHO ARE CELEBRATING 150 YEARS IN MISSION

If you have any comments, questions, suggestions, and joys do let me know!!

Love, Ruth Wilkinson, Vice-President - cusmile2day@hotmail.com  218-0627 4209 West End Dr. Richmond, VA   23294
Happy Easter To All

This is the first quarter statement. We sent $9,383.72 to the UMW Conference Treasurer for the first quarter.

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OUR 2019 PLEDGE TO MISSION IS $48,000.00.

This is a reminder that the quarterly remittance forms are due to the District Treasurer by the 10th of the last month of each quarter. The date for each quarter is: First Quarter March 10th, Second Quarter June 10th, Third Quarter September 10th, and Fourth Quarter December 10th.

You can give to candle burning any time during the year. Later during the year you will receive a deadline for candle burning in September.

You can become a rainbow giver anytime during the year for $60.00. This is a second mile giving an individual can do and qualify your unit as a five star status in Mission Giving. However, this should be in addition to units becoming a five or six star unit.

The form along with your check is given to your unit treasurer who passes it on to the District Treasurer, Rosa Lewis, 829 Old Denny Street, Richmond, VA 23231.

If you want to receive your Rainbow Giver pin at the district annual meeting in September, you might want to consider becoming a rainbow giver before August 31.

I have mission cards for sale; Gift in Memory, On Your Special Day, In Loving Memory, The Birth of a New Baby, Happy Birthday, Merry Christmas, A Special Day, Congratulations, Thinking of You, In the Service of Christ, and Thank You. The cards are $5.00 each or $50.00 a pack. Yeah, the cards are a little costly, but the proceeds from the cards go directly to the UMW Conference Treasurer for Mission Giving.

AMD = Administration and Membership Development. Each local unit is asked to give 3.00 per UMW member. It would be helpful and appreciated if you would give to AMD the first half of the year, but that is not a set deadline. You can give throughout the year.

If you have any questions, please call me at 804-222-8480 or send me an e-mail at olddenny@verizon.net.

Rosa Lewis, District Treasurer, Peace and Love
As I write this the window for the 2018 UMW Census has closed, and all units in the Richmond District have been contacted and asked to submit their responses. Based on your calls and emails it looks like most of you were able to complete this task on time. While it’s simplest for units to complete the census on line on their own schedule, I really enjoyed getting to talk a few units without internet access through the process, while I entered their data for them. Each time I learned how devoted to mission and nurture of members even the smallest units can be! Be proud of your accomplishments!

Later this spring I will have one more chance to make additions and corrections to the Richmond District entries, so please feel free to contact me if you were not able to meet the deadline, and we can complete a questionnaire.

I can be reached at kbdictor@gmail.com, or by telephone at 804-932-3247 or 804-389-2491.

Finally, many of you expressed an interest in the young women in your church who are not yet "members." The Virginia Conference Young Women's Event is an ideal way to reach out to them. Designed for women 18-40, this year’s theme is "The Year of God's Women", featuring the Reverend Genevieve Bowles. Could there be a more timely theme? Save the date: September 13-14, 2019 at beautiful Camp Overlook Retreat Center in Keezletown, VA, near Harrisonburg and Massanutten. Consider sponsoring one or two of your young women, or look into the District scholarship.

Blessing and thanks for all you do in mission,

Kathy Dictor, Richmond District UMW Membership Nurture and Outreach

Ordering books for Mission Encounter:

As many are aware Mission Resources has changed how they are doing their daily business. We can no longer have books on consignment and must pay for shipping. Therefore we are offering pre order for Mission Encounter Study Books:

— Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship
— Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission
— What About Our Money? A Faith Response
— MARKED: A Mission Journey with Jesus In the Gospel of Mark (Childrens Study)

All Mission Study Books are $10. There is a DVD for Women Mission Study for $14.

You may preorder any of these by April 10th for pick up at the Spiritual Life Retreat or by July 3rd for pick up at Mission Encounter. You may pay for the books at the event. Please provide pick up info If someone other than yourself will be picking up for you at the Spiritual Life Retreat. There will be a very limited number of books available for purchase at Mission Encounter, therefore, it is essential that if you know you are attending Mission Encounter and need a study book that a pre-order is placed.

