



Mission Tapestry

Arlington District United Methodist Women

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PURPOSE of the United Methodist Women

The organized unit of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know GOD and to experience FREEDOM as whole persons through JESUS CHRIST; to develop a creative, supportive FELLOWSHIP; and to expand CONCEPTS OF MISSION through participation in the global ministries of the church.

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

Hello Everyone,

As I write this the temperature outside is quite warm. I am sure it will be just as warm in July as you take family vacations and such. I am doing quite well, driving and walking with a cane. Thank you all for the continued prayers as I continue to recover.

We had a very good turnout for the Pot luck and Vespers service in June. **Thank you to St. Luke's for hosting.** They had painted, planted flowers and cleaned up the shelter. I am sorry we could not use it due to rain storms that evening. We held the service in the sanctuary and that worked out well. Thank you to Phyllis Kirkman for planning the event.

I hope many of you are planning to attend Mission Encounter. It is a family friendly event, all are welcome and **there is a Children's Study as well. It is possible to register on line, by July 15th, on the UMW Conference web site.**

Summer deadlines are coming up for the reporting year September 1st, 2017 to August 31st, 2018. The reports need to be sent in by August 31st. Please send me your list of deceased members. This can come from your membership person, president or whoever has the information. Send Living into Our Purpose forms to Dana Conner and Reading Program to Phyllis Kirkman. These forms are available on ArlingtonDistrictUMW.org.

The Conference UMW calendar for 2019 is included in this Tapestry. I know many of you use it as we do to plan events for the coming year. As you will see a few events do not have a location yet. With the closure of Blackstone it has become more of a challenge to find locations for our Conference events. Please be aware that the dates are good. As soon as locations are firm we will let you know. Now that we have the Conference dates the District team will begin work on our calendar for 2019.

Our District Annual Meeting is coming up September 22, 2018, at Sterling UMC. Please encourage your members to attend. I know it is a challenge to get women to come out. We have a great speaker, Joanna Dietz. You may remember that she spoke at our Spring Prayer Breakfast two years ago and did a great job. We look forward to having her with us again.

I know most UMW's do not meet in July and August. Please be sure to pass this information on to your members in whatever form you use. Thanks to all the presidents, officers and members of our local units for the work you do.

Doris



President

Doris Douglass



PRAYING OUR WAY FORWARD



We are One in Christ

UPDATE ON A WAY FORWARD

Last month at Annual Conference, Rev. Tom Berlin spoke on Friday morning about A Way Forward and the three plans put forward by the Commission to the Counsel of Bishops. I found it informative, clearly presented, and thought provoking. The information that follows is from his presentation.

The final report of the Commission on a Way Forward will be published on or about July 7th, 2018. It may be a few days before or after, as it is being translated into four languages and they will all be released at the same time. July 7th will also be the last date for other petitions to be submitted.

The Council of Bishops will meet November 4-9, 2018

A Special Session of the General Conference will meet February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. Here the decision will be made on how we will move forward.

The Commission put forward three plans as a result of their work. They are: The One Church Plan, Connectional Conference Plan, and the Traditional Church Plan.

ONE CHURCH PLAN

- *Removes the restrictive language from our current *Book of Discipline*
- *Does not require any annual conference, bishop, congregation, or pastor to act contrary to their convictions.
- *Allows congregations and pastors greater freedom to reach new people.
- *Recognizes the diverse theological and scriptural understandings of our global church.
- *Provides generous unity for conferences, churches, and pastors.
- *Maintains the current structure of the denomination.

CONNECTIONAL CONFERENCE PLAN

- *Creates three values-based connectional conferences: accountability, contextualization, and justice. (Related to same sex marriage)
 - *Accountability- no one can
 - *Contextualization- **all can, no one must; some will, some won't**
 - *Justice- all shall
- *Current central conferences have the choice of becoming their own connectional conference.
- *Council of Bishops is focused on shared learning and ecumenical relationships.
- *Episcopal oversight, accountability, elections, assignments, and funding occur with the College of Bishops of each connectional conference.
- *Jurisdictional Conferences choose their connectional conference.
- *Local churches who desire to join a branch that is different from their annual conference could vote to join another annual conference.

