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YORK RIVER DISTRICT  
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



August, 2017

## Tentative 2018 Calendar

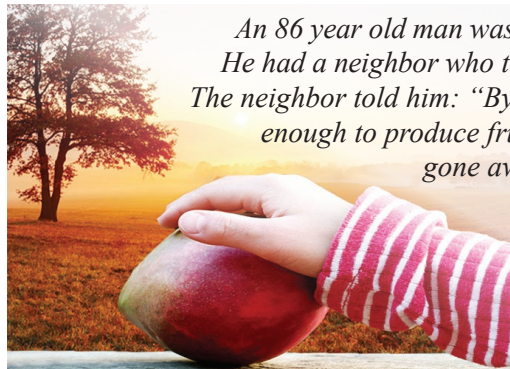
for York River District  
United Methodist Women

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| <b>January 20</b>  | Mission Team Meeting, 10:30 TBA*                                 |
| <b>January 31</b>  | Articles due for The Bridge                                      |
| <b>February 1</b>  | UM Day at General Assembly, Richmond                             |
| <b>March 23-24</b> | Conference Executive Board Meeting                               |
| <b>April 7</b>     | Unit Presidents and Executive Committee Mtg. 10:30 TBA*          |
| <b>April 20-23</b> | Conference Spiritual Life Retreat, Eagle Eyrie                   |
| <b>April 30</b>    | Articles due for The Bridge                                      |
| <b>May 5</b>       | Spring Event, 9:30 am TBA*                                       |
| <b>May 18-20</b>   | UMW Assembly, Columbus, Ohio                                     |
| <b>TBA</b>         | UMW Day at Ferrum College  |
| <b>June 16</b>     | UMW Breakfast at VA. Annual Conference, Hampton                  |
| <b>July 14</b>     | Mission Team/Finance Meeting, Shackelford's Chapel UMC, 10:30 am |
| <b>July 28-29</b>  | Mission Encounter, TBA*  |
| <b>July 31</b>     | Articles Due for The Bridge                                      |
| <b>August 11</b>   | Unit Presidents and Executive Committee Mtg. 10:30 TBA*          |
| <b>Sept. 14-15</b> | Young Women's Event, Camp Overlook, Keezletown                   |
| <b>October 6</b>   | District Annual Meeting, 9:30 am TBA*                            |
| <b>October 27</b>  | 46 th VA. UMW Annual Conference TBA*                             |
| <b>October 31</b>  | Articles Due for The Bridge                                      |
| <b>November 3</b>  | District Training Day, 9:30 am TBA*                              |
| <b>December 8</b>  | Advent Prayer Breakfast, 9:30 am TBA*                            |

\*Need meeting locations within York River District for starred events

District President - **Melissa White**

My husband who is a retired pastor preached at our church recently. He shared a story that really connected with me...and I want to share it with YOU since it connects so well with our mission and purpose as United Methodist Women...



*An 86 year old man was out in his field planting mango trees. He had a neighbor who took delight in harassing the old man. The neighbor told him: "By the time these mango trees grow tall enough to produce fruit you may be dead. You will be long gone away from here." The old man replied:*

*"I am not planting them for my own enjoyment. I am planting them for my children and grandchildren and for those who follow after me."*

That old gentleman had a legacy plan. He had a noble outlook for the future...and he left a noble LEGACY. We, too, have a LEGACY PLAN...a way for United Methodist Women of today to lay the groundwork for our next 150 years in MISSION through support of our LEGACY FUND! In June of this year, United Methodist Women announced the Legacy Fund Campaign Goal of \$60 Million...nearly a third of the campaign's goal has been reached. We have two ways that the York River District UMW will be supporting the Legacy Fund this fall:



1. Make or bring an interesting item or basket to **AUCTION** off at our **Annual Meeting on October 7th at Williamsburg UMC** to raise money for the Legacy Fund! (*Each district will be doing this...it's our Conference challenge!!*)



2. At the **Annual Meeting**, we will be recognizing our **2017 Lifetime Commitment Award recipients**, sharing their UM Women Stories, and honoring them with a District contribution to the Legacy Fund!

