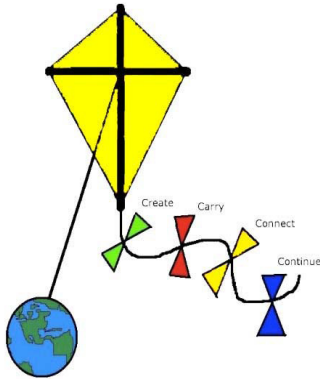


NEEDS & DEEDS

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OUR THEME FOR 2011

“In God’s Mission We Are Sent Out . . . to Connect!”

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21

The string connects the kite with the earth. Our mission connects us with the Word of God and with others in mission with us. With our stewardship of self and God’s equipping we can connect understanding and resources with the needs of others.



PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Greetings.

With Spring here, let us take time to enjoy God’s work as we travel to different events. In God’s mission we are sent out to Connect. You can’t do everything and I can’t do everything, but together in a group we can do some-thing. We can have an impact on this world.

MERCI center in Goldsboro needs your donations for new baby items, including clothing. The most urgent need is for disposable diapers, wipes and baby formulas. This is to assist victims of the April tornados that have damaged numerous homes in our state. Please give me a call if your UMW unit needs someone to pick up your donations.

Upcoming events:

- May 6th District 39 & Under Event, Phillips Chapel UMC, Haw River – EVERYONE INVITED
- May 13-14 Conference Spiritual Enrichment Retreat – Jonesboro UMC, Sanford
- June 15-18 NC Conference Annual Conference -- Raleigh
- June 25 District Mission Encounter -- Lumberton
- July 20-23 School of Christian Mission – Fayetteville

Our United Methodist Women are very mission-minded and have many ideas. We would like to visit your unit or circle. If you have not had someone to come visit in the past two years, give me a call and setup a time.

Ladies, please see that all your district reports are turned in. Remember August 15th is report time. Do not forget to pray for your District team each and every day.

Blessings,
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God is good, all the time! Yes, God is so good to me and I love to worship Him! He leads us the way we should go if we only listen and obey. I have been in prayer for those active members of the UMW and for clear discernment on how to connect with others to bring them into the UMW fold.

The January Sub-District Meeting was slimmed down. Some really liked it and a few missed things done in the past. The training was liked by most in attendance. However, out of the evaluations submitted, only 110 from the whole Burlington district were returned. What does that say about attendance at UMW Burlington District functions?

With all that in mind, the Program Planning Committee met on March 29. With prayers before the meeting, new and exciting ideas were brought up to peak your interest and make it easy to spread the word to your UMW members and others. Go ahead and mark your calendar NOW for Sunday afternoon, November 13 at 3 p.m. for Local Officer’s Training. ALL ARE WELCOME! The place will be announced shortly and you will be able to talk to all officers within a fellowship hall environment! Do I have your interest peaked? Details to follow!

Also mark your Calendar for the UMW Burlington District Annual Meeting at Bellemont UMC starting at 2:30 p.m. on October 23. We are not meeting just to be meeting--but for a reason as Christ commands us to fellowship with other Christians. We have voted not to have a Sub-District meeting next year, so if you want to see me--then you will have to come to this meeting. You will also see and vote on your District Officers too! Surprises are in store. What more can you ask for?

As the wind has blown all winter long and now into spring, it makes me think maybe God is trying to connect us with those who are in need. Is it just we don’t know it yet? After all, our mission connects us with the Word of God and with others in mission with us. Our Sunday School class at Salem UMC is reading the book, *The Deeper Journey*, by M. Robert Mulholland Jr. The book, as God’s word says, talks about us letting go of our false selves so that we can in our true selves foster relationships with others, seeing them as Christ. Let us keep this in mind as we serve in mission.



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Every spring season I am reminded of how God renews the earth and makes all things new again. There are flowers blooming, trees budding, and the grass is a luscious green. May our spirits also be renewed! Remember to send me any changes in your local unit officers so information from the District Team will be sent to the appropriate place. Also, it’s not too early to begin thinking about officers for the next year. October 1 is the deadline for the Local Unit Officers Report.



TREASURER

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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Have you heard about our special project for this year? It is called “Linked in Love – Connected through Christ for Mission.” What a wonderful connection we have through Christ’s love. For a gift of \$5.00, you can honor someone with whom you share a connection while helping a woman, child or youth in need. Please ask your Education & Interpretation (E&I) person along with your entire unit to assist with the project. All the proceeds from this project will go to UMW mission giving.