TRADITIONAL CHURCH PLAN

- *Strengthens the current language of the *Book of Discipline* concerning human sexuality for greater clarity.
- *Streamlines the process to enforce penalties for violations of the *Book of Discipline* related to marriage and ordination of self-avowed practicing homosexual persons.
- *Maintains the current structure of the church.
- *Continues the current relationships between the church and all general agencies and commissions.

Something to think about: WHO WILL THE UMC BE?

*In what form of faith community?

*With what unity?

*Seeking to do ministry with whom?

“We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used to create them.” – Albert Einstein

The Council of Bishops has voted by an overwhelming majority to share the work done by the Commission on a Way Forward on the three plans and to recommend the One Church Plan.

It is important that we come together in prayer to support our leaders and delegates as they continue to discuss the important questions of inclusivity in the United Methodist Church as a Body.

Below you will find a few resources that I hope will be helpful as you think about A Way Forward. You can also just type in, A Way Forward and web sites will come up.

Virginia Annual Conference 2018 Web site, vaumc.org/AC2018.

<https://vimeo.com/virginiaaumc>- You will find the video of Tom Berlin’s talk on A Way Forward from Friday morning at Annual Conference. It is about an hour but well worth the time. He explains the plans very clearly. If you need more clarification I strongly suggest you watch this video.

Commission on a Way Forward- umc.org/wayforward

Books:

[A Methodist Requiem: Words of Hope and Resurrection for the Church](#) by William B. Lawrence

[Finding Our Way: Love and Law in the United Methodist Church](#) edited by Rueben P. Job and Neil Alexandria.

[Holy Contradictions: What’s Next for the People Called United Methodist](#) edited by Bryan K. Milford.

Doris Douglass
President, Arlington District



Secretary

Janet Keener



July 2018

Dear Sisters,

Hope everyone had a good Spring and are enjoying Summer so far.

I have been thinking about the message shared on the United Methodist Women logo. It emphasizes **“Faith, Hope, Love in Action”**. At the **Virginia Annual Conference June 15-17**, members of United Methodist Women, conference delegates, and Bishop Sharma Lewis practiced and witnessed this same action. The theme of Annual Conference was **“Servant Leaders Making a Difference.”** The theme was based on **1 Peter 4:10**. We did exactly that -- serve! We lived the theme with the Great Day of Service on Saturday, June 16th. There were 1,637 conference participants who chose to assemble Hygiene Kits OR to do clean-up activities in the Hampton community!

May each of us continue to serve God by putting our Faith, Hope, and Love in Action as United Methodist Women throughout the remainder of the year 2018 and beyond! What a great witness for our upcoming celebration of 150 years of being God’s servants.

God Bless,
Janet
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Treasurer

Beth Meserve

I know we're still in the middle of summer, but September will be here before you know it. With September comes the end of the 3rd quarter and our annual meeting which will be held this year on September 22 at Sterling United Methodist Church.

Please get your 3rd quarter contributions in to me no later than September 15 so that I can send them to the Conference on time. I also need your Rainbow Giver forms and Candle Burning information by August 31, so we can recognize our 5- and 6-star units at our annual meeting.

To be recognized as a 5-star unit, you must give to the 5 channels of Mission Giving which are: Pledge to Mission, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, Special Mission Recognition, and World Thank Offering. Once you have met the requirements for a 5-star unit, you can become a 6-star unit by also contributing through Candle Burning. The cost per second for Candle Burning is \$.60. An easy way to become a 5-star unit is to have at least one Rainbow Giver. Being a Rainbow Giver qualifies your unit as a 5-star unit. Rainbow Giver forms are included in this publication.

For the units that have contributed so far, I have listed the number of channels to which you have contributed. So far this year, only Clarendon UMW has met the requirements of a 5-star unit (and, yes, they have a Rainbow Giver.)

Clarendon -5
Dulin-2
Graham Road -1
Great Falls -2
Mount Olivet -2
Pender -1
St. Luke's -2
Sterling -3
Wesley -3

Please remember that the Arlington District depends on your annual contribution of \$2.50 per member to put on the District events that we sponsor each year.

The United Methodist Women organization is depending on us for our support to carry out our mission of **supporting women, children, and youth around the world. Let's help spread the word far and wide!**

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If not us, who will stand up for the rights of women, children, and youth around the world?

