



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.

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Check out our website at www.ArlingtonDistrictUMW.org

District President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Well here we are, it's the fall. Things are getting busy as we ramp up for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Yes, **"The Holidays" seem to come faster** every year. They are upon us, it seems, before we know it. So, take a morning off and come to the Mini Mission Encounter on November 10th, 9 to noon, at Aldie UMC. Aldie was a new addition to our district a few years ago and they could use our support. Nancy Robinson will be our speaker, the topic will be, Living As a Covenant Community, from Mission Encounter. Nancy is a great speaker and has served as a missionary in Sierra Leone. I know some of you may be reluctant to drive but the fall colors should still be nice, and carpooling is a good time to catch up. There is a flyer included in this Tapestry.

We had our District Annual Meeting, September 22nd, at Sterling UMC. I am aware that it was the same day as the Bi District Annual Meeting. I know it kept some of you away, please be assured that I will make every effort to avoid this next year. I am asking everyone to send their officer lists for 2019 to Frances Ellis, as soon as they can. She does a great job with the District Handbook that we pass **out on Training Day, so let's help her** do another great job this year. Training Day will be held at Dulin UMC, in Falls Church, on January 26th, 9 to noon, so put the date on your calendar.

I know many of you are or will be

planning programs, activities and installation services for the coming year. I would be happy to help install officers, speak at a meeting or just come to visit. I have been on several mission trips and would enjoy talking about what I have experienced. As part of the Living into Our Purpose, you only must invite a District or Conference officer to one of your meetings during the year. **They don't have to do anything but come.**

The Virginia Conference United Methodist Women's Annual Meeting is coming up October 27, in Newport News. I hope to see many of you there. Shannon Priddy President, United Methodist Women Board of Directors is the speaker. Next year Harriet Jane Olson, General Secretary, United Methodist Women, will be the speaker. So, keep an eye out for the date and location, in 2020 and plan to attend.

So, here I am giving you dates for 2020, already! What happened to taking a few minutes to slow down? Well **planning is a good way to know what's** ahead and then we can be ready to enjoy it. The Holidays can be a joyous time and a stressful time. This year try **to keep the "reason for the season" in** mind.

Blessings,
Doris



Secretary

Janet Keener



Dear Sisters,

Having been inspired by the [Great Day of Service](#) at Annual Conference in June, on Sunday, September 16th, our Wesley United Methodist Women sponsored a [Great Day of Service](#) at our church! We had about forty participants, including families with young children, women and men of all ages, and youth. Most workers were not necessarily UMW members. They do support our work for Mission.

After a delicious pulled pork barbecue lunch prepared and contributed by a church member, we proceeded to our assignments. Sign-up sheets were available for three weeks prior to the day. The various task selections offered things that children could do with parents or adults and youth only:

Decorating cookies for shut-ins

Making bookmarks for shut-ins and other Pastoral visits

Cleaning a shut-in's kitchen

Washing an injured member's front windows

Washing windows in the church nursery

Painting the tunnel that connects the two sections of the church building

Yard work for two different shut-ins

Probably things that elude me now!

The participant response has been very positive! Folks have expressed interest in doing [another Great Day of Service](#) soon. Date is to be determined. [Thinking and doing for others beyond ourselves -- that is the key!](#)

As [United Methodist Women](#), may each of us continue to serve God and to be role models by putting our Faith Hope Love in Action 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

Thank you to all those who joined us at Sterling UMC for our District Annual Meeting on September 22, 2018. **We had a great time. Rev. Joanna Dietz blessed us by speaking about "Living the Life of Jesus."**

We raised \$1134 through Candle Burning this year, which allowed us to burn a candle for 31 minutes and 29 seconds. The donations raised by Candle Burning are added to our pledge to mission which supports UMW mission work. The cost is only \$.60 per second and is a great way to remember our loved ones.

