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**"Farmville District
United Methodist Women"**



THE LINKETTE Winter 2018

Happy New Year to all,

I hope the Christmas and New Year holidays went well with all of you this past season as we look forward to working together during 2018.

So far, we have some events planned for this year that you should plan to set time aside for. First, we once again will have our Prayer Breakfast at Brian's in South Hill on March 10 at 9:30AM. Jane Smith has planned a delightful program again this year and the sell out breakfast from last year will be repeated. Registration information is included in this newsletter.

On September 22, we plan to hold our Annual Meeting at Main Street Church in South Boston. We will have Dr. Jane Lyon as our guest speaker. She is well known in our area for the Whole Women's

Conferences that she puts on every winter. I know we will benefit greatly from her leadership.

Conference events this year include Spiritual Life Retreat at Eagle Eye in Lynchburg beginning April 20 through the weekend. Mission Encounter will be held at Smith Mountain Lake for a refreshing treat this year, July 28-30. The Link, due this February, should have more details on these Conference events. Also, this is the year of our National Meeting in Columbus, Ohio in May.

We hope this turns out to be a great year for everyone. If any unit has an idea for a meeting, a speaker, or a project to do at the District level, please share your ideas with an officer so we can plan to do the things you enjoy do-

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ing. We love hearing from you!

As I close my article I want to share a scripture that Bishop Lewis recently shared. In James 1:5 we are told, “But anyone who needs wisdom should ask God, whose very nature is to give to everyone without a second thought, without keeping score. Wisdom will certainly be given to those who ask.” Many times, we forget where to find our source of wisdom and this is a good time of year to keep in mind who we should look to for help in making our decisions. With His help, we should not fail.

Mary Fulton, President Farmville District UMW

Happy New Year to each of you!

I am excited to start on this journey as your new Vice President, and I look forward to a meaningful and productive 2018 for the Farmville District.

A dear friend gave me a daily devotional book that I am really enjoying. There was a passage I

read last week that was especially poignant for me and I thought I would share it.

In our daily lives, there are agendas and deadlines that we stress to complete. We want our paths and end results to be as close to flawless as we can get. To us, that is being successful. The scripture teaches us that it is through our mistakes and failures that we learn to be dependent on God’s will. We often make decisions on our own, then ask God to bless our ideas. Instead, we should rely on him to guide our decisions and depend on him to show us his way. *For we walk by faith, not by sight.*—2 Corinthians 5:7.

As we start this new year I challenge each of you to look for a deeper reliance on God and enjoy all the richness that such a relationship will provide.

God Bless and I look forward to seeing you all at the Prayer Breakfast!

Becky Thompson, District Vice President

FARMVILLE DISTRICT UMW PRAYER BREAKFAST

THEME FOR THE DAY –OLD TESTAMENT WOMEN’S HALL OF FAME

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018

REGISTRATION - 8:15 a.m.

BREAKFAST - 9:00 a.m.

\$12.00 for breakfast plus \$3 for registration=\$15 Total Cost Buffet Breakfast : eggs, bacon, hash browns, biscuits, toast, fruit, coffee and tea.

AT BRIANS’S STEAKHOUSE
625 EAST ATLANTIC STREET
SOUTH HILL, VA 23970

Offering will go to Missions Giving
Mission Focus is Madelaine’s House

They need: Disposable plates & bowls, Disposable cups, spoons, and forks, Paper Products (Toilet paper, paper towels, etc) Plastic Silverware, Fabric Softener Sheets, Liquid Laundry Detergent Regular and Sensitive Skin), Dishwasher Detergent, Sponges, Bar Soap, Zip-lock bags (all sizes) and 33-gallon, 13-gallon and 8-gallon trash bags.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 25, 2018

NAME(S) OF THOSE ATTENDING: _____

NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF CONTACT PERSON _____

CHURCH/CHARGE _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO FDUMW FOR \$15.00 PER PERSON. MAIL REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT TO: CAROL FIELDS, 114 LAKASIE DRIVE, FARMVILLE, VA 23901 434-223-7590



From the Bishop

2018 Bible Challenge

Excerpts of a letter from Bishop Lewis. To read the letter in its entirety—

<https://www.vaumc.org/pages/bishop-lewis/2018biblechallenge>.

I would like to invite you again this year to read the Bible chronologically (in the order of events). The readings will be posted on the conference website and in the monthly Advocate.

Tips on reading the Bible daily:

1. Start reading the Bible today.
2. Set aside a specific time and place each day. Set your schedule and then stick to it. Mornings are great; but feel free to use any time that works consistently with your schedule.
3. Get a good study Bible to help to illuminate the meaning of the original Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek text.
4. Choose a translation to use during

5. your reading.
5. Say a short prayer to God before you begin, asking the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom and understanding.
6. Dive in and enjoy the richness of God’s Word!
7. Apply God’s Word to your life.