Treasurer

Beth Meserve

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UMW RAINBOW WOMAN

Yes, YOU can become a RAINBOW WOMAN! Have you thought about you personally giving to all five channels of giving?

A Rainbow Women gives to all five channels of giving:

\$40 to give someone special a Special Mission Recognition Pin

\$ 5 Pledge to Mission

\$ 5 Gift to Mission

\$ 5 Special Recognition in Memory

\$ 5 World Thank Offering

\$60 Total

Your \$60 RAINBOW WOMAN offering must specify that you are giving to the above five channels and designate who you want your pin to go to, who your Gift in Memory is for and that you are giving that \$60 for a Rainbow Woman. If you simply give \$60 to your unit treasurer, you will not be a Rainbow Woman. You must designate that it is for Rainbow Woman giving.

1. Special Mission Recognition Pin in ___Honor or ___Memory of:

(Please check appropriate box) (Name of person being honored or memorialized)

Send pin to: (Name) _____

(Address) _____

2. Pledge to Mission

3. Gift to Mission Card – Which card to send?

(Thank You, Baby, Birthday, In the Service of Christ, etc.)

Send card to: (Name) _____

(Address) _____

4. Gift in Memory: In Memory of:

(Name of person in whose memory the gift is made)

Send card to: (Name) _____

(Address) _____

5. World Thank Offering

Given by (Rainbow Woman's Name) _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

District _____

All components must be submitted to your Unit Treasurer at one time. We suggest that this Rainbow Woman gift be given in addition to your regular pledge to mission.

If you have any questions about becoming a Rainbow Woman, please contact District Treasurer Beth Meserve.

Social Action

Lisa George

News from the Social Action Desk

Social Action concerns are running wild in our community, our state and our nation. There are so **many issues it was hard to select what I consider to be the most important. I've selected two that the United Methodist Women focus on - healthcare and families.**

Medicaid Expansion in Virginia

The following information is from a blog entry by Sen. Creigh Deeds. Sen. Deeds represents the 25th Senate District.

On Wednesday, May 30, 2018, the Virginia General Assembly adopted a budget two and half months late. The budget expands access to healthcare through Medicaid to roughly 300,000 low income Virginians. For over five years advocacy groups and some legislators have been fighting to reach this goal. The accomplishment is significant in many ways.

The nuts and bolts of Medicaid expansion are relatively simple. Virginia will have to submit waiver requests to get approval for our plan. The effective date is January 1, 2019. Medicaid will be available to those who earn up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level. This covers people who make too much to qualify for Medicaid now but cannot afford their monthly premiums for an employer based plan or do not make enough to qualify for subsidies on the federal health insurance marketplace. The plan includes co-pays as well as premiums for this coverage based on a sliding scale not to exceed two percent of income. Able-bodied adults will be required to work, look for work, or participate in job training or education programs. The inclusion of these provisions was essential to passage of Medicaid expansion. The impact is also limited because 75 percent of the Medicaid expansion population either works full time or lives with someone that does. The work requirement is waived in areas of high unemployment (150 percent of the statewide average).

This is great news for Virginians, especially for middle- and low-income residents. It has taken 5 years to get to this point. Many social justice groups have been instrumental in getting this passed. Way to go Virginia General Assembly for getting this important and necessary benefit into law!

United Methodist Women support health care for women, youth, and especially children. Medicaid Expansion is a fabulous program for all Virginians. To keep track of the Medicaid Expansion, get involved with the VA Interfaith Center for Public Policy - <http://www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org/>



Social Action

Lisa George

Here is the UMW's Official Statement on the immigration policies and actions currently in place on the US/Mexico border –

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN STATEMENT
Families Belong Together, Indefinite Detention Unacceptable
UPDATED

(from UMW National Website)
Updated: 6/21/2018



Families belong together.

The Administration's June 20 decision to stem the horrendous policy of separating children from their parents as their families seek refuge at the United States border reflects the outcry of people across the nation. However, it does not guarantee the reunification of children already taken from their families, and it offers an unacceptable alternative of indefinite family detention.

United Methodist Women stands in our objection to the zero-tolerance policy that criminalizes families seeking asylum in our nation.

The United Methodist Church Social Principles affirm that *"we oppose immigration policies that separate family members from each other or that include detention of families with children ..."* (Social Principles 162.H). The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child states that detaining a child on the basis of their, or their parents' migration status is a child rights violation.