Pre-order by calling (757)871-1459 or texting me at same number or emailing at jeanette.yoh@gmail.com.

Jeanette Yoh
SPR, Virginia Conference
We’re United Methodists. That means we have all kinds of connections to one another. Within UMW that surely is true. One recent Richmond District example is combining the UMW 2018-2020 campaign “End Maternal Mortality” with this year’s “Hearts for Justice” program. We used the UMW handout “Maternal and Child Health” to discover that African American women in the U.S. are 3-5 times more likely to die of pregnancy-related complications than white women. We viewed the documentary “When the Bough Breaks,” which uses research findings to support the conclusion that the negative impact of racism, in the form of chronic stress, over the lifetime of African American female children from birth through their child-bearing years, whether they live in poverty or are successful professionals, is a root cause of their higher rates of pre-term birth and infant mortality rates. These are higher rates than white women who haven’t finished high school or Black women who migrated here from other countries. The film shows “how a lifetime of exposures to racism can literally get inside the body and affect the health of our newborns.” [“Unnatural Causes” episode overview]

After viewing the film, in table groups, we had brief discussion. I’ll share below varied comments about two questions:

What was surprising?
▲ The U.S. ranks so poorly in maternal deaths compared to other countries.
▲ African American participants identified with the ever-present reality of chronic stress because of their race. For example, this comment: “Stress is always present because you don’t know how you will be welcomed.”
▲ Had been totally unaware of that type of racism. Have experienced the stress of being female in male-dominated field and being a stranger in another country, but this is not comparable to the daily experience of African Americans.
▲ Caused some viewers to think about “white privilege.”
▲ The research finding that a white person with a felony charge is more apt to get an interview than a person of color with a clean record.
▲ Were not aware.
▲ Were touched by seeing the preemies shown in the film.
▲ Surprised that, in only one generation, African immigrants had the same poor rate of birth outcomes as those whose African American families had been in the U.S. for generations.

What was challenging?
▲ Curious about the demographics of the statistics; there could be regional differences.
▲ Prenatal care must be a factor. Could there be a cultural bias against using prenatal services?
▲ Just seems like there should be some genetic link to the statistics.
▲ There was limited conversation about “differential treatment,” but not time for a full discussion.
▲ Life in this country is stressful for everyone.
▲ A personal observation that elementary school children generally don’t make an issue of skin color – that’s a good sign.

If you’re interested in information about the magazine articles referenced above, or scheduling a viewing at a local unit meeting (or gathering of a couple of units), contact our district president, Scotty Doyle, or me and we’ll help make that happen.

Wenda Singer
Mission Coordinator for Social Action

*Following the Hearts for Justice program, I discovered a maternal mortality article in the January 2019 issue of National Geographic.*
Happy Easter! This year, the Resurrection story of love and grace resonates with me more powerfully than ever, because as I prepare this article for the WORD, I am also preparing my brother’s memorial service. My younger brother Isaac died unexpectedly, and as our family is slowly getting over the shock, we are comforted by the knowledge that he is with Jesus and all our loved ones who have gone before. Isaac loved to make people smile, and everyone in his apartment building told us how friendly he was to everyone. He never met a stranger, and his life is an example of reaching out to people who may just need to see a smile and hear a friendly greeting. In the larger scheme of things, these may seem minor, but they really aren’t, are they? When we greet a stranger, aren’t we acting as Jesus did? When we serve others, as Isaac did in his local homeless ministry, aren’t we serving Jesus and seeing him in those in need?

We are indeed the hands and feet of Jesus as we go about our mission work in his name. I am resolving to follow my brother’s example to reach out to others, not just when it’s convenient, but also when it’s not, as he was known to do. We do get tired sometimes, but Jesus gives us the strength we need to continue in his name.

Please remember to use our “Living Into Our Purpose” to inspire you and your unit as you serve in mission. The form can be found in previous issues of the WORD, our 2019 District Yearbook or at https://www.vaumw.com/conference/education-interpretation/ The completed forms are due to me by August 15 for recognition at the District Annual Meeting in September.

