



The Purpose

Winchester District
United Methodist Women on a Mission

OCTOBER 2017

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2017

October 28, 2017 - Saturday - Virginia UMW Conference, Annual Meeting,
Trinity UMC, 903 Forest Ave, Henrico, VA (suburb of Richmond)

Zone Meetings

Theme: From the Women of Galilee to the Women of the Winchester District Bring your WHOLE Unit

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

2018

January 14, 2018 - Sunday - Executive Committee Meeting, Zone II - 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Refuge UMC, 717 Refuge Church Road, Stephens City, VA 22655

February 2, 2018 - Thursday- United Methodist Day at General Assembly, Trinity United
Methodist Church, 903 Forest Avenue Henrico, VA 23229 (suburban Richmond)

March 3, 2018 - Saturday - Winchester District Prayer Breakfast - 9:00-Noon
Lee-Jackson Banquet Hall, 711 Millwood Ave, Winchester, VA



Note from Communications:

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: www.WinchesterDistrictUMC.org/UMW

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

As I sit to write this my thoughts again turn to the seasons of the year and the seasons of our work together as United Methodist Women. We have just held our Annual Meeting, which celebrated your work throughout this year. Numbers of projects completed, books read, missions fulfilled and challenges met. The conference United Methodist Women challenged us to lift and help emphasize our Legacy Fund. We decided to have some fun with this challenge and have a silent auction at the Annual Meeting. The response was fantastic; beautiful baskets of every kind from comfort, to gardening, to chocolate, and everything in between; gift certificates, and beautiful homemade items. Many compliments were heard and all items were purchased. It was rewarding to know that we raised \$905.00 for the legacy fund. It will be my honor to share this good news with the conference at the Conference Annual Meeting on October 28.



Our Annual Meeting was also a time to honor and remember those women 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 was a time to celebrate, and reflect on the accomplishments and challenges of the year.

Our year is not yet complete. We look forward to our zone meetings (see calendar for dates). We will have time there to look forward to the joys and challenges in the coming year as well as time for meaningful worship and of course some fun!

On a personal note; I want to thank each of you for your kindness and loving support this year. It has been an honor to work with each of you and to make new friends as I have moved about the district. I hope each of you will invite members of the executive committee to your unit, it is our pleasure to visit, give a program, answer questions, and mostly learn from you.

May God bless each you.

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SOCIAL ACTION

Greetings and Blessings to you as we enter in a new season with a call for social action in our communities, our country and the world being more important than ever.

Over the past three years, United Methodist Women on the Winchester District have learned about Human Trafficking, Racial Justice, and Poverty and Child Hunger. We will continue to incorporate these issues with new Social Action Priorities for Quadrennial 2017-2020: Climate Justice, Criminalization of Communities of Color, Economic Inequality and Maternal and Child Health.

As United Methodist Women we are called to advocate (to stand up for) those who may be unable or cannot speak or stand for themselves. In order for us to do this, we must study to understand the issues. I ask you to be aware of injustices in your community and explore ways to help.

I hope everyone has joined and are receiving the updates from "Alerts from the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy: <http://www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org>". They will keep you informed, even as our legislators are not in session.

For those of you who are attending Annual UMW Meeting in Richmond, please plan to attend the focus group on the difference between advocacy and lobbying.

Thank you for your support and willingness to do the work of United Methodist Women in your community, district and conference.

"Speak and do not be silent" Acts 18:9

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

Greeting, Let me extend to those of you that attended Mission Encounter our thanks and appreciation. The evaluations showed that for the most part everyone was pleased with the event and especially the study leaders. For those of you that expressed a desire to become a part of the committee, we will be contacting you to inform you of our next meeting in the spring.

There were some that would like help in having a study at your church. You may contact any committee member for that assistance.

Thanks to the Stephens City United Methodist Women for the delicious food. Good job as always. We ask for your continued prayers as we prayerfully contact study leaders for the 2018 Mission Encounter.

Let's double our attendance by inviting others.

Save the Date - Saturday, September 8, 2018 (9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Thanks again for your support.

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Committee members: Jeraldine Ridgeway, Carolyn Woodrum, Linda Borrer, Judy Smith, Mary Preston

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Greetings Ladies!

