



The Purpose

Winchester District
United Methodist Women on a Mission

OCTOBER 2018(LAST MAILED HARD COPY)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

October 27, 2018- Saturday - **Virginia UMW 46th Conference Annual Meeting**
Chestnut Memorial UMC, Newport News, VA

November 3, 2018-Saturday- **ZONE I Meeting** 9:00-1:00, Leesburg UMC
November 10, 2018-Saturday- **ZONE II & III Meeting** 9:00-1:00, Marshall UMC

We now have a Facebook Page : **UWM.Winc.VA**

The Facebook Page is a closed site for the use of all local units. Some items to consider are the posting of events, ride sharing, book reports, book sharing, photos of Units events. Please ask all your members to **LIKE US!**

We have a spot on the **Winchester District Web** page.

On the Web Page you now have access to District Forms, Names of Officers, Date's of Events and Links to National and Conference sites.



FROM THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Crisp mornings, warm and gentle afternoons and cool evenings were they a figment of our imagination? Well maybe for a while, however it seems maybe fall is arriving and as we move into our autumn routines we look forward to our District United Methodist Women programs and events. We have just celebrated our District Annual Meeting, meeting our new District Superintendent and having Dr. Karen McElfish, Conference Vice-President share with us important information from the Council of Bishops and the Commission on the Way Forward. Dr. McElfish helped us understand what processes and options are facing the called General Conference in February 2019.

Our Annual Meeting is a time to honor and remember those who have gone before us, women who have been our mentors, friends and sisters. We also had a time of remembrance as we held our candle burning service. The Annual Meeting is a time to honor, celebrate and reflect on the accomplishments and challenges of the year.

Earlier in the fall we had our District Mission Encounter. This is an opportunity for those who cannot attend the conference event to participate in a mission study. The studies offered at the conference encounter are offered at the district event with the same instructors. Encourage your members to make this event a part of their Mission program.

Our year is not yet complete as we look forward to our zone meetings held on Nov. 3, at Leesburg UMC and Nov.10, at Marshall UMC. There will be food, fellowship, worship, work and a time to share with your sisters...looking forward to another year of mission and ministry as United Methodist Women.

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

Blessings, Carolyn

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SOCIAL ACTION

For everything there is a season—in nature. Fall has arrived and with it a new year for United Methodist Women. All the reports have been filed, numbers have been tallied, certificates have been awarded, officers have been installed and now we are planning for our 150th Anniversary in 2019.

For everything there is a season –in life. My term as Social Action Coordinator for the Winchester District is coming to an end. I want to thank you for the opportunity and privilege of serving you for the past four years. During this time social issues and concerns have been in the spotlight for our nation, our world and our church.

United Methodist Women have been involved in issues on poverty, women's rights, voting rights, wage thief, climate change, healthcare, mass incarceration, immigration, human trafficking, racial injustice to name a few. Your local units have studied issues on human sexuality, wholeness, sustainability. You have invited speakers to learn more about human trafficking, domestic violence, needs of our children in schools.

Our priorities continue to be Economic Inequality, Climate Justice, Criminalization of Communities of Color, Maternal and Child Health.

Along with learning opportunities, remember that because we support women and children around the world, United Methodist Women members are preaching the gospel. Working together we can make a difference in our community, nation and the world.

Join me in a warm welcome for Rita Biggs, our new Social Action Coordinator.

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SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES

This is the web link on the Conference website. You can download a PDF on 2013-2018 books on the reading and the reading log. <https://www.vaumw.com/ckonference/program-resource> Reports due September 2, 2018

Janice Schaeffer - District Program Resource Secretary email: Tampayaya2@aol.com.

Spiritual Growth

Greetings and Happy Fall!

Several of our District United Methodist Women from various churches attended the Mission Encounter held July 28-30 at Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center. The weekend was a busy one, chocked full of learning through participation in our small group sessions. The devotional time, activities, and group fellowship with old acquaintances and ones kept us involved and engaged. Our District attendees were on the go from sun up to sun down, but enjoyed our time there.

As we have moved into the final months of 2018, I hope you have taken advantage of the opportunities to share with your sister United Methodist Women in this year's District and Conference mission and spiritual growth events. I hope these session have enriched your lives with spiritual blessings and stoked your desire to keep your mission-oriented hearts and minds engaged in assisting those persons who need our help and the causes we support that do this.

The fall is often the time that many of us start thinking about the traditional "harvest time" and the need to give thanks. Thanksgiving is that time when many of us reflect upon the blessings we have received and enjoyed during the past year. Some look to share that abundance with others, even if it only for a day. Thoughts then naturally turn toward the Advent season and the joys of remembering and celebrating the miracle of our Savior's birth. We remember the love and hope God bestowed upon the world with the gift of His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

"Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness." 2 Corinthians 9:10

Food for Thought...

