

"Farmville District United Methodist Women"



The Linkette

Spring 2018



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This newsletter is for all Dis-
trict Unit members. If you
have something that your
Unit is doing and would like to
share with other Units, please
send them to me. Thank you
for all that you do to make
this a wonderful District.

Happy Spring to everyone.

I know it is Spring now because I got my first locally grown strawberries on Monday. How nice that someone local has the skill to get berries so early! Our birds are singing, geese have little goslings, spring flowers are blooming, and our bear is back. It is wonderful to once again experience the rebirth of nature!

Thank you to everyone who attend-
ed the Prayer Breakfast this year.
We had about 145 in attendance.
Jane Smith did a wonderful job with
the program again. But most of all it
was great to see all our friends again.
If you have any suggestions about
prayer breakfast, please share them
with us so we can plan for the things
you enjoy. Thank you to all who
helped with the planning and the
program.

The Conference had a meeting for
District Presidents the end of March.
I received tickets for the Annual Con-
ference UMW Breakfast. The tickets
are \$20 this year and the breakfast is
being held at the Hampton Coliseum
on Saturday at 6:45AM. Call me if

you need tickets. I must mail the
money in by May 22. I will be leaving
for Europe shortly after that date so I
will need to get the sales early.

Spiritual Life Retreat will be held
April 19 -20 at Eagle Eire in Lynch-
burg. I hope to see you there. Our
District Mission Study was on May 5
at Shiloh UM Church. Lisa Nichols
from Henry Fork Community Center
was our speaker. She spoke on one
of last summer's mission encounter
studies. Shiloh will be providing
lunch. Our offering will go to Henry
Fork. I have the enrollment forms
for Mission Encounter on July 27-29.
It will be held at the Smith Mountain
Lake 4-H Center. The topics of
choice are Missionary Conferences of
the UMC in the USA, What About
Money, Embracing Wholeness, and a
children's study on Money. National
Assembly will be held in Columbus,
Ohio on May 18-20. If anyone
attends I hope they will share their
experience.

Our District Annual Meeting will be

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held on September 22 at Main Street Church in South Boston. Dr. Jane Lyon will be sharing with us on this day. The registration, cost, and lunch menu will be in the next Linkette. We look forward to a big attendance this year. Rev. Dr. Lyon is an excellent speaker and is the creator of the Whole Women Conferences held in this area.

Jesus reminds us of the Spring of Christian life in Matthew 24:32-35. "Learn this parable from the fig tree. After its branch becomes tender and it sprouts new leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see all these things, you know that the Human One is near, at the door. ... Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away." So as we enjoy spring keep in mind the promises of Jesus and be aware of his nearness both in your life and in your actions.

Mary Fulton, Farmville District President UMW

Happy Spring to each of you!

What a joy the Prayer Breakfast was again this year! Thank you, Jane Smith, for coordinating an exciting and engaging program. You are amazing!

Easter Sunday was beautiful and hopefully each of you were able to spend a portion of the day with your loved ones as I did. It was a beautiful Sunrise Service and the weather allowed the little ones to get outside and enjoy the great weather that day. God is good.

As I think about the joys in my life, I realize there are so many people who are not as fortunate as I am. They have issues with finances, careers, relationships, and physical or mental health.

I recall something I had read in my daily devotional book, *Jesus Calling* by Sarah Young, addressing the importance of adversity in our lives. Ms. Young emphasized the need to be challenged as Christians so that we can reach our full potential. Through the difficult and even painful circumstances that occur in our lives, we are reminded that God is in control and we must trust in Him. As a result, our faith, and our commitment to live Christian lives solidifies and grows. It is even possible to find positive messages in what we view as negative situations if we look. So, I plan to strive to find the positives and welcome the adversity in my life. I hope each of you can find the strength and faith in God to accept your challenges and use them as an opportunity to grow in your relationship with God.

I look forward to meeting more of you and spend time talking with you at our United Methodist Women events in 2018. I am excited to begin plan-

ning the Fall District Meeting and will be giving you more information as it becomes available. I can tell you the service will be at Main Street church in South Boston and Reverend Moon has agreed to come sing for us again. So many of you had requested him since he was such a blessing at our meeting last year.

Our theme this year is "**Let the Spirit Move You**". I appreciate your thoughts and please let me know if you have any suggestions. My email address is:

thmpsnrbcc@yahoo.com

God bless each of you and keep you in his care,

Becky Thompson, District Vice President

Spring has sprung!

Or has it? No matter what the weather brings, it is all a gift from God and we should always be grateful. Of course, His greatest gift was His Son and the promise that we will have eternal life. Hallelujah!

The 2nd quarter reports are due June 10th. Thank you to those who sent in your AMD dues and pledge slips with your 1st quarter remittance. If you have not done so, please include it with your 2nd quarter report.

Do not hesitate to call or email me

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if you have any questions or concerns. If I don't have the answer immediately, I will find it.

Evelyn (Ebie) Hines
Farmville District Treasurer

District Secretary

As of January 1, 2018, I joined the District Leadership Team as Secretary. I sincerely appreciate the cordial welcome and the guidance I have already received as I continue to learn the responsibilities of the job.