United Methodist Women urges the Administration to act immediately to reunite the 2,300 children separated from their parents under its zero-tolerance policy and to publicly verify the reunification of these families.

We affirm current U.S. law under the "Flores" decision, which protects the welfare of immigrant children by limiting child detention to 3-5 days, or a maximum of 20 days in the "least restrictive" setting appropriate to their age and needs. We reject the June 20 Executive Order's proposal for action to suspend the "Flores" decision, as this would open the door to indefinite family detention.

These families have a legal right to apply for asylum, and this must be enforced. They should not be returned to situations of violence and potential death. They must be released with their families intact and have legal support to pursue this application process. This is an area where the faith community can play an important role, when we have access to support families. Together, we must guarantee them a fair chance to remain in the U.S. safely, permanently, in regular status.

Social Action

Lisa George

We continue to be vigilant in our commitment to a just immigration policy. Proposed legislation that would build walls, spend billions more on enforcement, eliminate family visas and further criminalize migrants is not an acceptable trade-off to end family separation or family detention.

We are grateful to God for the people of good will around the country who publicly voiced their dismay at family separation policy. We call on them to continue to use their powerful voices until every child is with their parent outside of detention, and until we have a humane and just immigration policy.



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Spiritual Growth

Phyllis Kirkman

Hi everyone,

I hope some of you were able to come for the vesper service. I would love some feedback from you. We have decided to do it again next year.

Here are some devotion possibilities:

Arrangement--from Leaves of Gold

“A child, desirous of presenting his father with a bouquet, goes unto the garden and gathers a lapful of flowers and weeds, all mixed together. His mother selects, arranges, and binds the flowers, and makes the gift acceptable. So Christ makes our ever poor services acceptable to God as a sweet-smelling savor.” Ambrose

The Kneeling Camel--from Leaves of Gold

The camel, at the close of day
Kneels upon the sandy plain
To have his burden lifted off
And rest to gain.

My soul, thou too, shouldst to thy knees
When the daylight draweth to a close,
And let thy Master lift thy load
And grant repose:

Else how canst thou tomorrow meet,
With all tomorrow's work to do,
If thou thy burden all the night
Dost carry through?

The camel kneels at break of day
To have his guide replace his load,
Then rises up again to take
The desert road.

So thou shouldst kneel at morning's dawn
That God may give thee daily care,
Assured that He no load too great
Will make thee bear.

Anna Temple

Remembering---from Leaves of Gold

“We talk about God's remembering us, as if it were a special effort. But if we could only know how truly we belong to God, it would be different. God's remembrance of us is the natural claiming of our life by Him as true part of His own.” Phillips Brooks

Phyllis



Program Resources

Phyllis Kirkman

It is that time of year once again to gather information for reports.

What I need to know is the name of your unit and the total number of books read. We have several plans, as you know. I need to know the names of those completing plans: which plan they have completed and how many books they have read. This is for certificates which we give out.

I also need to know if there are any who have participated in the children's program. For children through 6, these include books read to them. Older ones must read for themselves. Again, there is a certificate.

Even if no one in your unit has completed a plan, please let me know about any books read. Just a reminder, this year we have a few graphic novels which take very little time to read (think comic books)

I need your information by the end of August, so I can make my report to the conference.

Thank you,
Phyllis Kirkman

**END OF
SUMMER
READING
PARTY**

Program Resources

Phyllis Kirkman

Arlington District UMW READING PROGRAM REPORT 2018 (Sept 2017 through Aug 2018)

Unit name: _____ Name of person completing form: _____
Telephone and email: _____

Total number of books read _____ (with or without completion of a plan)

Number completing Plan I * _____

Number completing Plan II * _____

Number completing Plan III* _____

Number completing Plan IV * _____

TOTAL number completing a plan _____

TOTAL number of adult & youth readers _____
(count even those who have read only one book)

TOTAL number of children readers _____

TOTAL number of children receiving certificates * _____

TOTAL number of children's books read _____

TOTAL number of Subscriptions to RESPONSE _____
(count total number of individual and UMW unit subscriptions)

TOTAL number of Subscriptions to NEW WORLD OUTLOOK _____
(count total number of individual and UMW unit subscriptions)

*List names of those who completed plan on the next page

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO ME NO LATER THAN Sept 1, 2018.