Fall is upon us. The year has been a very busy one and flew right by. Since our last newsletter we have had two very successful events: Mission Encounter and our District Annual Meeting.

Dates we need to keep on our calendar are:

United Methodist Women's Conference meeting on Saturday, Oct. 28th, 8:30 a.m.,

Richmond at the Trinity United Methodist Church. The last date to register is October 15th.

Zone 1 Meeting is Saturday, Nov. 4th, 9 a.m. to noon, at Mt Zion UMC, Leesburg.

Zone II & III Meeting is Saturday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m. to noon, at Burnt Factory UMC, Stephenson.

I hope all of you have looked at the 2018 calendar and marked the events on your calendar. Working and sharing with each other in meetings make our District much stronger.

Hope to see you at the Zone Meetings.

Blessings,

Jeraldine Ridgway, Vice President

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HISTORIAN'S CORNER

THE POWER OF BOLD - That is the theme of Assembly May 2018. I attended my first Assembly in 1990. I went partly because it was my responsibility as District President, partly because every UMW event attended from '81 to then had been a good experience.

I attended because I like a fun time and we UMW members have fun when we gather. And we look out for each other. At Assembly I experienced spiritual highs in worship with 8000 or so others - some men, alot of women. I learned from educators, politicians, victims - some American, some not. I toured the Exhibit Hall - taking notes of info to share back home - and buying jewelry, clothing, etc. I visited with women from across the USA as we ate box lunches or rested our weary feet. I shared a hotel room with 3 other Virginians to cut costs and increase giggles.

Assembly comes around every 4 years. I have scratched the \$1500 + to attend on at least 3 other occasions. I'm signed up for 2018. Come join us. The experience is worth every penny.

Be Bold www.UMWAssembly.org

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SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES

The 2016-2017 Reading Program has come to an end with a total of 750 books read by 167 readers. These numbers are down from the previous year so I hope that we can encourage more readers with more books this coming year which has already started. Books can be read from the 2013-2018 reading lists.

The 2018 books are ready to be ordered online from the resource center. Just logon to www.umwmissionresources.org and order yours today. The next time these will be available for sale will be at our March Prayer Breakfast. **Prayer Calendars** and **Program Books** will be available at **the zone meetings** in November.

This will be my last newsletter report and I would like to take a moment to say...Thank you for allowing me to be your Winchester District Program Resource Secretary, (the book lady) for the last 4 years. Janice Schaeffer from Brucetown will be my replacement.

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FROM YOUR DISTRICT TREASURER

First, just a few reminders:

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

*Re this year's district pledge -- as of the end of the 3rd quarter, we have reached 68% of our goal.

*If you didn't turn in your unit's pledge for next year at the annual meeting last month, please let me know what it will be. Contact me either by phone -- [540-338-4152](tel:540-338-4152) -- or by e-mail (yes, it's finally up and running) --K4LJH@comcast.net .

*Extra remittance forms will be available at zone meetings.

Second, a word of appreciation:

No matter what size your unit is -- small or large or somewhere in between -- your work through United Methodist Women makes a difference in the lives of many around the world. Thank you for all you do!

Lastly, a personal note:

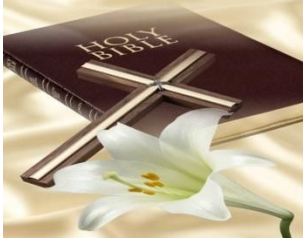
It has been nearly two months since my husband passed away, and during that time I have been going on God-given strength and energy plus the prayers of many across our district and beyond. You have given me your love and support in so many ways, and I cannot thank you enough. God bless you all! --Mary

Mary Preston, Winchester District UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Treasurer

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH



I have been honored and Blessed to serve as your Spiritual Growth Coordinator. I have met many new people and visited several units. At each meeting I have learned a little more about the organization of the United Methodist Women and its purpose. Please continue to pray for our world and children daily. Let's remember all of the tragedy over the last few weeks.

Food for Thought.....Adopted through Love (This is a repeat from one of my previous newsletters but I wanted to remind everyone that they are loved by God.