Those units who contributed to Candle Burning were:

Andrew Chapel	Graham Road
Charles Wesley	Herndon
Clarendon	St. Luke's
Friendship	Wesley

We recognized 13 Rainbow Givers:

Esther Barkat	Florence Jenkins
Doris Douglass	Sharon Jenkins
Frances Ellis	Karen McElfish
Debra Fairweather	Beth Meserve
Brenda Pearson Goff	Mary Alyce Phipps
Cathy Gordon	Gloria Ruddick
	Connie Shrader

We had two 5-star units:

Mt. Olivet and Sterling

We had five 6-star units:

Andrew Chapel	Herndon
Clarendon	St. Luke's
Graham Road	

To be recognized as a 5-star unit, you need to 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. Being a Rainbow Giver qualifies your unit as a 5-star unit. If you would like to become a Rainbow Giver for 2019, look for the Rainbow Giver form found in this copy of the Tapestry. Once you have met the requirements for a 5-star, you can become a 6-star unit by also contributing through Candle Burning.

Our budget for 2019 is \$2910 from the Administration and Membership funds, and our pledge to missions is \$25,000. We are still far short of our 2018 pledge to missions, so be sure to get your 4th quarter contributions in by December 15th.

Thank you all for your support of the United Methodist Women!

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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

It was good to see so many familiar faces at the ADUMW Annual Meeting last month. At the meeting I was asked about the Social Action Priorities for this year. There are four major priorities – Economic Inequality, Climate Justice, Criminalization of Communities of Color, and Maternal and Child Health. Each Priority is explained below with a web reference of how to find out more.

Another thing I realized at the Annual Meeting is that I have no way in getting in touch with the Unit Social Action Coordinators. I have names of 5 women from the membership information who are filling this role. **If you would like to be added to my email list in the ADUMW please send me an email and I'll add you right away. You don't have to be a Social Action Coordinator to get my emails. This will help me get to know you, and you can get to know me, and we can share information.**

What Matters to United Methodist Women

Through engaging in social action issues, United Methodist Women will work on linking spiritual growth, mission education, leadership development, service and advocacy in their worship, community and mission work. The issues are entry points for exploring how gender, race and class differentials permeate our society, and for living out the Charter for Racial Justice in our times. Each issue offers opportunities for education, bible study, prayer, service, public witness and advocacy for justice in local communities and at the state, national and global levels. At the same time, these issues are not separate. At the core is the need to challenge systems that exclude women, youth and children; persons of color; and communities of color. These systems also criminalize people who cross borders to seek livelihoods, or who challenge entrenched inequalities. We are challenged to explore how these issues come together in the daily headlines, and in the concerns of our own communities.

Economic Inequality

“We support measures that would reduce the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few.” (Social Principles, The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, 2012, pg. 128).

Growing income and wealth inequality in the United States particularly impacts women and communities of color. While real incomes for the top 1 percent have grown 185% over the past 35 years, incomes for the rest of **the population have increased an average of only 13%. Despite signs of “recovery,” millions have lost homes, pensions and jobs and are less financially secure.**

This did not just happen on its own. Our current economic insecurity is the result of specific policy choices that have shifted wealth and income to the top: cuts in taxes for the wealthy and corporate tax cuts, cuts in public services, employer cuts to pensions and health benefits, predatory mortgage lending, stagnant wages alongside rising costs of living, work speedups and shifts from the public to the private sector in everything from schools to roads to the military to prisons, eliminating many unionized public sector jobs.

United Methodist Women can act locally and in national efforts to begin to bridge the inequality gap. An education and action workshop, in partnership with United for a Fair Economy, will enable us to engage more and more members in education, reflection and action. Plan to lead this interactive Overworked and Undervalued workshop in your community.