Save the dates for the 2019 Mission Encounter at the 4-H Center at Smith Mountain Lake, July 26-28. Details are coming.

Blessings,

Barbara Tuttle

Btuttle48@verizon.net

804-271-2289
Dear Sisters,

It's getting close to the date for our 1st 2019 Trip, this year we're headed to Wesley Community Service Center. Yes, we are excited to join with them in celebrating the arrival of their new Director and assist with hands on service.

This is a Thursday, and we hope many of you who have stated previously if it's a weekend you could not go. NOW, we have selected a Thursday and we hope you will join us in giving service at our only National Mission in Virginia.

Renyatta Banks is their new Executive Director and we are so happy to welcome her as our guest speaker to our “Prayer Breakfast” at Shady Grove UMC on April 6th. The offering for the morning will go to their need to purchase safety doors for their facility. Also, we are welcoming Bobby Boyd as our new Camp Director at Westview on the James.

We welcome all teenagers, women and men to join us in service. For our trip, Renyatta has asked that anyone who has working gloves, to bring them along and old cloths for polishing. Spread the word, and hope YOU will come along too!! There will be jobs you can do sitting. If any questions, please e-mail or call me.

Our next “On The Road Again In Mission”, Express will take us to the Valley of VA on September 19th. Mission stops include: Camp Overlook, Cedar Grove UMC, RISE-Faith Community (JMU), Kingsway Prison & Family Outreach, and Basic UMC-Hispanic Ministry. More will be coming out shortly on this mission outreach, along with our 2 local trips to “Shalom Farms” & “Westview On The James” Camp.

With God's Blessings of Love & Hope to all,

Ruth Wilkinson, Vice President
cusmile2day@hotmail.com or (804 218-0627)
Richmond District

‘ON THE ROAD AGAIN IN MISSION’ Express

May 9th, 2019

To

Wesley Community Service Center,
Portsmouth

Mission Emphasis for WCSC: Bleach; “Awesome Cleaner”; “Fabuloso” Cleaner; Large Trash bags; Window Cleaner; Paper Towels; Towel Tissue; Gift cards for Food Lion and/or Wal-Mart; Mop and Glow; and Love and Prayers.

8:00AM Leave Bon Air UMC, 1645 Buford Rd, Richmond
8:30AM Leave Skipwith UMC, 2211 Skipwith Rd
9:00AM Leave Shady Grove UMC, 8209 Shady Grove Rd.
10:45AM Arrive Wesley Community Service Center

Introduction
Various Hands-On projects
Lunch

3:15PM Leave Wesley Community Service Center
4:30PM - 5:30PM Continue the morning projects

Supper - Memorial UMC, Charles City Ct Hse
Shady Grove UMC Skipwith
UMC Bon Air
UMC

Trip includes: transportation; insurance; lunch; dinner; gratuity & our UMW spirit!!!

Cost - $70.00

1st payment April 12th $45.00 or $70.00

2nd payment May 1st $25.00 (balance- if not previously paid)

Checks payable to Richmond District UMW
SEND TO Ruth Wilkinson, 4209 West End Dr., Richmond, VA 23294
Ferrum College UMW Day
Saturday June 1, 2019
Living the Vision

“Only because of the strong leadership, executive abilities and vision of a few Methodist Women who were organized for mission work did the roots of Ferrum College begin here.”
- Ethel W Borne “Because They Had Vision...United Methodist Women & Ferrum College, The First 100 Years”

“The kind of education that has the power to transform is the kind that gets its hands dirty, the kind that digs into the challenges of our world.”
- Dr. David Johns, President Ferrum College

Live the Vision as we gather and celebrate Ferrum College United Methodist Women’s Day. This year’s program will feature Ferrum College Praise Band along with stories from our students and a glimpse of Ferrum College’s future. All of this followed by a delicious lunch in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountain Room.

