Greetings and Welcome to our last issue of the WORD for 2017. We are including information in this issue for you to utilize as the year ends and we move forward to 2018.

Our Annual Meeting in September was held at Asbury UMC- Church Hill and we welcomed Nancy Walsh, our Conference Membership, Nurture and Outreach Representative who presented a powerful program on the Community of Women. We had 24 Units represented and collected over $900.00 for the Prescription Plan Program of Shalom Farms. Certificates and related materials were mailed to the leaders of those units unable to attend. If you have not received them, please notify me.

This last quarter of 2017 we are asking each unit to send us their list of officers for the coming year. We need the names and contact information by Oct. 31, 2017 so that the District Yearbook for 2018 can be compiled and ready to be distributed at the December Advent Service. (NOTE: this date is earlier than the date printed in the last WORD) If using US Postal Service to mail registrations or reports, please mail five days before the deadline date.

This year's Richmond District UMW Pledge to Mission of $52,000 is the same as last year. We met our pledge last year and ask for your prayerful consideration in giving during the final months of this year. We ask our units to pay it forward toward the Mission Pledge by also "emptying your treasury", with the exception of the money you will need to operate through the first quarter of 2018. The UMW is in the service of MISSION and our funds to help others must be given in good faith. "God can do anything, you know-far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us." Ephesians 3:20 The Message (MSG)

Come, fellowship with us and hear an inspirational message from Bishop Sharma Lewis at the Conference Annual Meeting at Trinity UMC on Saturday, October 28, 2017. Deadline to register is October 15, 2017.

There is still time to register for the 2018 United Methodist Women Assembly in Columbus Ohio to be held May 18-20, 2018. $295 EARLY REGISTRATION with a November 30, 2017 Deadline. Joyce Winston is organizing a bus trip from VA to Attend this event. For the details call or email Joyce at buckrowbeach@gmail.com Phone-757-851-6897

Thank each of you for all you do for others!

Yours in Christ,
Scotty Doyle
Richmond District UMW, President
804-744-3034
sdoyle22@verizon.net
Our Year is in its last quarter, and so much has been done this year through each of you in the name of United Methodist Women. THANK YOU. Reading and listening at Our Annual Meeting you should be proud of what has been accomplished through sisters together in study, mission, and prayer and give Him the ‘Glory’!! Yes, we are called to work together! Yes, we are all sisters meeting other sisters to spread His love through many avenues “A Call To Community” - Community of Women, Living In Community, Living As A Covenant Community” - THANKS & THANKS!!

Yes, our year is not over with our Conference Annual Meeting coming up at Trinity UMC on October 27th & 28th. Please read more about this and send in your Registration Forms in the attached flyer. Yes, the Praise Dance & Mime Group that rendered us special music last year at Worship & Praise UMC for our District Annual Meeting will perform for our time Friday night followed by our ‘ice cream social’ for Mission Giving. Hope you will bring some friends and join us for the evening.

Our next District Meeting is, ‘Officer and Leadership Development Day’, Saturday, November 11, at Chamberlayne Heights UMC, 6100 Chamberlayne Rd., Richmond, 23227. Registration at 9:00 AM, Program & Training, 9:30 - 11:30 A.M Betsy Davis, recently retired from the Conference, will speak on using technology and social media effectively to promote the UMW and reach new members. Betsy’s husband, Mike Davis, the “Stamp Man” will also speak about the Stamps for UMCOR program. Afterwards, we will break into groups for training. Treasurers will meet for instruction, and other officers will meet to brainstorm ideas generated by Betsy’s presentation. The plan is for Presidents to meet together; Nominations and Membership & Nurture to meet together; and Mission Education & Interpretation, Social Action, Vice Presidents, and Program Resources to meet together. Any other officers can choose which group to join. All stressing Spiritual Life as the foundation for our mission work!

THEN District Advent Service on Saturday, December 2, at Skipwith UMC, 2211 Skipwith Rd, Henrico, 23294. Registration 10:00 AM, Program 10:30 - 11:30 AM with Nancy Robinson delivering the message. The Mission Emphasis offering will be for “All God’s Children Camp”. Yes, and THANKS to all who supported Our Fall Pansy Sale to benefit Shalom Farms. I understand that this was a record year - thanks to all who will enjoy those in your garden this Fall!!