See www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/economic-inequality for the workshop and education and action ideas. Join the Facebook community: www.facebook.com/UMWEconomicInequality

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Climate Justice

All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings. God has granted us stewardship of creation. We should meet these stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect. (Social Principles, The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2012, ¶ 160, pg. 105)

Climate change is not an equal opportunity phenomenon. While climate change affects everyone, it does not affect everyone equally. The truth is that the poorest people in industrialized and developing nations suffer the **worst effects. Women and children comprise an estimated 70% of the world's poor.**

Women and girls are on the front lines of coping with the impact of climate change because of their economic status and because of the roles they play in society. They are also on the front lines of creating alternative strategies and solutions. In developing countries, women and girls often are responsible for the most basic survival needs of their families—like water, fuel and food. At the grass roots level, women are often well positioned to manage risk due to their roles as both users and managers of environmental resources, as economic providers, and as caregivers and community workers.

United Methodist Women calls for sound stewardship of the earth and sound relationships within and between communities, whether local, state, national or international. We work to provide practical, theologically sound tools to guide and inspire your work. These tools were developed to delve into deep intersectional injustices between gender, racial, economic and climate injustice.

See www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/climatejustice for education and action ideas.

Criminalization of Communities of Color

“In the love of Christ, who came to save those who are lost and vulnerable, we urge the creation of a genuinely new system for the care and restoration of victims, offenders, criminal justice officials, and the community as a whole. Restorative justice grows out of biblical authority, which emphasizes a right relationship with God, self, and community.” (Social Principles, Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2012, pg. 137)

“We recognize racism as sin and affirm the ultimate and temporal worth of all persons. We rejoice in the gifts that particular ethnic histories and cultures bring to our total life. We commend and encourage the self-awareness of all racial and ethnic groups and oppressed people that leads them to demand their just and equal rights as members of society.” (Social Principles, Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2012, pg. 117)

In the United States, excessive levels of policing policies and immigration law enforcement are increasing incarceration rates. In addition, reforms to these systems are happening too slowly. Further, all these mechanisms disproportionately impact persons of color. The United Methodist Church must work to dismantle policies that assume whole groups of people are criminals and encourage public acceptance of the injustice of racial profiling, mass incarceration and disenfranchisement of entire communities demonized as a threatening “other.”

In 2012, 23.9 million Americans, ages twelve and over, of all races and socioeconomic levels had been involved in using illegal drugs. **But the “war on drugs” has not been waged across all races and socioeconomic levels; it has been waged through systemic targeting of poor communities of color. Policies like “stop and frisk” and “broken windows” have empowered police to detain people without probable cause and make arrests for minor infractions.** In the immigration system, roundups targeting migrants mean large numbers of people are swept into the detention and deportation system.

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United Methodist Women members can engage with these issues:

Find out more about the criminalization of communities of color by using books from the Reading Program, including *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color Blindness* by Michelle Alexander.

Use the manuals for Racial Justice and Immigrant and Civil Rights online.

View the webinar on Mass Incarceration on the United Methodist Women's website

For more information, see: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racial-justice

Maternal and Child Health

“Health is a condition of physical, mental, social, and spiritual well-being. John 10:10b says, ‘I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.’ We encourage individuals to pursue a healthy lifestyle and affirm the importance of preventive health care, health education, environmental and occupational safety, good nutrition, and secure housing in achieving health. Health care is a basic human right.” (Social Principles, Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2012, pg. 126–127)

Health care for women and children is at the heart of United Methodist Women today and has been since the organization was founded in the 1800s. In 1869, Dr. Clara Swain was sent to Bareilly, India, to provide quality **medical care to women. Our foremothers made the choice to act to save women's lives. They chose to build** hospitals and clinics, to train women and girls to serve as doctors and nurses, and to send missionaries to initiate the work.

Today, UMW continues to support the health and family needs of women and children. Women are still dying in childbirth, children continue to die from preventable diseases and many communities have no access to healthcare. From Latin America to Africa to Asia, United Methodist Women works with women worldwide to address access to health care; educational opportunities in medical fields; reproductive health including family planning, cancer screening and healthy childbirth; advocacy for equity in law and services for women and children; workshops for teens at risk, lactating mothers who are HIV-positive, and all mothers.