$17
Covers program and lunch; please register by May 15

Bring an item representing your UMW unit to add to our creative altar space

9:30 am   Vaughn Chapel   Registration, continental breakfast, music by Ferrum College Praise Band
10:15 am   Vaughn Chapel   Living the Vision
12:00 pm   Franklin Hall   Lunch

Name(s) [use back as necessary ]_____________________________________________
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Total number ________
Registration $__________
Housing $__________

Make Checks payable to:
Ferrum College
Ferrum College UMW Day
c/o Rev. Dr. Jan Nicholson Angle

For more information
Ferrum College Spiritual Life Office
540-365-4285

Please note any attendees with special dietary needs such as gluten free, vegetarian, vegan, lactose free, sugar free.  PLEASE USE BACK AS NECESSARY
Rev. Dawn-Marie Singleton, Retreat Leader

Rev. Dawn-Marie Singleton is the Pastor of Oakton United Methodist Church in Oakton, Virginia. She is an ordained elder of the Virginia Annual Conference and has served churches in the Alexandria, Winchester, (former) Portsmouth, Harrisonburg and Arlington districts. She graduated with her BA in English from Atlantic Christian College, now Barton College, in 1990. She received her Masters of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity School, Duke University in 1994. She has a daughter, Sarah-Grace, whom she adopted from Russia in 2008. Dawn-Marie enjoys scrapbooking, writing, swimming and reading. Her favorite past-time is spending time with daughter.

MISSION EMPHASIS FOR RETREAT: Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth, the only national United Methodist Women project in VA, needs gift cards in any amount from Food Lion or Walmart. The cards allow the Center to offer assistance for food or pharmacy items. Please bring a gift card(s) to the retreat.

OTHER ITEMS TO BRING TO RETREAT: Bible, pen/pencil, paper, appropriate clothing for warmth or coolness, umbrella, comfortable shoes, and cash or checks for offering/ice cream social and the LOGO ITEMS.

NOTE: Lodging is in the Cedar Crest hotel and Voight Center. See the website at http://eagleeyrie.org/accommodations.
May 3 – 5, 2019
Spiritual Life Retreat
Virginia Conference United Methodist Women

Registration Deadline: April 24, 2019
1243, 778-315-6897, Vivianw@frontporch.net
Church: 2411 E. Parkway Ave., Flora, VA 23844
Virginia Conference United Methodist Women to host the Retreat.
Mail registration form and check for the total amount, payable to

Total for Day Registration Required:

$00.00 Sunday lunch $00.00
$00.00 Sunday dinner $00.00
$00.00 Saturday lunch $00.00
$00.00 Saturday dinner $00.00
$00.00 Friday lunch $00.00
$00.00 Friday dinner $00.00
$00.00 Total Registration Fee Plus Cost of Meals:

$200.00 Registration Fee

Note: Above prices do include room, meals, and registration fee.

Total for overnight registration required:

$150.00 Saturday night (includes Friday night)
$185.00 Sunday night
$185.00 Friday night

Overnight attendance: please check-in when you will arrive.

Room Assignment: def (name)

Any condition requiring special room assignment, def (name)

Are you a first timer? Yes No

Are you a woman over 18? Yes No

Teen’s Name: Grade Roommate(s)

Phone Email

City State Zip

Lunch: Tuesday, April 9, 2019
12:30 p.m.
11:15 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
10:15 a.m.
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Dinner: Thursday, April 11, 2019
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The Retreat Program begins officially on Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

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Corrections to the 2019 District Yearbook

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United Methodist Women Conference Executive Committee Elected Officers 2019-2020:

Secretary      Dottie Thompson      Email: datgirl1019@gmail.com
Spiritual Growth    Melissa White       Email: Mel49white@yahoo.com
Chair, Committee on Nominations (Class of 2019)  Nancy Yarborough  Phone: (757)877-2155

Virginia Conference United Methodist Women Scholarships

Scholarship funds listed below are offered by the United Methodist Women and are available to women and youth who would like to apply by the **deadline date**. Applications are available from your District President/ Treasurer, Conference Treasurer and online at vaumw.org

Katherine Kyle Memorial Scholarship Fund established 1993

This scholarship is awarded annually to a woman or youth for scholarship assistance for school tuition, short-term mission work or other as recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Executive Committee preceding the Annual Meeting. Application forms are available from the district president and must be submitted to the Conference Treasurer by **October 1**.

