

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

James River District UMW



THE COMPASS

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NEWS FLASH!



Visit the Conference Webpage
<https://vaumc.org/>

Visit the Virginia UMW Webpage
<https://www.vaumw.com/>

Please be safe

Wash your hands

Practice social distancing

Read your Bible or other devotional

Pray for the workers on the front line

Help others when you can

We are in this together

Do you feel called to work in the United Methodist Church? There are several positions posted on the VAUMC.org Job Opportunities page <https://vaumc.org/jobs/> including Administrative Assistants, Preschool/Daycare Workers, positions in Youth Ministries, Music and Choir Directors.

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Secretary's Corner for the Compass

As the Secretary of your James River District Mission Team in the January Compass edition I made an appeal to you in regards of the lack of officers in key leadership areas. I have, as I also know our Treasurer, Communications Coordinator and Program Resources Chair have, spoken with many regarding our situation and asking if you might or know someone who might join us on Mission Team.

Plain and simple - I pray for our direction and programs we can and/or cannot offer I also used the following devotion and I think it applies yet today so I am repeating it here. Our Lord and Savior died for our sins. He didn't take the cushioned seat of royalty but took the long hard walk to the cross with a trip through hell before resurrection. This gave us the chance to have what we have today.

How are we using His character in the James River District United Methodist Women's organization?

"Cushioned Sins". Based on the verse from Jerimiah 22:21 "When you were prosperous, I warned you, but you replied, 'Don't bother me.' Since childhood you have been that way - you simply will not listen!" Lori Z. Scott, author of the devotion, spoke of a time when she curled her daughter's hair, helped her dress and took her to the auditorium where she would participate in her dance recital. Sitting in the auditorium with other parents waiting for the program to begin they heard the fire alarm begin to blare. They didn't smell smoke and no one wanted to give up their much-coveted seat for 'the best viewing spots' so no one moved until the ushers forced them to evacuate. She left us with this question 'Will I give up my well-seated sins and comfort and follow Christ tomorrow?'

Ladies of the JRD UMW tomorrow has arrived. Without leadership we have no district programs to offer you. Please see the calendar of events the state UMW conference is offering.

Where is God calling you to step out and serve?

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Read while you can. The United Methodist Women encourage life-long learner to be readers. The link to information about the reading program is [United Methodist Women - 2020 Reading Program](#)

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/2021readingprogramtitles.pdf>

You can download the catalog and explore your reading options. If you have questions contact Linda Callis [lcallis@yahoo.com].

Happy reading!

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Do you have a Facebook account? If so, Find me and Friend me!! I am the administrator for the James River District UMW page where we can all share events in real time with our sisters in Christ in this District. If you have any events that you want to share with the District, please email me or tag me in a Facebook event and I can add to the District group page. Also, a friendly reminder, if you have any chapter contact updates please let me know so I can send the Compass and any other important notices to the correct contacts.

****Important**** Please consider using email to communicate with the District!! Could you designate one member as the email contact? Please distribute copies of the Compass at your UMW meetings and contact me for any changes to the local units contact info.

PAST EVENTS

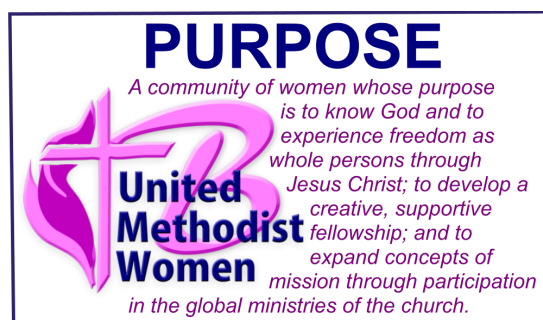
Have an event your Unit was a part of? Please send a picture or two with a small article and I can add it to the Compass! We can share our works and ideas with the district.

Upcoming Local Unit Events

Please let me know of any upcoming events for local units to share here and on Facebook

FROM THE DISTRICT

Please do not send in Stamps for Missions at this time, there is no one collecting them.



****All Calendar Dates are Tentative and are Subject to Change****

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Place	Time
May 15	Spiritual Life Retreat	via Zoom	9am to 1pm
June 5	UMW Day at Ferrum	Ferrum College	
June 10	2nd Quarter Treasurer's Report due	Send to Marie Hawks	
June 17-19	Virginia Annual Conference	Hampton/Virtual?	
July 1 to August 5	Mission Encounter	Zoom Sessions on Thursdays	7pm
September 9	Deadline for Candle Burning, Living Into Our Purpose, Reading Achievements, Names of Deceased Members, 5 & 6 Star info, Elect Officers in Local Units for Next Year		
September 10	3rd Quarter Treasurer Report due	Send to Marie Hawks	

2021 dates from State Conference

May 15	UMW Spiritual Life Retreat - Virtual/Zoom
June 5	UMW Day at Ferrum College
June 18	UMW Breakfast at Annual Conference - Hampton
July 1 to Aug 5	Mission Encounter - Virtual/Zoom
September 10-11	UMW Young Women's Retreat - Camp Overlook, Keezletown
October 2	UMW Budget Meeting - UM Center
October 22	UMW Executive Committee Mtg. – Smith Mountain Lake 4H Center
October 23	UMW 49th Annual Meeting - Smith Mountain Lake 4H Center

Saturday, MAY 15, 2021
Virginia Conference United Methodist Women
Spiritual Life Retreat
Peace Be With You

Our Speaker: Rev. Ileana Rosario
Pastor of Lower United Methodist Church

Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Agenda:

Greet One Another

Welcome and Zoom Tips

Opening Music and Prayer

Four Sessions followed by Break-out Groups:

Receiving Peace in My Heart

Sharing Peace within the United Methodist Church

Upholding Peace Despite Division

Spreading Peace Throughout the World

Closing Worship

Parting Words

Please register by May 3, 2021

**After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining
the meeting.**