In the United States, several United Methodist Women national mission institutions provide maternal health services to improve access to care for underserved populations. Services include prenatal and postpartum care; baby supplies; parenting support; shelter and legal services; and health care. In addition, many deaconesses and home missionaries live their calling to ministries of love, justice and service by working as health care professionals.

United Methodist Women is committed to promoting abundant health for women and children in our local, national and global communities.

For information, see: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/maternal-child-health

And as always, if you have any questions or need any additional information on these Priorities or any other **issues related to Social Action, please feel free to contact me at the contact information below. If I don't know the answer, I'll do whatever I can to find it out. Thank you.**

Respectfully submitted,
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Education and Interpretation

Dana Connor

Here's to hoping we have a much drier Fall and we can begin to enjoy the beautiful autumn colors and more seasonal temperatures.

Giving at the Global Level – The Nicaraguan Well Repair Project

Here at the Aldie United Methodist church, our United Methodist Women are very active in fundraising. In the Spring we held a Taco Dinner to raise funds for the Nicaraguan Well Project called Bridges of Hope.

It was a well-attended event and we were able to share this [video](#) during the dinner. The video is from a coordinated effort with Warrenton UMW a couple years back. We raised well over \$2,000 with the dinner and all proceeds went to fund the well repair project.

Sadly, Nicaragua is undergoing civil unrest. We are in contact with our U.S. counterpart for the well project but are having difficulty maintaining contact with his counterpart in Nicaragua. Please pray for peace in Nicaragua and that we can get these much needed funds to Bridges of Hope – Well Repair project.

VA UMW Annual Meeting– Sacred Encounters with God and Neighbor – October 26-27-2018

Join the Virginia United Methodist Women for their Annual Meeting at Chestnut Memorial UMC in Newport News, Virginia. The Keynote Speaker will be United Methodist Women Board of Directors President, Shannon Priddy. To learn more about the Annual meeting and to register, go to <https://www.vaumw.com/events/annual-meeting/>.

Mini-Mission Retreat – November 10 – Aldie United Methodist Church – 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The women of Aldie United Methodist Church (Aldie UMW) are delighted to host our first mini-mission retreat here at Aldie United Methodist Church. We are the farthest most western unit in our district, I'm told. **While we are truly only about 11 miles west of Dulles airport, it is a lovely drive. Gather up your UMW friends and carpool if you'd prefer. We would love to meet you. We'll have the Reverend Nancy Robinson as our speaker. The Rev. Nancy Robinson is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries serving as the Mission Advocate for the Southeast Jurisdiction.**

May all we do be in God's name.

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Spiritual Growth

Phyllis Kirkman

Ladies,

I would like to recommend to you the study The Wesley Challenge. This is a three-week study on 21 questions Wesley asked in his Holy Club at Oxford. Each day you read and reflect on one question (about 4 pages). At the end of the week (7 questions) you meet and discuss. 21 questions, three weeks. This would make an excellent short-term study and, I think, would be very beneficial.

Also check out your hymnal for things. We used 335 and 329 at our annual meeting. I also like 574 and 677.

Freedom of Forgiveness

Author Ray Pritchard tells this story:

A wise old monk and his young apprentice were walking together along a trail. Their monastery had a rule forbidding all contact with women, but when they came to a river with a fast-flowing current, they saw an old woman weeping on the shoreline because she could not cross the river on her own. The older monk picked up the woman, and without a word, carried her to the other side.

The old woman went on her way, and the monk and his apprentice proceeded on their journey. For two-and-a-half hours neither said a word, but on the inside, the young monk was seething. When he could stand it no longer, he blurted out. "My Lord, why did you carry that women across the river? You know that we are not supposed to touch a woman."