Carroll Palmer Estate Fund established 1984

It is stipulated that the income shall be used ½ for needy children and that ½ be used for educational materials (scripture portions, bibles, etc. in India and elsewhere where the need it greatest.) Written applications for grants must be submitted to the Conference Treasurer by **October 1** and shall include the following information: name and nature of the project, amount requested and how it shall be used, name of person or institution requesting the grant, and complete contact information. Recommendations shall be submitted by the Finance Committee to the Executive committee for approval.

Linda Borr
VA Conference UMW Treasurer
849 Grim Road, Stephens City, VA. 22655
Linda.borr1@gmail.com
(540) 868-1497 or cell (540) 664-5912
**Mt Pisgah UMW** has 60 members making up 3 circles, one night time & 2 day. For fund raisers we serve Ruritan dinners and sell pecans. This money makes it possible to cover our mission responsibilities as well as giving scholarships to members attending district trips and meetings. Our local activities include: gifts to our college students, prayer shawl ministry, adopting an elementary school to help the teachers, supporting a prison ministry, and puppet ministry in public and private schools, as well as supporting our church activities to reach out into the community.

**Asbury United Methodist Church** – **Church Hill**

324 N. 29th St.

Richmond, VA 23223

Membership: 15 women with 8 being active

Meetings: 2nd Saturday of each month at 2:00 pm. (except July and August)

Various Fundraising events we have sponsored to help accomplish our Mission Goals.

- Fashion Show
- Soiree
- Fish Dinner
- Hat Show
- Mystery Dinner Theatre
- Pianist Concert
- Paint Party
- Black History Program

We have sponsored many non-fundraising events for example giving needy families a Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket.

We have volunteered in several capacities with one example being preparing and serving meals to the needy at Centenary UMC six times a year.

We have done many other things to promote the mission for UMW and have enjoyed it all.
Greetings,

Since 1937, the Wesley Community Service Center has played a vital role in the lives of the residents of Portsmouth’s Southside. Historically, the agency has housed pre-school, and after-school programs for the youth living in Portsmouth’s Southside. We pride ourselves on our fostered relationships with parents and community organizations which has aided to our documented success. Because of these relationships we are able to service over 300 residents each month.

As we move forward, it is our desire to maintain and enhance our programming. We currently have the following programs:

- After school tutoring/Summer STEM
- Food Pantry
- Meals on Wheels
- Clothing Closet
- Male Mentorship
- Women Empowerment

We are also in the process of finalizing the paperwork to partner with the Portsmouth Department of Health for the Teen Outreach Program (TOP). The TOP program is scheduled to be implemented at the Wesley April 2019.

Our plan is to utilize our available building space which includes our 8 station computer lab which has been donated to us for this purpose. We are requesting a donation that will be used for programming. Along with our staff we have a host of dedicated volunteers and board members who are committed to helping our community succeed.

For your convenience.... here is the GO FUND ME LINK

https://www.gofundme.com/Wesley-Community-Service-Center?sharetype=teams&member=495690&rcid=r01-155224463205-60aa0bf3bf98404b&pc=ot_co_campmgmt_w

Thanks in advance for your support,

Renyatta L. Banks
Executive Director

Great Things are Happening at the Wesley Center
2019 RICHMOND DISTRICT MINI-MISSION ENCOUNTER
"150 YEARS IN MISSION"

DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH
PLACE: BEULAH UMC
COST: $4.00

THREE MISSION STUDIES - CHOOSE ONE:

1. GOSPEL OF MARK (RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP)
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3. ISSUE STUDY: WHAT ABOUT OUR MONEY

SCHEDULE:
8:30-9 A.M. -
REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
9 - 9:30 A.M. - PROGRAM
9:30 - 12:30 - STUDY GROUPS

MORE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFO COMING OUT SOON!

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Young Women's Event
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