



# The Purpose

Winchester District  
United Methodist Women on a Mission

**JULY 2017**

## Winchester District Mission Encounter

An opportunity to learn about being partners in God's global mission and to grow spiritually through study and worship. (flyer enclosed)

**Saturday September 9, 2017--Cost \$17.00**

**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Stephens City UMC, 5291 Main Street, Stephens City, VA 22655**

Registration deadline August 25, 2017: Judy T. Smith, 567 Shady Creek Road, Clear Brook, VA 22624.

Phone: 540.667.0836 -- Checks payable to: Winchester District United Methodist Women - \$17.00

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 19, 2017 - Saturday 4 p.m. and Auction at 6 p.m.

The UMW and Men participate in the Fairview UMC Annual Yard Party and Auction.  
Chicken or Ham Dinners and homemade ice cream.

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August 26, 2017 - Saturday 10:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Cluster Meeting (unit officers encouraged to attend)

To share ideas with UMW units in Staunton, Harrisonburg & Winchester Districts  
Asbury UMC 205 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801 (contact Carolyn Woodrum to carpool)

September 9, 2017 - Saturday - District Mission Encounter, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Stephens City UMC [5291 Main Street, Stephens City, VA 22655](#)

September 15-16, 2017 Young Woman's Retreat, Camp Overlook, Keezletown, VA

September 24, 2017 - Sunday- **District Annual Meeting** 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Special Event: a Silent Auctions to support the perpetration of the Legacy Fund  
Grace UMC, 7882 Main Street, Middletown, VA 22645

October 8, 2017 - Sunday - Executive Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Hosted by Zone II - John Mann/Wesley Cooperative Parish  
527 Van Fossen St. Winchester, VA 22601

October 28, 2017 - Saturday - Virginia UMW Conference, Annual Meeting, (details to come)

Trinity UMC, Richmond, VA

### Zone Meetings

November 4, 2017 - Saturday - Zone 1 - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Mt. Zion -Leesburg UMC, 12 North Street, Leesburg, VA 20176

November 11, 2017 - Saturday - Zone 2 & 3 - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Burnt Factory UMC, 1943 Jordan Springs Road, Stephenson, VA 22656

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## FROM THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT

As I sit down to write this article, I let my thoughts go to the activities each of us become involved in during these hot summer days. Many have been involved in Vacation Bible School, church picnics and family fun activities. Some of us spent a few days at Annual Conference, a renewing and spiritual experience. Some of us are greeting new pastors and saying good bye to others. It is a season of growth, reflection and change.

United Methodist Women are celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by strengthening and passing on it's mission inheritance with the **Legacy Fund**. At a conference Annual Meeting a couple of years ago we held a very successful and fun silent auction to raise money for the fund. All the districts have been challenged to do an auction or other event to continue interest and funding. The results of our efforts will be shared at our Conference Annual Meeting in late October. I am suggesting that we do a **silent auction** at our **District Annual Meeting**, September 24, 2017 at Grace UMC, Middletown. Each unit on the district could contribute to the auction with a basket, restaurant gift certificate, salon gift certificate, food item(s), or even a service, such as driving someone to necessary appointments. I am excited about the possibilities of what we can do and of all the creative, fun things we can have at our auction.....great shopping possibilities!! Please participate and help United Methodist Women continue the great legacy that a few visionary women had 150 years ago to reach out in mission to women, children and youth in need

Peace and Love,

**Carolyn Woodrum, Winchester District United Methodist Women President**

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email: [Carolyn.Woodrum@icloud.com](mailto:Carolyn.Woodrum@icloud.com) or [CayRay36@aol.com](mailto:CayRay36@aol.com)

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## SOCIAL ACTION

It is hard to believe that we have just celebrated July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Just a few months ago we held the District Spring Event at Crums UMC. Thank you to all of you who attended. The speakers, Karen McElfish and Sue Boltz, led us in looking at what community looks like and gave us background on the Charter for Racial Justice.

I encourage each unit to review and discuss the "Because we believe" statements as well as the "Therefore" statements from the Charter for Racial Justice hand-out that was given to each attendee at the Spring Event.