The wise old monk looked down at the young man and said, " I put her down hours ago. Why are you still carrying her?"

from Refreshing Word for Busy Women

Let's go Shopping

Colossians 3:12-14 tells us that as God's people we need to be attired in suitable outfits. There are 7 **characteristics we are to "don" so our clothes will be of the highest quality.**

The first on the list is "compassion". That's the blouse or shirt because it's worn close to the heart. When our hearts are filled with compassion, we reach out to those around us.

The second is "kindness", and since it is our legs that carry us to do helpful things for others, kindness must be the skirt or pants.

The belt that keeps kindness securely in place is "patience." With patience we have the grace to continue to treat others kindly even when they're unresponsive.

"Humility" certainly must be the shoes-the items closest to the ground. Shoes of humility will take us to those who are less fortunate than we are and need our help.

For accessories, try "gentleness". Not very flashy but oh so attractive. Peter says, "Your beauty should not come from outward adornment...Instead it should be that of...a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight." (1 Peter 3:3-4)

Item 6 is "forgiveness". I think that is the hat because forgiveness is first a decision you make mental-

Spiritual Growth

Phyllis Kirkman

ly, which then transforms into an emotion of the heart.

And how about a coat to keep out the cold? The last characteristic is in Colossians 3:14 "over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." And love absolutely radiates warmth.

Don't you agree that the person wearing compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness and love is well dressed for any occasion? Let's go shopping for the wardrobe God picked out!

From Refreshing words for Busy Women

Inexhaustible from Leaves of Gold

Someone describes packing her bag for a journey. Just before closing it, she observes a small corner not yet filled. She says, " Into this little corner I put a guidebook, a lamp, a mirror, a microscope, a telescope, a volume of choice poems, several well-written biographies, a package of old letters, a book of songs, a sharp sword and a small library of more than 60 volumes; yet, strange enough to say, all these did not occupy a space of more than 3" by 2" ." "But how did you do it?' "Well, it was all in the packing. I put in my Bible."

Blessings to you,
Phyllis



Program Resources

Phyllis Kirkman

Thank you all so much for increasing your reading this year. We had 7 churches reporting. Last year we had only four. So great work! But let's not stop there.