**Be sure to put on your calendar these important dates and plan to attend these District and Conference Upcoming Events:**

- **August 12 @10:30 am** - YRD UM Women Executive Committee/Unit Presidents Meeting at Bethany UMC, Gloucester Point We will have a lot of information to share with you at this meeting in preparation for Annual Meeting 2017 and a NEW YEAR IN UMW!
- **September 10, 2017 - DEADLINE FOR ALL REPORTS TO THE PROPER PERSON** for the period *September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017*:
  - **3rd Quarter Treasurer's Report & Fiscal Year Form** to Josephine Smith
  - **Living Into Our Purpose** to Mary Saylor
  - **Reading Program Report** to Anita Willard
  - **List of Deceased Members** to Pat Fitzgerald

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More specific information about each of these reports and forms are included in this newsletter.

- **September 15-16 -VA Conf. UMW Young Women's Event** "Encountering God in Everyday Life" at Blessing Lodge, Camp Overlook, Keezletown, VA (Flyer included in this newsletter)
- **October 7 @ 9:30 am - YRD 7th Annual Meeting**, Williamsburg UMC Theme: Our Legacy - Our UMW Story
- **October 27 (Exec. Committee) & October 28 - VA Conf. UMW Annual Meeting @ Trinity UMC**, Forest Rd, Richmond OUR KEY NOTE SPEAKER: BISHOP SHARMA LEWIS!
- **November 4 - YRD UMW Women Training Day @ 9:30 am**, Chestnut Memorial UMC, Newport News

I look forward to our time together in August and throughout the fall!

*Blessings, Melissa*

P.S. There's one more thing I want to share with you all! I want everyone to know that at our April, 2017th District Social Action event where we heard **Rev. Lynn Litchfield**, (Director of Development for Gracelnside Virginia's Prison Chaplain Service) share "The Story of Hope" those in attendance brought personal and unit love donations totaling \$1,689.00! Thank you so much for your generosity in supporting this worthy program.

District Vice-President - **Joan Heaton**

"I hope you are enjoying your summer, with your family, doing all the fun things that are available this time of year. While you are relaxing, your Executive Committee has been busy confirming plans for upcoming events from August through December 2017 and looking forward to 2018 as well. This year we will celebrate our **45th Annual United Methodist Women Virginia Conference** at Trinity United Methodist Church in Richmond. Our sisters from the entire state are encouraged to attend this event. Also, don't forget, of our York River District **Annual Advent Prayer Breakfast on December 9th**. We will gather at First United Methodist Church Fox Hill for our at 9:30 AM.

Looking ahead to 2018, our calendar dates have been decided and now we are looking for churches to hostess these meetings. Please look over the attached calendar for the new year and see how your church can serve the York River District



in the new year. There will be a sign-up poster at our upcoming meetings, or you can call me at 898-6006 or e-mail me at fshhwk@aol.com. We realize that our district stretches across the James and York Rivers and is quite large in area. Your Executive Committee is open to traveling to smaller churches, in rural areas, across both rivers, if you don't have the space to accomodate a larger gathering. We would like to meet you and get to know you wherever you are."

*Blessings, Joan*

Education & Interpretation - **Mary Saylor**

I hope you found the "Living Into Our Purpose" (LIOP) form helpful as you planned and carried out the mission and social action activities of your United Methodist Women unit this year. The Conference Mission Team welcomes any comments you may have on the LIOP form.

The wonderful work units have done this year (September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017) will be celebrated at our District and Conference Annual Meetings in October. But the only way the Mission Teams will know what your unit has achieved is for you to tell us by completing a LIOP report!

Please submit your LIOP report no later than September 10 in any of the following ways:

- by mail: Mary Saylor, 82 East Mercury Blvd, Hampton VA 23669
- by email: marysaylor1@aol.com
- by fax: 757-722-5775 (You must call me at this same number before faxing so I can set my fax up to receive your document)

The LIOP form is included in this newsletter. You may also retrieve the form and print it from the Conference web site using the following address:

[www.vaumw.com/districts/york-river/](http://www.vaumw.com/districts/york-river/)

When you visit this site, click on the word CONFERENCE at the top of the page, then select EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION from the blue bar on the left. You'll find the link to print the pdf file there. Please call me if you need assistance navigating the web site.

Last year the York River District was recognized for having the **greatest percentage of units submit** their LIOP reports. Let's continue the tradition!