Your local units have been very busy. Many are working with the homeless, providing food for children over the week-ends and during summer vacation, and learning how to recognize and combat human trafficking. I look forward to hearing more about your accomplishments at the District Annual meeting in September. Also, please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 9, 2017 for the District Mission Encounter. More information is available in this newsletter.

Please let me know how I can be of assistance to you and your local units.

**Judy T. Smith, Winchester District United Methodist Women Social Action Coordinator**

email: [forrest@visuallink.com](mailto:forrest@visuallink.com)

Phone: 540-667-0836 or 540-539-2566

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## MISSION ENCOUNTER

Greetings,

I pray summer is going well with all of you.

It has been awfully hot and dry where I am, but I am thankful for each day.

I have been reminding you to save the date, **Saturday, September 9, 2017** for our District Mission Encounter at Stephens City UMC in Stephens City, VA. We are excited that the date is fast approaching.

You will find in this Newsletter all the information you will need for registration. Please be sure to share this form with your church family and other friends.

We are blessed to have Study Leaders that are the same ones that are a part of the conference Mission Encounter. Please register early so that you can get the study you want as your first choice.

Don't forget to order your study book in advance. This is an opportunity to study current issues impacting society, meet new friends, see old friends and share a delicious meal together.

Oh, I almost forgot. The Plenary, presented by Joanna Dietz, Minister of Missions Service, Braddock Street UMW, will be an inspiring and a wonderful way to start the day.

Thanks to the Mission Encounter Committee for making this event possible on our district.

SEE YOU There!

**Lillian B Sloane and Violet Carter, Co-Chairs    Phone: 540-635-2623    lsloane@centurylink.net**

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## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Greetings,

Summer finally caught up with us. As I write this article, I've just returned from the VA Methodist Conference. I'm sure those who attended will agree with me that it was an amazing experience. Bishop Sharma Lewis is a wonderful motivational and spiritual leader. If we follow her lead, we will accomplish great things.

We began by attending the Zone I Executive Meeting Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, hosted by, Mount Zion UMC in Hamilton, VA. Next on our calendar is the 2017 Virginia Conference, Mission Encounter that will be held on July 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. This year, Mission Encounter will take place at the Bon Air UMC in Richmond. Accommodations are available at the Holiday Inn Express. Registration for this event closes on July 15<sup>th</sup>. It is suggested that you purchase your study book early.

Events coming up this fall include our District Mission Encounter on September 9, 2017 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at Stephens City UMC. Registration for this event is \$17. Don't forget the Conference Young Women's Retreat at Camp Overlook on September 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Our District Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m-5:00 p.m, at Grace UMC in Middletown. Finally, Zone II will be hosting an Executive Committee Meeting on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-5:00 PM, hosted by John Mann/Wesley Cooperative Parish at Wesley UMC , 527 Van Fossen Street, Winchester, VA 22601.

Please attend our meetings and events so that we can learn from each other how we can better serve women, children, and youth.

In Christian Love,

**Jeraldine Ridgway, Vice President**

**Phone: 540-635-5483**

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**SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES**

The 2016-2017 Reading Program is coming to a close. For books to count in the program they must be read by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Reading reports from the Program Resources Secretary are due on or before September 8<sup>th</sup>. I have enclosed a copy of the report for your convenience. As always please contact me with any questions.

**Patty Moran, District Program Resource Secretary (the Book Lady)**  
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**READING PROGRAM REPORT  
 DUE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2017**

**FROM** (NAME OF UNIT) \_\_\_\_\_ **UMW**      **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER OF PERSON MAKING REPORT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL NUMBER OF READING PROGRAM BOOKS READ BY MEMBERS OF YOUR UNIT AND ANY OTHER OTHER ADULTS IN YOUR CHURCH (YES, THEY COUNT TOO!) BETWEEN 9/1/16 AND 8/31/17 \_\_\_\_\_ (THIS TOTAL SHOULD NOT INCLUDE BOOKS READ BY CHILD READERS)**

**PLEASE LIST BELOW THE NAMES OF ALL THOSE WHO COMPLETED A PROGRAM PLAN. SCHOOL OF MISSION STUDY BOOKS FROM 2012 TO 2017 COUNT AS WELL.**