Very Merry Christmas & A Blessed New Year

Yes, I must share some of our local programs coming up in 2018 TO NOTE NOW on your 2108 Calendar:

January 20th  9AM - 4 PM - ‘Day Apart’ Retreat at Richmond Hill with Margie Turbyfield.  
(see attached flyer).
February 1st - The 26th Annual United Methodist Day At The General Assembly. Flyer will be coming out at Our Conference Annual Meeting at Trinity UMC.

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February 17th - ‘Hearts For Justice Tea’ will be held at Ramsey Memorial UMC with Ben Campbell as our featured speaker. (Flyer enclosed)

April 14th - District Prayer Breakfast hosted by the ladies of Mt Pisgah UMC, Midlothian

November 10th - Leadership & Development Day at Lebanon UMC, 8492 Peaks Rd., Hanover

(Annual Meeting and Advent Service locations will be announced shortly)

2018 ‘On the Road Again In Mission’ will be heading to Rising Hope Mission Ctr. Alexandria, VA and Agape Christian Children Ctr on The Eastern Shore, VA. The dates to be firmed up shortly.

May each and every one of you have Blessed Holiday Seasons and A Big THANK YOU for all you do under the banners of United Methodist Women!!

God Bless You AS WE SERVE TOGETHER,
Ruth Wilkinson

Treasurer

Hi Richmond District UMW

This is the last quarter for 2017 Mission Giving and Designated Gifts. Our pledge to mission for 2017 is $52,000.00. Below is what, we have sent to the Conference as of the third quarter.

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This is a reminder that the quarterly remittance forms are due to the Conference Treasurer by the 20th of the last month of each quarter. The date for each quarter is First Quarter March 20th, Second Quarter June 20th, Third Quarter September 20th, and Fourth Quarter December 20th.

You can become a rainbow giver anytime during the year. If you become a rainbow giver this fourth quarter 2017, you will not receive your rainbow recognition pin until 2018 at our District Annual Meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our District Officer and Leadership Development Day on November 11, 2017.

May God Continue to bless all of us

Rosa Lewis, Treasurer
Mission Education and Interpretation

Thank you to everyone who submitted a “Living Into Our Purpose” form for your unit, sharing what you are doing to spread God’s Kingdom in your communities and around the world. Even our small units are doing big things! I know that most units, mine included, do more than what is covered by the form. As I said at the District Annual Meeting, the form was developed by our Conference leadership as a way for us to put hands and feet on our Purpose. It is a starting point, not intended to cover everything our units and churches are doing, and we celebrate those units that use the form. At our annual meeting, certificates were given to 16 Gold Units, 6 Silver Units, 3 Level I Units, and 1 Participating Unit. I know that other units are working for the Kingdom, so I hope every unit in our district will use the form, which will be in your 2018 district yearbook, as a guide as you plan your year. I hope also to see each unit represented at our Leadership Development on Saturday, November 11, at Chamberlayne Heights UMC, 6100 Chamberlayne Rd., beginning with registration at 9:00. We will have a presentation on using social media to reach new and younger members, with an opportunity to brainstorm how you might use the ideas in your church and community.

Blessings,
Barbara Tuttle
btuttle48@verizon.net
804-271-2289

Membership Nurture and Outreach

If you were not able to attend the Young Women’s Event at Camp Overlook in Keezletown, VA in September you missed a wonderful opportunity! Fourteen young women attended the event, and a young woman from the Richmond District was able to attend using our District scholarship. Be thinking about who might like to attend next year...

As we begin to close out the calendar year 2017, keep in mind that United Methodist Women will be asking you to complete your unit 2017 census early in 2018. Start organizing to have the following numbers available: number of members as of January 1, 2017, number of new members added to your unit, and number of members lost to death or other reason. We will talk about the on-line census at our November 11 training at Chamberlayne UMC, so I hope to see you there!