I am part of the Shiloh United Methodist Church family where I serve as President of our United Methodist Women. Since many of you may have attended the Mission Study at Shiloh on May 5th, I thought it might be appropriate to share some information with you about our church and about the evolution of our UMW unit.

Shiloh was founded in 1888 with its dedication taking place the third Sunday in November of that year. The church had in its early years an active Ladies Aid Society, later called the Woman's Missionary Society, with the earliest record of the organization being 1920. At this point in time, they graciously donated the pulpit stand and the chancel rail which

remain in the sanctuary today. Keep in mind, monthly dues were 5 cents! The Women's Society of Christian Service was organized in 1939 and it was their donation in 1951 of the picture, "Christ at the Door" which hangs in the pulpit today. Some time later, the name of the organization changed, yet again, to the current United Methodist Women. It is obvious in reading the church history how very important the organization of the church women, regardless of the name, has been to the life of Shiloh United Methodist Church.

A history of Shiloh UMC, as compiled in 1978, concludes with these words: "Our church calls us to her heart, she asks our service and our loyalty. A church is not measured in greatness by the beauty of its architecture or the ability of its ministry, but by the people who live truly and serve faithfully the cause for which it stands....So Love It, Support It, Serve It."

We enjoyed having you on May 5th for the Mission Study!

Brenda Gee

Hope everyone enjoyed the last snow. I am ready for tulips, buttercups, and spring.

The Mission Study was on Saturday, May 5th at Shiloh Methodist

Church, 20230 Highway Forty Seven, South Hill, Virginia. Our study leader was Lisa Nichols from Henry Fork Service Center. Items were collected for the center and also a monetary collection.

After the Mission Study, our next event will be Mission Encounter in July at Smith Mountain Lake near Lynchburg, Virginia.

Laura Jane Rash
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Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee is beginning to consider filling the positions on the District Leadership Team for the years 2019-2020. If you are interested in serving on the Leadership Team, please contact a member of the Nominations Committee. Each unit has a directory which contains contact information for each member of the Nominations Committee.

Betsy Hanmer, Chairman of the Nominations Committee

Communications

I'm sorry that the newsletter is late this quarter and I know that you get tired of hearing about computer problems. After long days and nights and money spent on this computer it seems to be

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fixed. The bugs, worms, and what nots are gone. And I hope there will not be another “Computer Problem” inserted anywhere in anymore news letters. I thank all of you for your patience with this matter.

If you missed the Mission Study on Saturday, May 5th, you missed a great study by Deacon Lisa Nichols. I took her Mission Study last year, which was great, and this one was just as great or better.

The Ladies from Shiloh M. C. provided a wonderful lunch after the program and the Church was impressive with a wonderful history.

Marilyn Johnson

Spiritual Growth

I’ve lived a long life but never have I experienced anything like the divisiveness that exists at all levels of life in America today. And one doesn’t have to go far until a little slip of the tongue results in an argument or misunderstanding. It can happen at a club meeting, beauty shop, bridge game, even church or over Sunday dinner. To worsen the situation, others present, who join in the conversation, express their opinions, and very often anger and hard feelings erupt.

We, who are active in United Methodist Women, recognize

that we are a part of a large and very diverse population with many, many differences. We also know our faith, our traditions, and our beliefs illuminate our responses and our reactions to the present challenges we are facing.

Our faiths concur that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. We are not required to agree with one another, but we are called to love and respect one another. We are peacemakers, always maintaining the dignity and rights of others.

We see this response as a religious imperative. Did not the Apostle Paul say, “There is no distinction between the Jew and the Greek; the Lord God created us all?”

Make love your aim, especially in our Farmville District U. M. W.

Blessings and Love,
Jane Smith

Calendar of Events

May

18—19 UMW National Conference in Columbus, Ohio

Do Candle Burning early—submit by August 20 to verify 5-6 Star criteria

June

2 UMW Day @ Ferrum College

10 2nd Qtr. Remittance to District Treasurer

15—17 VA Annual Conference, Hampton

16 UMW Annual Breakfast @ Conference

July

27—29 Mission Encounter—4-H Center @ Smith Mountain Lake

September

22 46th Annual Meeting at Mainstreet UMC in South Boston

October

26—27 VA Annual Conference

November

Happy Thanksgiving

December

Merry Christmas

The form for Membership and Unit Officers needs to be completed and turned in by December 30th.

Please Note:

Included in this Newsletter is the Candle Burning Form which needs to be turned in by August 20th.

NAME OF UNIT _____

CANDLE BURNING REPORT SHEET

List names in alphabetical order, last name first. List "In Honor" names first followed by "In Memory" names categories. Click and type, or print / write neatly. Names will be listed in the program in the same order that you list them. Itemize only those "In Honor" or "In Memory" gifts of \$5.00 or more for inclusion in our District Program.

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Please return form and your check made payable to **Farmville District UMW by August 20, 2018: Evelyn Hines, 1052 Cody Road, Nathalie, VA 24577, call 434-349-9537 for more information.**

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