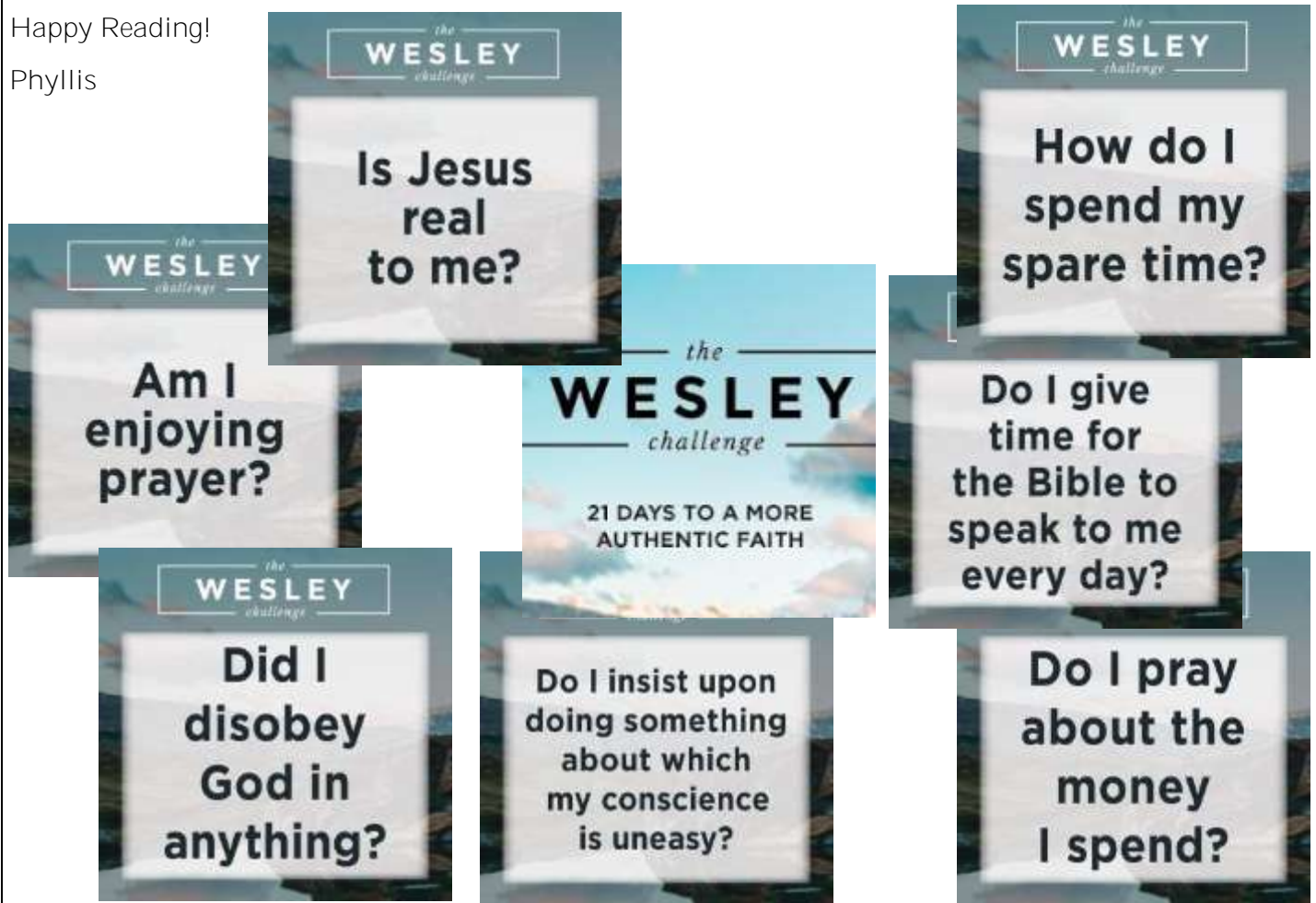
Last year I challenged you to read at least one book if you don't usually. Every book counts. Don't forget children's books. And if you read the book to a child (6 & under) you count the child too. Five and I can give the child a certificate.

We have a wonderful selection of books this year. I would like to point out that you can get *Same Sky* (novel) and *Where Do We Go From Here?* through Fairfax County library.

I would also like to point out a short-term study. It is called the Wesley Challenge. It is a series of questions John Wesley asked the members of his Holy Club at Oxford. There are 21 questions over a three-week period. This is divided into three sections: Relationship with God, Relationship with Self, and Relationship with Others. The idea is that you read the section on one question each day (about 4 pages) focusing only on that question. At the end of the week you will have dealt with 7 questions. When you meet at the end of the week, it is to discuss what you've discovered. So, it is a three-week study which focuses on one question/day for 21 days. There is a Leader's guide as well as the participant's. **This would make an excellent short-term study** for a Sunday school class or maybe a circle or small group would be willing to make a three-week commitment to do this. (Would be something you could check off on Living into your Purpose.)

Happy Reading!

Phyllis





Arlington District United Methodist Women 2018/9 Calendar

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Event	Date
46th Conference Annual Meeting @ Chestnut Memorial UMC, Newport News	October 27
Arlington District Mini-Mission Encounter @ Aldie UMC	November 10
Arlington District Training Day @ Dulin UMC	January 26, 2019
UM Day @ The General Assembly, Richmond	January 31
Bi-District Birthday Bash @ Mt. Olivet UMC	March 9
Conference Spiritual Life Retreat @ Eagle Eyrie	May 3-5
Arlington District Spring Prayer Breakfast @ Centreville UMC	May 18
UMW Day @ Ferrum College	June 1
UMW Breakfast @ Conference in Roanoke	June 21
Mission Encounter @ 4H Center at Smith Mountain Lake	July 26-28
Young Women's Retreat @ Camp Overlook	Sept. 13-14
47th Conference Annual Meeting	October 26

