



Mission Tapestry

Arlington District United Methodist Women

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PURPOSE of the United Methodist Women

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The Mission Tapestry is a publication of the Arlington District United Methodist Women. Its goal is to keep units at the local/ congregation level informed about opportunities for living out our PURPOSE. It is published quarterly—January, April, July, and October.

Articles for publication are welcome and should be directed to ArlingtonDistrictUMW@gmail.com by the 1st of the publication month.

Check out our website at www.ArlingtonDistrictUMW.org

District President's Message

Spring Greetings,

I say this on a day in April when snow is or was in the forecast. Hopefully by the time this comes out spring temperatures will be here to stay.

Most of you may know that on March 4th I fell at church and broke my right ankle, as well as spraining the left badly. It has and continues to be quite a journey. For a person who is on the go, independent and usually **doing for others it's different to be on the "other" side. Giving seems to come to us as women almost naturally, a blessing we freely give. Receiving is not so easy when you are used to giving.** Of course, I got everything organized and set up. Then with the help of good friends, UMW sisters, church family and neighbors, it all came together. It really does take a village. Now comes the time to accept the blessings offered, blessings I really need, blessings I cannot do without, blessings I thought I would never need. The struggle is real as they say. I still have weeks before I can even toe touch and of course therapy to walk again. I am grateful and humbled for the **"blessings" God has given me.**

I would like to thank my executive **team for "stepping up" and doing such a great job on the Spring Prayer Breakfast.** I was not able to attend the Conference UMW Executive Committee Meeting in March, but Karen McElfish was kind enough to brief me on the meeting.

United Methodist Women Day at Ferrum College is coming up on June 2nd, 2018. As most of you know it was through the vision and efforts of the **Women's Missionary Society of the Virginia Annual Conference that Ferrum Training School was born. So, let's celebrate by attending this fun event.** Please see the flyer later in the Tapestry

I have tickets for the UMW Breakfast at Annual Conference in June. The breakfast will be in the Hampton Roads Convention Center, Saturday, June 16, 6:45 am. Cost is \$20.00 per person. The speaker is Rev. Keary Kincannon from Rising Hope Mission Church. Gluten Free and Vegetarian Plates are available at no extra cost. Make checks out to York River District UMW. Deadline is May 28, for special meals and June 5th for all others. Please contact me for tickets and questions. This event is a good time to meet women from all over the conference.

I also have registration forms for Mission Encounter, July 27 to 29, at Smith Mountain Lake, 4-H Center. Registration forms are on line as well. Just a note Karen McElfish is an instructor for the study, Embracing Wholeness. I will have forms at the Pot Luck and Vespers event in June. Registration deadline is July 15. If you need forms I can mail them to you. I hope to see you at both events.

Submitted with a grateful heart,

Doris

UMW CONVERSATION ON A WAY FORWARD

Most of you may know that the United Methodist Church has been dealing with how to approach the LGBTQ question. At the last UM General Conference, in 2016, a special commission was formed to help us find a Way Forward on the issue of LGBTQ inclusion. As United Methodist Women we have been asked to reach at least 50% of our membership and have conversations on a Way Forward for the United Methodist Church. The objectives of these conversations would be to:

Be informed about the Special Session of General Conference in 2019 and the work of the Commission on a Way Forward.

Clarify our thinking on what holds us together as a Church.

Develop confidence to share our views with other church members, including with our Annual Conference leaders and General Conference delegates around the unity of the church.

As you can see by the objectives the idea is to inform and clarify, not convince. I am hoping to have joint events with the Alexandria district. Presidents, please look for e-mails from me about dates and times so you can inform your members. Please pray for the Church Universal as we work on a Way Forward.

Doris Douglass
President, Arlington District



Secretary

Janet Keener



April 2018

Dear Sisters,

Happy Spring. I hope each of you had a wonderful Easter with family and friends.

We awoke the morning of March 20th expecting the beauty of Spring -- crocuses, daffodils, and forsythia blooming, birds singing, and green grass with all the snow melted! Our UMW unit had held a flower bulb sale in anticipation of planting spring gardens. Surprise! God reminded us that things in life occur in His timing! Schools were closed for two more days after the first day of Spring!