Kathy Dictor, MNO
Social Action

The United Methodist Women social action priorities for 2016 - 2020 are economic inequality, criminalization of communities of color, maternal and child health, and climate justice. I hope you are looking for related program ideas for upcoming unit meetings. The list below includes programs from recent UMW Program Books and the titles of related 2017 and 2018 UMW Reading Program books for two of the priority areas. If your unit hasn’t purchased a particular book, you can borrow it from the conference; many also are available at local public libraries, a handy and free resource.

2016-17 Program Book, January, page 49
*A Place at the Table - 40 Days of Solidarity with the Poor* by Chris Seay
*Born on Third Base - a One Percenter Makes the Case for Tackling Inequality, Bringing Wealth Home, and Committing to the Common*

**Criminalization of Communities of Color** - 2016-17 Program Book, April, page 79
*Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson
*The New Jim Crow - Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander
*America's Original Sin - Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America* by Jim Wallis
*Pushout - The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools* by Monique Morris

United Methodist Women know that Christians cannot be true to the Gospel and be indifferent to the plight of the hurting people of the earth. Our social action mission category helps to motivate us to learn and then act. I hope the above resources are useful.

**Corrections & Updates:**

District Secretary, Stuart Joerg's correct address is:
2326 Mountain View Rd., Powhatan, VA, 23139

Nominating Committee member Juanita Campbell's new email is:
drpiano2@gmail.com
and Denise Haden's temporary address is 2128 Pine Glen Ct., Sandston, VA 23150

Did you know.....
The *WORD* is an acronym for "*Women Of the Richmond District*"?

A special THANK YOU to all who participated in the pansy sale for UMUMR - Shalom Farms. We were able to donate more funds to them than ever before!
Program Resources

Hello to all the new and returning readers:
The fall season is here and a great time to sit with a cup of pumpkin spice tea and a good book. We have the perfect ones for you. The Reading Program guide is out and should be available from your Reading Program chair along with a list of titles and prices available from Amazon. If you did not receive this, please let us know and one will be sent to you.

If you read one of the books and enjoy it, we want to pass it on. Jane is now reading The Book of Joy by the Dali Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu (Nurturing for Community) and finding it inspirational and helpful. It is available from Amazon. Let's strive to increase the number of readers in 2018, and we challenge you to at least complete Plan 1. Will your church be the one that is announced as having the READING CHAMPS OF THE DISTRICT?

Marilyn Bell and Jane Elbert

To: Unit Reading Program Chairpersons
From: Jane Elbert and Marilyn Bell

The following list is to help you buy books for the 2018 Reading Program. The prices are less than advertised by the Resource Center and as you will see, almost all the books are available as used or slightly worn new. We hope that you will encourage your members to participate and READ. We are available to help in any way to make 2018 a huge success for the Program!!!
P=Prime
N/U=Amazon has other ways to order books that are used or new but a different price
HB=Hardback; PB=Paperback
Most all of the books are available on Kindle

EDUCATION FOR MISSION:
First White Frost--$17.99 PB, N/U, P
Hiding in the Light-10.19 PB, N/U, P
A House in the Sky--$13.99 PB, N/U, P
Massacre at Sandy Creek--$15.15 PB, N/U, P
Without You There is No Us---$10.71 PB, N/U, P

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
50 Women Every Christian Should Know---$10.26 PB, N/U, P
Hollow Faith---$15.88 PB, N/U, P
Inter Faith Leadership---$14.00 PB, N/U, P
Sacred Secular---$12.74 PB, N/U, P
She---$13.86 PB, N/U, P

NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY
Detained and Deported---$12.23 PB, N/U, P
An Indigenous People’s History---$12.44 PB, N/U, P
On Pluto---$13.30 PB, N/U, P
Passing It On---$9.99 PB, N/U, P
Trouble I’ve Seen---$14.31 PB, N/U, P
Book of Joy---$18.20 HC, N/U, P NOTE: Workbook for this title available later this month from Amazon
Good Health, Good Life---$9.97 HC, N/U, P
13 Steps to Sustainability---Not available from Amazon

SOCIAL ACTION
Born on Third Base---$15.25 PB, N/U, P
Hospitable Planet---$17.98 PB, N/U, P
Pushout---$18.25 HB, N/U, P
The Adventure of Ascent---$15.00 PB, N/U, P