Arlington District United Methodist Women Officers for 2018

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Fall Into Action

*Reflection, Thanksgiving,
Hope and Personal Growth*
Women's Retreat

FALL INTO ACTION A WOMEN'S RETREAT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018
9 AM – 2 PM

(CHECK-IN AND BREAKFAST BEGIN AT 8:30)
OAKTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2951 CHAIN BRIDGE RD, OAKTON VA
HOSTED BY THE OAKTON UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
LED BY AUTHOR & SPEAKER, DIANNE TOLLIVER

**You owe it to yourself! Join us for a time of
Reflection, Thanksgiving, Hope & Personal Growth!**

Through interactive sessions, lunch, and fellowship with other women, Dianne Tolliver (inspirational speaker, author, and certified life coach) will help women of all ages (appropriate for those 16+) renew and refocus.

Register by October 29 to be entered into a drawing!

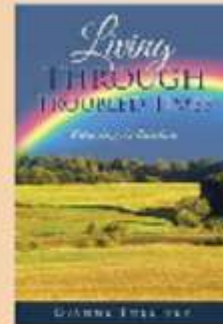
Advance Registration: \$20 At The Door: \$25

Child care - \$15 per child. Advance reservations required.

Tickets Available Online at

<https://oumwfallintoaction.eventbrite.com>

Registration includes continental breakfast and lunch.



Dianne's book, *Living Through Troubled Times: Witnessing the Rainbow* explores the inspirational journeys of courageous people who encountered insurmountable storms and personally witnessed the rainbow of God's love and support. This rich collection of true, life-changing stories and devotionals will open your eyes, warm your heart, and give you hope in God's unconditional love.

Books will be offered for sale at the event. If you can't wait that long ... it is also available on Amazon. Have your book signed by the author at the end of the retreat!

**Door Prizes
&
Silent
Auction**

If you missed it at Mission Encounter, here's your chance to learn how to live as a covenant community!

Arlington District UMW Presents

Mini-Mission Encounter

Living As A Covenant Community



Covenants are found in the Bible from when God created man until the last page of Revelation. This encounter examines major covenants and what they reveal about how God works with us, in us, and through us.

Saturday, November 10, 2018
9:00am – Noon

Aldie United Methodist Church
39325 John Mosby Highway
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Light Refreshments and Coffee will be served

Speaker – Rev. Nancy Robinson

The Rev. Nancy Robinson is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries serving as the Mission Advocate for the Southeast Jurisdiction.



ARLINGTON DISTRICT UMW TRAINING DAY

JANUARY 26, 2019



January 26, 2019
Snow Date: February 2, 2019
9:00 AM—NOON
Dulin UMC
513 East Broad Street
Falls Church, VA 22046
(703) 532-8060

United Methodist Day at the General Assembly

Thursday, January 31, 2019 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM



Ever wanted to know how to create real change in our state government? Ever wanted to know more about real issues facing our legislature? United Methodist Day at the General Assembly is the place for you! This is our opportunity to help faith communities become empowered to serve as missionaries of justice, as well as the more traditional missionaries of mercy.

JOIN US for the BRIEFING
Wednesday, January 30
7:30 p.m.

Registration

Space is LIMITED.

Registration is now open for United Methodist Day at the General Assembly. Many people are looking for productive ways to be involved in our communities and helping to shape our communities future. Learning more about how our Commonwealth's Legislature works, meeting the people who work there, and learning more about the issues before them at this next session are fantastic ways to begin. We will also help you be involved throughout the year in letting your voice and opinion be heard.

Register today: <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/umday2019>

Register before Christmas for a discount!

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