<b>NAME NO. OF READER (PLEASE PRINT)</b>	<b>COMPLETED BOOKS READ</b>	<b>PLAN # (I,II,III,OR IV)</b>	<b>DID YOU READ RESPONSE? (YES/NO)</b>	<b>DID YOU READ NEW WORLD OUTLOOK? (YES/NO)</b>
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*PLEASE LIST ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE THE NAMES OF OTHERS INCLUDING CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATED BY READING ONE OR MORE BOOKS FROM THE READING LIST BUT DID NOT COMPLETE A PLAN, AND INDICATE THE NUMBER OF BOOKS READ. THIS NUMBER SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN YOUR TOTAL ABOVE, EXCLUDING BOOKS READ BY CHILDREN.*

**TWO LAST QUESTIONS: DID EVERY MEMBER OF YOUR UNIT PARTICIPATE IN THE READING PROGRAM?** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW MANY SUBSCRIPTIONS TO RESPONSE DO YOUR MEMBERS AND/OR UNIT HAVE?** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION WILL BE GIVEN TO UNITS WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF READERS, THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF BOOKS READ, FOR 100% UNIT PARTICIPATION AND FOR THE GREATEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF READERS**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO ME BY SEPTEMBER 8, 2017: PATTY MORAN, 27 S. BERLIN PIKE, LOVETTSVILLE, VA 20180 OR EMAIL IT TO [PJMORAN1948@COMCAST.NET](mailto:pjmoran1948@comcast.net)**

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**FROM YOUR DISTRICT TREASURER**

**Third quarter remittances are due September 8**

This is the quarter to complete all the requirements to be a 5- or 6-star unit. Tie a string around your finger, tape a note to the table where you eat, do whatever it takes to PLEASE put that form (and check) in the mail in time for me to get it by September 8<sup>th</sup>!

\*Remember, 5- and 6-star unit status is not calculated on a calendar year basis; rather, it is based on mission giving from September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2017. So whatever mission giving categories you have given to during that time frame count!

\*5- and 6-star units will be recognized at the district annual meeting in September.

**Rainbow Giver deadline is August 10**

If you send this in with your 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter remittance, it will be too late! It must be in my mailbox by August 8<sup>th</sup> in order to allow enough time for the paperwork to through the proper channels. (The “chain of command” doesn’t end with me!) Need a form? Contact me and I will mail it to you.

\*Remember, a unit may not be a Rainbow Giver; it’s for individuals only; but your unit gets credit, too, and automatically becomes a 5-star unit.

\*Rainbow Givers will be recognized at the district annual meeting in September.

**2018 district budget, pledge, and A&MD fee**

At the district annual meeting we will vote on the executive committee’s recommendations for the district pledge to mission, the district budget, and the Administration and Development fee for 2018. The A&MD fee provides funds for the district’s expenses. The budget governs how that money is allocated to be spent and will be printed in your program that day.

**Unit pledge to mission**

Each unit is required to make a pledge to mission for the coming year. Please fill out the form below and bring it to the annual meeting. During the meeting there will be a pledge service, which will include a special time to bring your unit’s pledge forward. If you forget to bring the form, we’ll have extra copies at the registration table. If by annual meeting your unit has not yet decided what it’s 2018 pledge will be, that’s OK – just be sure to send it to me as soon as you know what it is.

**UNIT PLEDGE TO MISSION FOR 2018**

*Bring this form to the district annual meeting at Grace UMC in Middletown September 24.*

Name of local unit (church) \_\_\_\_\_

Unit’s pledge to mission for 2018 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of contact person (PLEASE PRINT!) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Mary Preston, Winchester District UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Treasurer**

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## HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Dear UMW members, If you ever have the opportunity to attend the Va. Annual Conference, please go. The sermons are excellent. Today I am sending you my notes from the Memorial Service sermon by Rev. Tom Joyce. If you and I talk "face to face", I'll tell you more.