God's timing reminds me of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 -- a time for everything -- even the beginning of spring! When it is truly time, God will send the "April showers (to) bring May flowers." Ah! How beautiful the earth will be with its colorful blanket of flowers everywhere!

Similarly, we need to remember that events happen in our lives according to God's timing. In return, he asks us to trust and believe in Him and have patience and self-control. We cannot rush having a family or a loved one's healing. We can wait for God to show and tell us when He is ready.

God Bless,

Janet

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Treasurer

Beth Meserve

I am starting to settle into my new role as Treasurer. Thank you to all those units who sent in their first quarter reports by March 15 (or shortly afterward). I was able to send in my first District Quarterly Report on March 20. Please remember that second quarter reports/payments are due by June 15, as my next District Quarterly Report is due June 20.

Legacy Fund

I hope many of you were able to participate in the Day of Giving on March 23rd when United Methodist Women were encouraged to celebrate the dedication and foresight of our foremothers by contributing to the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign. The Legacy Fund is a permanent endowment with generated income that will enable United Methodist Women to distribute grants and scholarships, coordinate work with mission personnel and make needed upgrades to technological and communication systems and more. The Legacy Fund will ensure a regular source of support for these core expenses of being in mission. It will enable United Methodist Women to enhance programming and launch new initiatives to address emerging needs of women, children and youth.

You can contribute to the Legacy Fund at any time during the year, not just the Day of Giving. Any amount is **welcome. Here's how to give:**

Online at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund

By phone: 800-278-7771 (8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST, M - F)

By check:

United Methodist Women
Attn: Development, Legacy Fund
475 Riverside Drive, 15th floor
New York, NY 10115

Write "The Legacy Fund" in the memo section

By text on your mobile device: Text 41444 and enter Legacy150 in the message area.

Mission Encounter

It's not too early to start thinking ahead to our Mission Encounter, which will be held Friday, July 27 through Sunday, July 29 at Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center, 775 Hermitage Road, Wirtz, VA 24184. Mission Studies this year include: *Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States*, *What About Our Money*, and *Embracing Wholeness*.

Our mission project this year will benefit Kingsway Prison Ministry, which spreads the word of Jesus Christ to inmates, ex-offenders, and their families. Items to bring include: #2 pencils, 5x8 notepads (bound on top, not from Dollar Store), 6 oz tubes of toothpaste, and blank note cards.

Living Into Our Purpose

Don't forget to keep working on your Living Into Our Purpose forms. These are due by August 31, so don't wait until the last minute.

Have a joyous Spring!

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Social Action

Lisa George



News from the Social Action Desk

The following is an article by Melanie Gordon regarding violence against children from adults and other children. Ms. Gordon is director of ministry with children in the Leadership Ministries Division of the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church. Supporting women, children, and youth is an important UMW commitment and ongoing Action Item. Something has to happen to remove violence from our children's lives, to keep violence out of the places children have a right to be and feel safe – school and home. I don't know the answer. I have some ideas. What are your ideas?

Hate in the Hallways: Helping Children to Cope With Bullies, Cyberbullying
Bullying in and out of school is a growing concern nationwide. Cyberbullying has been in the news due to teen suicides and the growing use of social networks to harass fellow students. Bullying goes against the teachings of Jesus Christ, the general rules of The Methodist Church, and the golden rule that is recognized in religions the world over. How can parents, teachers, church leaders and others learn about and address these concerns with young people who face bullying? And what can be done to work with youth to help stop bullying?

Media stories remind us that children face violence in their lives in places that were relatively safe just a short time ago. When will it stop? God commands us to love one another, so how do we love the bully, equip the bystander and empower the target?

Our children live in a world of disharmony — a world that at its core is not much different from the one described by the prophet Isaiah when he prophesized that a little child would lead us into the peace and harmony of a new creation. How can a child lead us if we fail to build a strong foundation for that child, so that he or she understands the true meaning of doing no harm? If children continue to see the adults responsible for their care and nurture as nonresponsive to the violence in this world, what kind of leaders will our children be in our world and in our congregations?

Although the issue of gun violence is prevalent in the media today violence comes to our children in a myriad of ways. Every day our children face exposure to violence. Yes — every day. We may not want to believe this, but take a moment to observe and listen. Violence reaches our children through television, the Internet, smart phones and video games. Violence reaches our children on their way to and from school, in school, at home and at church. Our children are victims, bystanders, and yes, our children are sometimes perpetrators of violence. This is not a new phenomenon, but definitely one that is growing.