SPIRITUAL LIFE
Bus to Corinth---$15.95 PB, N/U, P
The Pilgrim Messiah---$15.00 PB, N/U, P
Pray and Color---$12.59 PB, P NOTE---LIMITED AMOUNT IN STOCK NOW!
Tattered and Mended---$10.70 PB, N/U, P

MOST PRICES ON THIS LIST ARE $2-$4 CHEAPER THAN IN THE BROCHURE FROM THE RESOURCE CENTER
United Methodist Women
Virginia Conference
Annual Meeting
45th
Saturday, October 28, 2017
About Our Bishop

Sharma D. Lewis
Bishop
45th Annual Meeting
United Methodist Women
Virginia Conference
Keynote Speaker
The bookroom will be open. Look for posted times when you arrive.

Paper towels, cloth napkins, and board games. See details on www.commontime/virginia-meeting.


UWF

Reminders

Meeting/Virginia

Annual-meeting:

Mention that you are a UWF

Room rate is $89 + tax

Registration

Make your own hotel registration.

Need a room?

Tentative Schedule
RICHMOND DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN DAY APART

“David: More Than Psalms”
Leader: Margie Turbyfill

Saturday, January 20, 2018
9 am - 4 pm
Richmond Hill Retreat Center, Richmond, VA
2209 E. Grace Street, Richmond VA 23223

Deadline to Register: Saturday, January 13, 2018

Name: __________________________ Telephone __________________________
Street: __________________________ Email: __________________________
City: __________________________ State: _______ Zip: __________________________

Join us for a personal unwind Day Retreat to re-center our focus for the New Year in study, reflections, and joining all Richmond Hill in a cycle of prayer. Bring a friend and car-pool to make the experience even better.

Bring with you: your Bible, pen(s) and journal. We are honored to have Margie Turbyfill, Duncan Memorial UMW, to lead us with the theme, "David: More Than Psalms".

Registration Fee: $25.00 (includes lunch)
Make Check payable to: Richmond District UMW
Notation: Day Apart

Send registration form and check to:
Scotty Doyle
3202 Huntsbridge Ct.
Midlothian, VA 23112-4439
Phone 804-744-3034

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 13, 2018
email: sdoyle22@verizon.net
RETURN BY October 31, 2017

Directions: Please complete form and send to Scotty Doyle, 3202 Huntsbridge Court, Midlothian, VA 23112 or by email: sdoyle22@verizon.net
Keep a copy for your records.
Please remember to notify the President: Scotty Doyle sdoyle22@verizon.net or the Communication Chair: Lloydette Diggs lloydetediggs@gmail.com about any changes in officers or contact information during the year.
If you do not have a designated person for a unit position please just put None.
Please list the names and information for your circle leaders so we can keep them updated of events also.

UMW UNIT NAME: __________________________________________

DESIGNATED E-MAIL CONTACT FOR UNIT: (Can be President OR another person)
Name: ______________________

Phone: _____________________

E-Mail: _____________________

CHURCH ADDRESS: ___________________________

Phone: _____________________

E-Mail: _____________________

Unit PRESIDENT:
Address: ___________________

Phone: _____________________

E-Mail: _____________________

Unit VICE PRESIDENT:
Address: ___________________

Phone: _____________________

E-Mail: _____________________

Unit TREASURER:
Address: ___________________

Phone: _____________________

E-Mail: _____________________
LIST ALL CIRCLES IN THE UNIT and the number on Roll

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Address:
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You are invited to the Hearts for Justice Tea

Reverend Benjamin Campbell
An Episcopal Priest who for decades has been a champion of racial reconciliation, social justice and ecumenical activities in Richmond; Pastor Emeritus of Richmond Hill, and Author of Richmond’s Unhealed History will be our guest speaker.

Ramsey Memorial UMC, 5900 Hull Street Rd, Richmond, VA 23234
February 17, 2018
Registration: 9:30 am, Program 10 am-12 noon

Bring your TEA CUP

Sponsored by the Richmond District United Methodist Women Racial Justice Committee
United Methodist Women’s 150th Anniversary Celebration

Want to get involved now? Help us tell our story. The National Office wants you to nominate extraordinary women, past and present, who have helped bring Methodism to your conferences. Is there an institution or person who truly is called by God to engage in mission whom you admire? A current conference or unit project that makes you proud, showing clearly that United Methodist Women put Faith, Hope and Love in Action today and tomorrow? United Methodist Women is shining the spotlight on these honored members, past and present, through our website, newsletters, Facebook, and publications, so please tell us who has made the past 150 so meaningful and who is doing so right now!