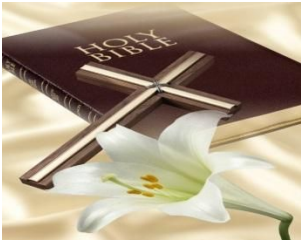
"Running the Race" by Rev. Tom Joyce. This is not a competition but working toward a GOAL. They have crossed the finish line and now surround us - a cloud of witnesses cheering us, comforting us. He told of several in his life. What would a "CLOUD" of witnesses look like? The Greek word refers to the HIGHEST section of a sports arena - today's nosebleed section. Let us ALSO set aside distractions and run our race. These people were not perfect. They resolved to try in spite of their imperfections, never giving up; never giving in. How can we set aside the obstacles that would hold us back? The answer is in Hebrews 12, by looking to Jesus. Isaiah 43 also instructs, "When...I will be with God". Not IF you do but WHEN you do. We belong to God and God will provide. Remember Bishop Cho's story: A son was asked to move a big rock. After trying - HARD- 3 times the son said he just couldn't do it. The Father replied: "Son, you did not do your best. You did not ask me to help you."

**Janice Webb, Historian**  
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## SPIRITUAL GROWTH



I do hope that this summer has been very relaxing for all of us. We extend our deepest sympathy our United Methodist Women who have lost a loved one. Please continue to reach out to all of our United Methodist Women and their families as we continue to uplift them in Prayer.

## Prayer for the People

For this day, for this time, for this reason, we give You thanks for the beauty of the earth, the glory of the skies, the love which from our birth over and around us lies. Yes, Lord of all, to thee we raise hymns of loudest praise.

We give thanks for all the gatherings of the UMW Women, friends, new and old acquaintances, and real love demonstrated by the UMW.

Father, we pause to remember our fallen comrades, always praying that You grant their souls an easy admittance into Your Kingdom. We pray that our sick and shut-in will be restored to a reasonable portion of good health, and that our support for them will not waiver. Amen

**Sadie P. Nelson** Spiritual Growth Coordinator  
[nelsonsadie49@gmail.com](mailto:nelsonsadie49@gmail.com)



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## EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

Hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer. It is time to be thinking about year-end reports and I will be looking for your Living Into Our Purpose report for the period of Sept. 1, 2016 thru August 21, 2017. If you can complete your report before August 31, that would be great as I have a report to complete Sept. 1. If you do not have the latest form of March 28, 2017, I will mail you one. (or here is an online link [Living Into Our Purpose](#)) The information is much the same as the previous one, only a little easier to read. Hope all units will be responding. Please note elsewhere in the newsletter for upcoming events and reports due.

**Betty Stelzl, Winchester District Education and Interpretation Coordinator**

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## MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH (MNO)

Greetings! Summer is in full force, and it is a time where our United Methodist Women are likely to be busier than ever doing God's work.

Your unit's **Deceased Membership Report** is due to me by September 1 for the time period 9/1/16-8/31/17. Be on the lookout for an email about it from me. The district report also serves to recognize and remember our departed United Methodist Women at our District Annual Meeting.

The Purcellville Charge churches, Austin Grove, Grace Annex, and Powells Grove have merged to form a new church--**Agape United Methodist Church**. Agape UMC worships at the former Grace Annex church location in Purcellville, VA. The Austin Grove United Methodist Women's unit will continue as the Agape United Methodist Women. We pray this new church will bring new opportunities to broaden the Agape unit and grow its membership. Please keep the Agape UMC unit in prayer as they move forward in the midst of change, new challenges, and hopefully new and exciting times ahead.

As I typically end, let's keep each other, our leadership, and all our local circles and units in prayer with renewed commitment to our membership growth, and motivated to do God's work.

Blessings. Angela Lane

**Angela Lane**

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## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Summer greetings to all Winchester District United Methodist women!

The nominations committee has been meeting to fill the positions on Winchester District United Methodist Women.

To all those to who said yes, thank you for prayerful considering and accepting a position. We look forward to a vibrant and enthusiastic board and continuing the important work of United Methodist Women.

God Bless you one and all

From Mary Strosnider, Nominations Chair and all members of the Committee on Nominations.

**Mary Strosnider, Nominations Chair**

**(540) 869-1187**

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**SAVE THE DATE:**

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**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

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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)*  
Newsletter articles due to me by Monday October 2, 2017 for publication October 11, 2017  
Think- what could each unit do to 'go green' in 2017?  
Hint: Not using plastic is a form of recycling.

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