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Program Resources

Phyllis Kirkman

Unit Name: _____	Total number of readers: _____
Total number of Books read (Adults): _____	Total Number of Books read by children: _____
List names of Children Reading 5 books:	
List Names completing plan I:	List Names completing plan II:
List Names completing plan III:	List names completing plan IV:
Person in your Unit who has read the most books: _____	Number of books read: _____

Please complete form and send by Sept. 1, 2018 to:
Phyllis Kirkman, Secretary of Program Resources, 8234 Winder St., Vienna, VA 22180.

Please note: If I do not receive a form from a Unit, that unit will be counted as "not participating in the reading program)

Books that qualify for the Reading Program Report are taken from the Years 2013-2018. Only books read from September 2017 through report date (September 1, 2018) can count on this report. (Any books read after this date can be counted toward next year).



Arlington District United Methodist Women 2018/9 Calendar

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Event	Date
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 UMC	September 22
46th Conference Annual Meeting @ Chestnut Memorial UMC, Newport News	October 27
Arlington District Mini-Mission Encounter @ Aldie UMC	November 10
Arlington District Training Day @ tbd	January 26, 2019
UM Day @ The General Assembly, Richmond	January 31
Bi-District Day Apart @ tbd	March 9
Conference Spiritual Life Retreat @ Eagle Eyrie	May 3-5
UMW Day @ Ferrum College	June 1

Arlington District United Methodist Women Officers for 2018

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

Speaking Out Loud

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

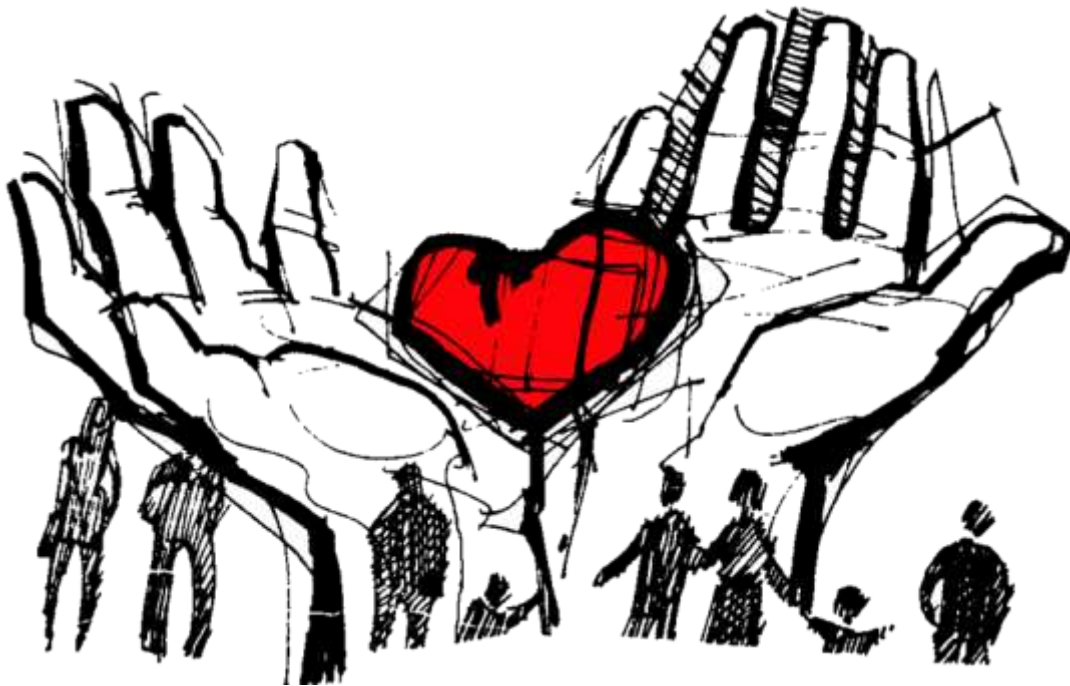
Email: buckrowbeach@gmail.com



Arlington District UMW Annual Meeting



Saturday, September 22, 2018
9 a.m. to noon
Speaker: Joanna Dietz



Sterling UMC
304 E Church Rd,
Sterling, VA 20164

Virginia United Methodist Women
Annual Meeting
2018

Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Neighbor

October 26-27, 2018

Chestnut Memorial UMC
Newport News, Virginia



Shannon Priddy
Keynote Speaker
United Methodist Women
Board of Directors
President