Share these inspiring stories! Click on our google form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf3zOYr9V9zVz6tg-AlA-xW602

or send an email

jkrueger@unitedmethodistwomen.org

or mail

United Methodist Women
Attn: J. Krueger
475 Riverside DR, 15th FL
New York, NY 10115

Include as much detail as possible, with names, dates, photos, sources, articles from the local paper, and video. Add whatever makes the story richer. Like this recent post on our website and Facebook page:

LEGACY STORIES

Dr. Rosetta Sherwood Hall: Medical Missionary to Korea

United Methodist Women
Dr. Rosetta Sherwood Hall

Strong: In 1890 the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society sent Dr. Rosetta Sherwood Hall to Korea as a medical missionary. Ms. Hall became an educator as well when she began teaching a blind girl a form of Braille. She founded the Pyongyang School for the Deaf and Blind in 1909. Joining with a group of Korean doctors, Ms. Hall co-founded the Chosun Women’s Medical Training Institute in 1928. Ms. Hall served 44 years in Korea. She lost her U.S. citizenship after she married Canadian missionary Dr. William James Hall in 1892.
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3623 Luckylee Crescent  
N. Chesterfield, VA 23234-5709 |
| August 30, 2017                  | Reading Program Unit Report | Marilyn Bell  
2501 St. Regis Dr.,  
N. Chesterfield, VA 23236 |
| September 1, 2017               | Candleburning |  
Money & Report to:  
Rosa Lewis  
829 Old Denny St.,  
Richmond, VA 23231 |
| September 1, 2017               | Report of Deceased UMW Members from 9/1/2016 - 8/31/2017 | Names only to:  
Kathy Dictor  
7538 South Franklins Way  
Quinton, VA 23141 |
| *10/31/2017                      | 2018 Unit Officer List | Scotty Doyle  
3202 Huntsbridge Ct.  
Midlothian, VA 23112 |
| December 5, 2017                | Unit Pledge to Mission | Bring to Advent Service to put in plate during Pledge Service |
| March 30th, 2018                 | 2017 Unit Membership Online Census from 1/1/2017-12/31/2017 | Kathy Dictor  
7538 South Franklins Way  
Quinton, VA 23141 |

* Change from original deadline
Richmond District Newsletter

2017

Richmond District United Methodist Women
Communication Coordinator
Lloydette Diggs lloydettesdiggs@gmail.com
8996 Midway Rd.
Henrico, VA 23229

-Oct. 27th & 28th Conference Annual meeting with Bishop Lewis @ Trinity UMC, 903 Forest Ave.,
Henrico, VA (Friday the 27th at 7 p.m. music & ice cream social)
Saturday, registration 8:30 a.m., opening at 9:30 a.m.

Reminders

UMFS Donations to Bring: crayons, pencils, markers, post-its, scissors, paper, tape, calculators,
notebooks, staples, ziplocs, cardstock, folders, glue sticks, poster board, erasers, index cards, tissues,
paper towels, clorox wipes, and board games. See details vaumw.com/events/annual-meeting

The bookroom will be open. Look for posted times when you arrive.

-Nov. 11th Richmond District Officer & Leadership Development Day - Chamberlayne Heights
UMC, 6100 Chamberlayne Rd., Richmond, VA. Registration 9:00AM with Program & Training
9:30AM - 11:30AM. - speakers: Betsey Davis, UMW Conference Technology Coordinator, and
husband, Rev. Mike Davis, Conference 'Stamp Man' to share updated information in their fields.
Please bring your stamps that your unit has collected!

-Dec. 2nd Richmond District Advent Service will be at Skipwith UMC, 2211 Skipwith Rd. Henrico,
VA. Registration 10:00AM with Program 10:30AM - 11:30AM

Guest speaker: Rev. Nancy Robinson, missionary w/Global Ministries - serving as Mission Advocate
for the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Offering will be for 'All God's Children Camp'.

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