As Christians, we are spiritually adopted by God because he loves us. God speaks to us through our love for one another, no matter how we came into "family". God's love makes us part of his family regardless of our external situation. God's love through Jesus draws us close and reminds us: "I wanted you. I love you."

As God's children we are called to constantly remember: "For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16)

Good parents take care of their children. We have become a part of the family of God through adoption because God wanted us-and still does. Rejoice! You have been adopted!



Sadie P. Nelson Spiritual Growth Coordinator
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EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

In the printed program of the recent Winchester District United Methodist Women's Annual Meeting there were 4 names missing from the list of those units who received the Gold Level of 2017 Living Into Our Purpose. They were Bluemont, Duncan Memorial, Kernstown and Willisville Chapel. We thank all 23 units that responded. And, to all units, it's not too early to be thinking of being included in the list of units for next year.

All units can become a Mission Today unit. Need some help? Just call.

All units are encouraged to attend the remaining meetings for this calendar year. Please show strong support for the upcoming Zone meetings on Nov. 4 and 11 printed elsewhere in The Purpose.

You can see Judy Smith or myself for a copy of "Suggestions as to ways to Make It Happen". My copy is dated but still offers good suggestions. May all units continue to grow.

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MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH (MNO)

Greetings! Fall is now in the air after an unseasonably warm start! We all know Fall is the time of the harvest, where much of our hard work comes to an end, and we reap the rewards of what was planted and sown. We look to this season of rest and seek to enjoy the fruits of our labors.

The reward of reaping the harvest of what was promised by God over the years, and then taking their final rest was also true for many United Methodist Women. At our District Annual Meeting on September 24th at Grace UMC, we took the time to recognize and remember the passing of 22 United Methodist Women in our District from Sep 2016 to Aug 2017. These dedicated women ended their labors here on earth, took their rest, and went home to be with a loving God.



Remembering...we honor each UMW woman: Della Bates, Mary Lavenia Beamer, Dorothy Bennington, Louise Branner, Gloria Caulkins, Ida Dehner, Pat Horsman, Amy M. Hounshell, Malaveen Lake, Betty Landrum, Betty Laycock, Betty Sue Longerbeam, Lois Jewell, Louise Lyons, Janet Maddex, Betty Oden, Lucy Potts, Hortense Ralls, Louise Sponsellers, Elaine Thompson, Katherine E. Wright, and Doris Zimmer.

We love and will miss them all.

UMW Presidents: Please note that your 2017 Year End Membership Report is due mid-January 2018. Look for an email, but find a form in your President's packet from the Annual Meeting.

As I typically end, 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. Blessings, Angela Lane

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NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Greetings to all mission-minded United Methodist Women on the Winchester District! And a thank you to all those officers who will leave office after have served so faithfully through Dec. 31, 2017:

Sadie Nelson, Spiritual Growth
Angela Lane, Membership Nurture & Outreach (MNO)
Betty Stelzl, Education & Interpretation
Mary Strosnider, Nominations Chair

Patty Moran, Program Resources
Darlene Walker, Treasurer of Special Events
Clarissa Byrd, Committee on Nominations
Patsy Spring, Committee on Nominations

Thanks for saying 'yes' and a warm welcome to incoming and continuing Winchester District officers:

Angela Lane, Spiritual Growth
Norma O'Donnell, Education & Interpretation
Jean Brown, Nominations Chair
Janice Schaeffer, Program Resources

Cathy Brown, Treasurer of Special Events (2018-2019)
Janice Coon, Committee on Nominations (2018)
Pat Beckwith, Committee on Nominations (2021)
Sadie Nelson, Committee on Nominations (2018)

At this moment, we do not have a MNO Secretary but will continue to pray and call.

If you have anyone you would recommend for this position (**including yourself**) please be in touch with me or a member of the Nominations Committee.

Mary Strosnider, Nominations Chair

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Zone Meetings- Bring your WHOLE Unit for a Special Program

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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 January 8, 2018 for publication January 16, 2018

Think- what could each unit do to 'go green' in 2018?
Hint(s): Using dish towels instead of paper towels.
Packing lunch and snacks in reusable containers.

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