According to the American Association of Pediatrics, research has shown that news reports of bombings, natural disasters, murders and other violent crimes have the real potential to traumatize young children. Research by Child Welfare Information Gateway has shown that if a child lives in an ongoing threatening, chaotic world, the brain will focus on developing survival skills to the point that a child will find it difficult to function when presented with kindness, nurturing and healthy stimulation.

Supporting children also means educating and guiding children. In each young child is the potential to lead our communities, our congregations and even our world. The potential also exists to lead gangs and prison yards. Our role in guiding children includes providing a nurturing environment that helps them respond and live faithfully.



Social Action

Lisa George

Ways to support children in a violent world:

- Encourage children and families to befriend a child who seems sad or left out of activities, which can be a powerful source of inspiration and creating a caring community
- Model healthy media habits and encourage media fasting
- Make Safe Sanctuaries a priority in our congregations
- Become an advocate for safety in schools in your community

Submitted by:

Lisa George

Social Action Coordinator

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STOP BULLYING





Arlington District United Methodist Women 2018 Calendar

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Event	Date
UMW Assembly @ Columbus, OH	May 18-20
UMW Day @ Ferrum College	June 2
Arlington District Potluck and Vespers @ St. Lukes UMC	June 2
UMW Breakfast @ Conference, Hampton	June 16
Mission Encounter @ 4-H Conference Center, Smith Mountain Lake	July 27-29
Conference Young Women's Event @ Camp Overlook, Keezletown	September 14-15
Arlington District Annual Meeting @ Sterling	September 22
46th Conference Annual Meeting @ Chestnut Memorial UMC, Newport News	October 27
Arlington District Mini-Mission Encounter @ tbd	November 10

Arlington District United Methodist Women Officers for 2018

ELECTED OFFICERS

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Vacant at this time

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Ferrum College UMW Day Saturday, June 2, 2018



Experience the

JOY

Ferrum College

Wear your black and gold and prepare for a day of JOY as we celebrate the Ferrum College and United Methodist Women “Connexion.” Our day opens with *Ferrum College Fresh Wind Gospel Choir* and continues with *1 Accord* with their southern gospel sound. We will also catch a glimpse of the early Methodist circuit riders (*Dr. Gary Ziegler*) who traveled this area spreading scriptural holiness. This was the context and vision that gave rise to the Ferrum Training School.

“...God is answering our prayers and opening the way.

...We are all interested and anxious for some definite work to do.”

(M. Lutie Roberts, Woman’s Missionary Society, 1914)

The Ferrum College legacy is over 100 years young. On June 2, 2018, we will remember and celebrate the past as we anticipate an exciting future. Our day will conclude with a welcome from and reception with our 12th president, Dr. David Johns, and we are delighted to have his wife, Susan Johns, with us that day.

9:30 am Vaughn Chapel Registration, continental breakfast, music by
Ferrum College Fresh Wind Gospel Choir
10:15 am Vaughn Chapel *Experience the JOY, Ferrum College*
12:00 pm Franklin Hall Lunch

Name(s) [please print] _____

Address _____

\$15 REGISTRATION
Covers program and lunch
DEADLINE MAY 13

Phone/Email _____

Church _____

District _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Make Checks payable to: Ferrum College
Mail to: *Ferrum College UMW Day,*
c/o Dr. Jan C. Nicholson Angle,
PO Box 1000, Ferrum, VA 24088

For more information contact:
Dr. Jan C. Nicholson Angle
Dean of the Chapel
540-365-4285 jcnicholson@ferrum.edu

Please note any attendees with special dietary needs such as gluten free, vegetarian, vegan, lactose free, sugar free. PLEASE USE BACK AS NECESSARY

Arlington District United Methodist Women
We're Doing Something Different!



POT LUCK
and
Vespers

June 2, 2018

5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

St. Luke's UMC

7628 Leesburg Pike,
Falls Church, VA
22043



Join us for an opportunity to
nourish your body and satisfy your soul.