Matching passions and resources, I am a professional fundraiser with a non-profit in Indianapolis, IN. I am a homeowner in a neighborhood called Little Flower on the east side of the city and love coming home to tall trees and a 1920's bungalow style home. I moved to Indianapolis after living abroad with the Peace Corps. A church family and friends keep me busy when I am not working in my yard in the warmer weather or training for a half marathon no matter the weather.

I graduated from Truman State University in Kirksville, MO. I am originally from northern Illinois. After college I became a flight attendant for Delta Airlines in Boston, MA. I retired in 2005 and started graduate school at Harvard University while working in retail management. I left Boston in 2008 to transition into the Peace Corps, where I served in Armenia from 2009-2011. I worked for a women's resource NGO setting up organizational structures and building capacity for the organization to grow.

I am a woman of God. I grew up in the United Methodist Church. My mother has always been active in United Methodist Women. As a child I was taught to work for what is right and just in the world. It was at my mother's invitation that I became involved in United Methodist Women through the transformative education now called Mission u. The opportunities I have been afforded through United Methodist Women opened my eyes to injustice, but also opened my heart to faith, hope, and love in action.



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WOMEN
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Schedule

Friday evening

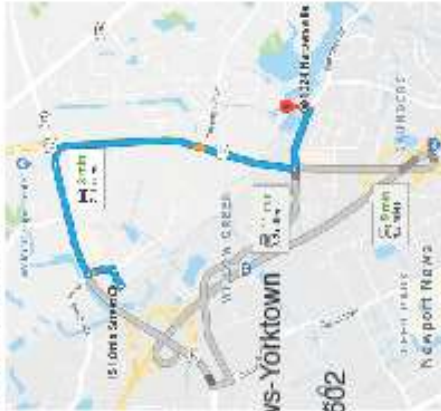
7:00 PM "The Circuit Riders", old time country and gospel music
8:30 PM Ice cream social

Saturday

9:00 AM Registration and light breakfast, Silent Auction* opens
9:30 AM Greetings and announcements
10:00 AM Training for officers and mission coordinators
in designated rooms
10:00 AM Local mission projects in Sanctuary: Rev. Veronica
Burrell, Una Familia and Kathy Phillips, Infant Services
12:00 NOON Lunch and fellowship
12:45 PM Silent Auction* closes
1:00 PM Business meeting and keynote address in Sanctuary
Worship service and Communion

Location

Chestnut Memorial UMC
1024 Harpersville Road
Newport News, VA 23601
757-595-6531



Hotel

Hampton Inn Newport News-Yorktown
151 Ottis Street
Newport News, Virginia 23602
Phone: 757-989-8977
Reserve by Sept 26
Special Rate \$109

2 Queen w/microwave/fridge/nonsmoking

Direct Online Link: <http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hip/groups/?personalized/P/PHEHHX-UMW-20181026/index.jhtml?>

***Silent Auction** Saturday morning, with items graciously donated by the Conference Executive team, to raise FUN(D)s for the Legacy Fund. Bring your checkbook to bid!

Local Mission Projects

Rev. Veronica Burrell from **Una Familia** on the Eastern Shore. These are the needed donations for her mission work with migrant families' children. (approximately 120 students)

12" Ruler with centimeter markings also
24 Pack CRAYOLA crayons
12 Pack #2 pencils
12 Pack color pencils
Glue sticks
Highlighters
Pencil sharpeners
Calculators
Pink erasers
Blue, black and red gel roller pens
Post-it note pads



Kathy Phillips, speaker for the **Early Intervention Division** for rural **Infant Services** program in Urbanna, Va.

Needed donations of:

Younger child and infant **board books** and **bath tub books**. These are well needed for many babies who are behind in development and for some with developmental problems. Monetary gifts are welcome, too.

Register

Print Name: _____
Print Church: _____ District: _____
Phone (____) _____
Dietary Concerns _____

Send **\$15 registration fee** (Lunch is provided) to our registrar:

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