Bible study should be practical and applicable. I assure you that these seven steps will help you begin a journey in becoming a “life-long learner” of God’s Word.

Dates to Remember

- Feb. 1** — United Methodist Day
- March 10** — Prayer Breakfast at Bryan’s Steak House.
- April 20-22** — Spirit of Life Encounter.
- May 5** — Mission Study at Shiloh UMC
- June 2** — Ferrum Day
- July 27-29** — Mission Encounter
- Sept. 22** — 46th Annual Meeting
- October 26-27** — VA Annual Conference.

Welcome 2018!!!

It is hard to fathom how quickly 2017 came and went.

As we begin a new year together, I would like to thank everyone for your patience with me as I learned the duties as your District Treasurer last year. There were a few hiccups along the way but, all in all, everything went well.

Despite losing some units from our District, I am happy to report that the Farmville District still met, and surpassed, our Pledge goal in 2017.

If you haven’t already agreed upon your pledges for 2018 within your own unit, please prayerfully consider what you can do. I will be sending forms and a Pledge slip to all treasurers within the next couple of weeks. Due dates will remain the same as last year: March 10th, June 10th, September 5th, and December 5th.

I look forward to another exciting year!!!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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Ebie Hines, District Treasurer

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Ebie Hines, District Treasurer

A new year has come, and we’ve begun implementing our 2018 resolutions. I note there’s a sneaky little thought that comes each time I look over my long list...does this glorify God?

Throughout my long career as a director of religious education, I participated in one mission project each summer. It might be painting, hanging sheet rock, building a ramp, or a variety of other needs in Appalachia..

Then came that summer when our summer project was a different kind in a different place. A severe flood in West Virginia left a little village devastated,

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and our team was sent to help the residents get back in their homes. Covered with layers of mud and debris, the walls, floors, and furniture were scrubbed by the men on our team. We had all the dishes, pots, pans, pictures, etc. to sort and wash in big tubs up on a hillside. What a job! Day after day, morning from one home to another, we scrubbed the muddy household effects back to usage.

A dedicated soul sister with a wonderful sense of humor kept our spirits afloat and made the week bearable. Our theme song became the chorus, “Rise, shine, give God the glory. Rise, shine, give God the glory. We’re followers of the Cross”... and we sang it the entire week, as we became more and more grateful for one another and what we could accomplish working together to lift the spirits of the homeless.

We catch light from one another; God models it and calls us to look beyond ourselves. So, as I read and ponder my New Year’s resolutions, an inner voice always asks, “when new opportunities arise, will I serve with joy,

always remembering to give God the glory?”

Happy New Year and Blessings to all.

Jane Smith, Spiritual Growth

Happy New Year.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Now it is time to get ready for our 2018 Mission Study, Which will be held at Shiloh United Methodist Church, 20230, Highway 47. Look for a little white church. The date is Saturday, May 5. Registration begins at 9:30 am. The Mission Study will be from 10 to 12 noon followed by lunch in the church social hall. Our speaker will be the Reverend Nancy Robinson who is the Mission Advocate for the South Eastern Jurisdiction. She is A GBGM Missionary. She taught the class “Living As A Covenant Community” at Mission Encounter this past summer.

Please call Education and Interpretation Coordinator Laura Jane Rash at 1-434-757-7358 and tell me what unit and how many will be attending the Mission Study

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in May. Deadline is April 21. No registration is required but Shiloh UMW would like to know how many will be attending so they can prepare enough food.

Hope to see many of you there.

Laura Jane Rash, Education and Interpretation Coordinator

Nominating Committee

The District UMW Leadership Team will have some positions that need to be filled for 2019. Please prayerfully consider becoming a District Officer. We need you. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Leadership Team, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee. We will share the duties of the different positions with you. We want our District to continue to put faith, hope, and love in action, and we want you to be part of this. The members of the Nominating Committee are Betsy Hanmer-434-736-9241, Ruby Lee Anderson-434-949-7979, Faye Asal-434-392-6213 and Betsey Davis-804-307-0369, Linda Garrison-434-636-3995, and Sherry Guerrant-434-374-0332.

Betsy Hanmer, Nominating Chair

2018 is here whether we are ready or not. Time seems to fly the older we get and we complain that we don’t have enough time to do this or that. But if you really think about it, we have the same amount of time (24 hours a day) as when we were younger. It’s what we do with that time that counts. We have the time to visit our church families and others in our community. There is time to read our bibles and study God’s word. This year I hope to get my time in order and use it wisely.

We welcome our new officers, Secretary—Brenda Gee; Membership, Nurture & Outreach—Linda Hogan; Program Resources—Lisa Davis; Communications—Marilyn Johnson and Nominating Committee—Linda Garrison.

Have a wonderful 2018!

Marilyn Johnson, Communication Coordinator