Cultivate the presence of God by spending time with Him each day. Seek His wisdom and guidance through prayer. Study His word to expand your spiritual knowledge. Serve Him and do His will to receive His grace, mercy, and favor. Thank Him, continually.

Blessings. Angela Lane, email: angln46@comcast.net, ph 703.298.4068

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

1982 was a year of celebration for United Methodist Women in the Virginia Conference. As plans were considered, they wanted to involve as many members as possible. The idea of a book containing ORIGINAL WORKS by the members came into being. They felt that there was much to be shared through poems, prayers, devotions, music and art. The committee received over 1,000 entries. The book was titled Virginia Originals. The book was so popular that there were two printings. Many local women chose this avenue to express their creative gifts. They ask for a second book. In 1990, 700 entries were received and weeded by a new committee. Virginia Originals...Too was published. Twenty-five years later, entries were again requested and Virginia Originals - Silver was published. I have all three books. Winchester District women have made many contributions. If you are interested in having one, please contact me. Blessings, Janice

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FROM YOUR DISTRICT TREASURER

Just a few reminders:

*The deadline for your 4th quarter remittance is December 8. Please do your best to meet it.

*Re district pledge: We are 3/4 through the year, and we have met almost 3/4 of our goal -- 70.8% to be precise. Thank you, ladies! Wouldn't it be great if by year's end we were 100%?

*Re unit pledges: If you haven't yet turned in your unit's pledge for 2019, please let me know soon what it will be.

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Membership Nurture and Outreach (MNO)

Greetings,

At our District Annual Meeting on September 24rd, we remembered 20 of our United Methodist Women members that passed away during the period Sep 1, 2017 to Aug 31, 2018. I know that each of those ladies will be missed by her unit/circle and by her other UMW sisters.

I hope that our District membership increases in 2018, will outweigh our losses.

The end of 2018 brings to close my position as the District MNO coordinator. I have enjoyed my tenure in the MNO position these past three years and working with all of the unit Presidents or others to complete the membership related reports and other activities.

The 2019 elected MNO coordinators are Pauline Skiles and Linda Whitacre. I know these two ladies will pick up the mantle and likely will do even greater things. I wish them well in their new role of service as they take on this job supporting the District Executive committee.

Pauline / Linda will initiate the next communication/email for completing the 2018 End of Year Membership Report. The Membership Report form was in the units' packet from the Sep Annual Meeting. I encourage you to take time in Dec/Jan to jot down the names and number of your unit members for your 2018 End of Year Membership Report covering Jan 1, 2018 to Dec 31, 2018; *which is due late Jan*. Remember, the starting number reported for Jan 1, 2018 should be the same ending number as Dec 31, 2017. Noting member names now will make it easy to report your numbers in Jan 2019 with great accuracy and no one forgotten.

For my last closing comment, let's keep each other, our leadership, and all our local circles and units in prayer with a renewed commitment to our mission, our membership and growth and staying strong and motivated to continue do God's work. Go, seek, and nurture new members.

Blessings. Angela Lane, email: angln46@comcast.net, ph 703.298.4068

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Linda Whitacre, email: lindawhitcre501@comcast.net

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EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

Happy fall y'all! I hope you are able to take a moment or two to enjoy our Lords landscape. He is the master of color at this time of year! I'm happy to report that we had a little over 70 percent completion of our Living into Purpose forms this year!! There were 18 gold star, 4 silver and 2 bronze units. Lets shoot for 90 percent in 2019!! I think we can do it together! It's never too early to start working on your forms for next year.

Continue to collect box tops and stamps . A little goes a long way! I hope everyone has a wonderful season!!

Love to all, Norma O'Donnell

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NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Our Nominations Committee wishes to thank those ladies who have agreed to take positions on the UMW Winchester District Executive Board for the upcoming year. A thank you to our members and others who gave of their time and efforts to make those connections for the newest positions that have been filled.

Positions Filled our: Secretary: Mary Strosnider, Treasurer: Dawn Sullivan, Membership Nurture and Outreach: Pauline Skiles and Linda Whitacre, Social Action: Rita Biggs, Zone II Leader: Phoebe West

"I remain confident of this; I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living" Psalm 27:13

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

"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)

Winchester Unted Methodist Women are 'going Green'. This is the last printed newsletter that will be mailed out, goingd forward you will recived your newsletter via email. Please take time to print copies and mail or deliver in person to those who do not use email. Future newsletters will be on our Facebook page or the District web site.

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