Registration Form

2018 Virginia Conference Mission Encounter
 Registration July 27-29
 Student Information: please print

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone # (____) _____

Church _____

District _____

Check one:
 UMW Member UMW Unit Officer
 UMW District Officer UMW Conference Officer
 Clergy Deaconess Home Missioner
 Missionary Retired Missionary Guest

Age Level: (Circle One)
 6-12 13-18 19-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60 >
 Gender _____

In case of emergency, please notify:

Name _____

Phone # (____) _____

Please note all food allergies:

Please note mobility issues:

Be sure to complete page 2 on the back!

Who Should Attend

This is an opportunity to study current issues impacting society. The event is open to everyone: clergy and laity, men and women, adults and children. Safe Sanctuary policy will be followed. .5 CEU available.

Registration

Classroom space is limited. Register today. Online registration is available except for UMW Conference and District officers and scholarship recipients. Registration Closes July 15. Go to: vaumc.org/MissionEncounter

Make Scholarship requests to Business Manager: JoAnn Liskey, 540-434-2997, 4856 Shen Lake Dr, Rockingham, VA 22801

What to Bring

Bring your Bible, course study book, notebook, pen/pencil and water bottle. Always fun to bring your favorite pillow. Purchase books in advance at umwmissionresources.org or call 1-800-305-9857 to order. Also, bring your contributions for Kingsway Prison Ministry.



Travel

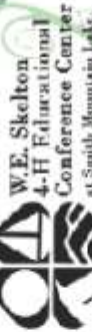
Event Location
 Mission Encounter will be held at
 W. E. Skelton
 4-H Educational Conference Center
 at Smith Mountain Lake
 775 Hermitage Rd
 Wirtz, VA 24184



Smith Mountain Lake
 4-H Center

4 Courses

- Missionary Conferences of the UMC in the USA
- What About Our Money
- Embracing Wholeness
- Children's Study: Money Matters



Plus

- Worship and Singing
- Food and Fellowship
- Mission Project

Open to Everyone

Mission Encounter is a cooperative event sponsored by the Virginia Conference Missional Ministries Board and the Virginia Conference United Methodist Women.

Mission Studies

Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States
\$10, \$5.35 Knize

By J. Ann Craig with special contributions by Deborah Bass
Instructor Deaconess Lisa Nichols

This study tells the story of the three missionary conferences of The United Methodist Church: Alaska United Methodist Conference, Red Bird Missionary Conference, and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. You will learn about the history and how each conference is founded as well as how they add to the richness of the United Methodist connection in the United States. The study explores church history alongside U.S. history in these regions, our ability to both welcome and marginalize those we consider different from ourselves, and the ways in which the church comes together to welcome and support our sisters and brothers through creative and authentic ministry.

What About Our Money
\$10, \$5.50 Knize

By Susan K. Taylor

Instructors

Rev. Dr. Stanley Hargreaves,

Rev. Stephen Clark,

Rev. David Flaah, Rev. JaeHaeng Choi

Most of us would rather talk about politics or death or pretty much anything else before we talk about money. What About Our Money? A Faith Response explores how we understand money within the context of our faith. This discussion and our own awareness of how we relate to money can actually help free us from many of the financial dilemmas we face. The focus of this study is both personal and communal. We will explore our own relationship with money, the money choices available to us, and how we individually and collectively respond to economic inequalities in light of our faith.

Embracing Wholeness
\$10, \$5.05 Knize

By Jessica Stonaceypher

Instructors Dr. Karan McElfish,
Jaydee Hanson, Nancy Robinson

Embracing Wholeness explores the ways God has called us to live in covenantal relationship with all of creation and challenges readers to work toward stronger and healthier relationships with creation, their communities, themselves, and God. It begins with the theological and biblical foundation for our covenantal relationship with creation and moves forward into our community, our relationships, and our very selves. Each chapter explores both our personal and corporate responsibilities to those around us and addresses current issues, such as climate change, social responsibility, and justice concerns.

Children's Study: Money Matters, \$10

By Denise Snyder

Instructor Rev. Laura Douglass

Money Matters endeavors to teach children about the concept of money, the importance of generosity, and how God intends for us to use money as an expression of love for others. Participants will develop an understanding of the origins and purpose of money; learn about giving from biblical examples; explore the concept of intentional giving and how we can use our resources to be a part of God's plan; and understand the importance of being content with what we have. Each session contains suggestions from children's literature that correspond with the central topics. These are reinforced through activities, arts-and-crafts projects, and other hands-on learning experiences.