*Mary Saylor*

Membership, Nurture and Outreach - **Patricia Fitzgerald**



The form needed for reporting deceased members for the year 2016 can be found in this latest copy of The Bridge.



Providing these names by **September 10** will ensure that each of these ladies will be remembered at our York River District UMW Annual Conference on October 7, 2017 and again during the Virginia UMW Annual Conference the last weekend in October. If your unit or circle does not have someone serving as MNO, I ask that someone accept responsibility for providing this most important information.

Another form will be available at **Training Day** in November to hopefully make reporting membership easier and more accurate than 2016. With the help of each unit my goal is to see that all York River District UMW members are counted in 2017.

*Patricia Fitzgerald*

*Greetings everyone* – I hope this finds you all well and happy and knowing that you are blessed. I know it has been very hot - remember how hot it was at the **Spiritual Life Retreat** this spring - Oh, Denise Honeycutt! Bless her for how she dug down so deep and poured her heart out to us all, and we learned some things we didn't know. Thank you, Denise. Please be aware that our next **Conference Spiritual Life Retreat** will be **April 20-23, 2018** at Eagle Eyrie, a lovely retreat center in the Lynchburg area.



Be sure to mark your calendars for our annual York River District United Methodist Women **Advent Prayer Breakfast** on Saturday, **December 9, 2017** at 9:30 am when we will again enjoy the hospitality of the First UMC, Fox Hill United Methodist Women and the delicious cuisine of the United Methodist Men! Our speaker will be Nancy Walsh who serves as the Conference UMWomen MNO Coordinator. She is a wonderful speaker...you won't want to miss this special event!

*Love and prayers, Donna Turley*

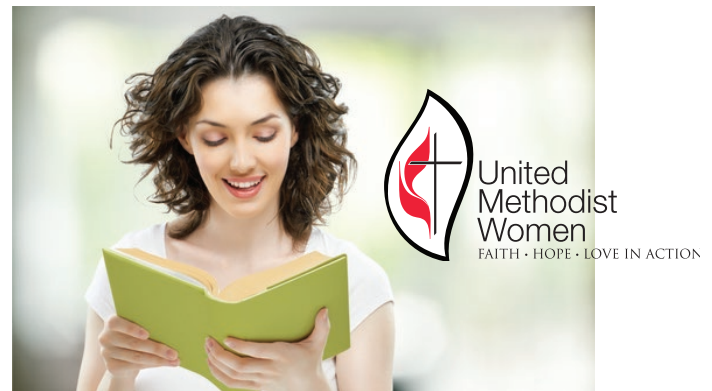
#### Social Action - Juliana Rosas

Our District Social Action Focus for this Quadrennial is **Climate Justice**

I am the new person for this position and have some big shoes to fill. Jeanette Yoh has moved up to the Conference level of this position! Jeanette and I both attend Chestnut Memorial UMC in Newport News. In fact, we are in the same Sunday School class as well as the same UMW Circle. I have been a member of Chestnut for over 20 years. I also hold the position of Secretary of Program Resources for Chestnut's UMW.

I just wanted to remind you that I will have **2018 Program Books** available for sale at the Executive Committee & Local Presidents Meeting on August 12th. This meeting is being held at Bethany UMC in Gloucester Point at 10:30. The books are \$10.00 each. I will also be taking orders for **Prayer Calendars** at that time. If you want to write a check please make the check payable to York River District UMW.

I also want to suggest that you encourage one another to read our great books. Our plan year is **September 1st to August 31st** so any book you read by the 31st of August will count for 2017! Our next year begins on September 1, 2017 and ends on August 31, 2018. The **reports** for your unit are due to me by **September 10th**. I will have the report form at the meeting on August 12th. If you are unable to attend then just contact me and I will make sure that you get a report. Even if no one read any books I still need the report so that I will be aware that you had no readers this year.



**1869 - 2019**

Celebrate the dedication and foresight of our foremothers in mission as we lead up to our 150th anniversary in 2019.

The **Legacy Fund** is OUR special anniversary gift to future United Methodist Women members and ministries. To “pass on” the legacy we have inherited. To stake out our legacy for future generations. We believe in the **PURPOSE** of United Methodist Women and want our daughters, granddaughters, nieces and friends to share our sense of meaningful “sisterhood.”

To be part of the joyous celebration in 2019 culminating 150 years of ministry go to <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150>

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