Schedule & Fees

Mission Encounter is Friday, July 27 through Sunday July 29, 2018.

Registration: Friday 3:30 pm
Classes begin after dinner.

ME will end following lunch on Sunday.

Cost is \$190
Children, ages 6-12 \$95

Mission Project

Kingsway Prison Ministry Kingsway is a non-profit organization that spreads the word of Jesus Christ to inmates, ex-offenders, and their families. Kingsway offers services and programs throughout Virginia.

Items to bring:

- #2 Pencils
- 5 x 8 Notebooks: Bound on top, not from Dollar store
- 6 oz tubes of Toothpaste
- Blank note cards



SIDE 2 of REGISTRATION FORM
be sure you have completed page 1 on the other side

Select Classes: (number by preference)

- ___ Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the USA
- ___ What About Our Money
- ___ Korean Language: What About Our Money
- ___ Embracing Wholeness
- ___ Children's Study: Money Matters

Note: When not in class session, all children must be in company of their responsible adult.

___ I need .5 CEU

Cost:

- ___ \$190
- ___ \$95 for children ages 6 -12

No refunds or cancellations after July 15

Questions concerning registration?

Call Betsy Hammer 434-736-9241

Make checks payable to
Mission Encounter
for the full amount

Mail registration and check to:
Betsy Hammer
P.O. Box 206
Keysville, VA 23947

Paying by Credit Card?

Online registration is available except for UMW Conference and District officers and scholarship recipients

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**VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UMW
YOUNG WOMEN'S EVENT
SEPTEMBER 14-15, 2018**

**Finding The Holy
In The Simple Moments**

Retreat Leader: Rev. Joanna Dietz

**Blessings Lodge, Camp Overlook
3014 Camp Overlook Lane
Keezletown, VA 22832**



Rev. Joanna Dietz

A deacon in the United Methodist Church, she is currently serving at Braddock Street UMC in Winchester as Minister of Mission and Service. She has a passion for seeking out those who are marginalized and bringing out their gifts for the greater community. A graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary (WTS) in 2005, she is currently working on her Doctor of Ministry in Effective Leadership, Social Holiness, and Ministry of the Poor in conjunction with Cambridge University and WTS.

Married to Norm, the love and anchor in her chaotic life, she enjoys hiking and playing board games with him and their two sons and daughter-in-law. She searches for God in the quiet moments, which sometimes come by surprise and sometimes have to be found.

Directions

From I 81N or 81S: I 81 to Exit 257, left on Mayland Rd, (Rt 259) 370 ft, right on North Valley Pike (Rt 11) 2.1 mi, left on Martz Rd (Rt 806) 3.4 mi, right on Mountain Valley Rd (Rt 620) 1.8 mi, left on Armentrout Path (Rt 722).

Details

Hosted by The Virginia Conference United Methodist Women for young women ages 18 (out of high school) to 40, attendance is not predicated on membership. Bring a friend. Bring Bible, pen/pencil, alarm clock, favorite snack to share. Drinks provided.

Scholarships

Scholarships may be available. Contact your District UMW President or email walshpn@visuallink.com or buckrowbeach@gmail.com.

September 14-15 Young Women's Event Schedule (tentative)

Friday evening		Saturday	
5:00-6:30	Check in/registration	8:30	Breakfast
6:45	Dinner	9:15-12:00	Group gathering 2
7:30-9:00	Group gathering 1	12:15	Lunch
9:00-	Fellowship	1:15-2:45	Group gathering 3
		3:00-4:00	Worship/Communion

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
YOUNG WOMEN'S EVENT
September 14-15, 2018

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Church _____ District _____

Roommate(s) _____

Check all that apply to you: 18-22___ 23-29___ 30-35___ 36-40___ First Time___ Night Owl___

Food allergies/limitations___ List: _____

Check choice of:

___ Friday evening lodging, dinner and Saturday breakfast & lunch, \$75

___ Day retreat breakfast, lunch, \$25

Total remitted: _____

Checks payable to Virginia Conference United Methodist Women.

Send registration form and check for total to:

Joyce Winston

2411 E Pembroke Ave.

Hampton, VA 23664-1243

Registration deadline: September 7, 2018

Phone: 757-851-6897

Email: buckrowbeach@gmail.com