Thank you to all treasurers for their hard work in turning in their quarterly reports to me in a timely manner. This enables me to send my reports to our conference treasurer as we connect in ministry with women, children and youth.

“Linked in Love” information and School of Christian Mission registrations are attached to this newsletter, and are also available on our Burlington District UMW Website.



EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

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Our mission theme for 2011 is "In God's Mission We Are Sent Out to Connect." The District Mission studies were well attended and well received. I urge you to CONNECT with your fellow members by sharing something from the studies that made an impression on you. Please let me know if your unit is planning a study on SUDAN II. Remember you need the third study to qualify for a certificate.

The School of Christian Mission will be held July 20-23. REGISTRATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 11. Registration forms are available with this *Needs and Deeds* or on our website. The mission studies are -- *Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity; Haiti; and Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Reconciliation.*

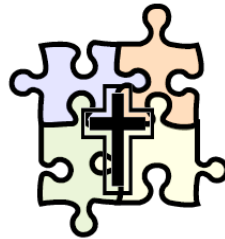
Local Mission Study Reports will be due no later than August 15. This report covers August 15, 2010 thru August 15, 2011. Your report form can be found on page 37 of the Burlington District Directory. It is important to have those from the Burlington District attending mission studies counted with others in our Conference.

You have received info on the special project LINKED IN LOVE, which I hope you have promoted in your unit. This UMW Conference project gives us the opportunity to honor persons with which we share a connection. I may need your help this year in sending out cards to those who give to this project. I urge you to promote giving in your unit by purchasing Gift to Mission and Gift in Memory Cards.

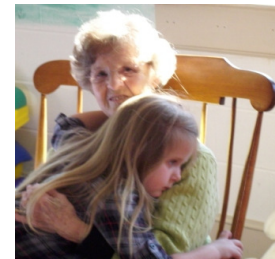
Hope to see you at the next District or Conference event! Please contact me if you have questions or concerns.



**Speaker Linda Harris
& Carolyn Wood
Joy to the World Study**



**Linked in Love Symbol
for
Conference UMW Mission Giving**



**Childcare
Sub-district Meeting
& Local Officer Training**



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As your new MNO representative, I want to report the attendance winners for sub-district meeting this year: Caswell – Union; North Alamance – Shiloh; South Alamance – Salem; and Mebane-Orange – Lebanon. One hundred thirty-one (131) women attended our Sub-District meetings this year, and I am looking forward to even more enthusiastic young women coming to our events.

You all have the calendar for the year, and if you put those dates on your calendar to attend as many as you can, I guarantee you will benefit personally and professionally. Participation in UMW activities is like getting your "annual booster shot of enthusiasm" for all the great ministry we do with God's help.

Mission studies & spiritual enrichment meetings have been of special interest to me since moving to NC. I hope they will serve you well toward considering leadership roles in the future. The School of Christian Mission and Mother-Child Retreat are also very important. I request that you make sure you meet the registration deadlines to be able attend. I will be sending a reminder in July for the Mother-Child Retreat with its registration status at that time.



S. Alamance – Salem



Caswell – Union



N. Alamance – Shiloh



Mebane-Orange – Lebanon



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Greetings everyone! I hope you all are enjoying the slow but steady change to warmer weather. Your Project Sheets are a fantastic resource to get some "hands on" mission work accomplished! Check them frequently for opportunities that might arise. If you are looking for resources to expand on this year's missions -- domestic violence awareness, going "green", and Human Trafficking--please let me know! I have some fantastic ideas and contacts to share.

Due to the recent storms MERCI is asking for diapers and health kits. If you would like someone to pick them up, please feel free to contact me or Joyce Collins to coordinate a pickup.

Also, be sure to mark your calendars for the Mission Encounter on June 25th at Lumberton Church and Community Center. Keep your eyes out for further information or contact me if you have any questions. Be blessed.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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As we enjoy the spring and worship throughout the Season of Easter, let us all take time to reflect on how truly blessed we are to worship a Risen Lord. Take time to listen for God's word in all creation and listen for His call on our lives. God's beauty surrounds us every day. Let us not lose sight of His power and His grace in our life. Take time to pray and be comforted by His word.

Our Spiritual Enrichment Retreat is May 13 and 14 at Jonesboro United Methodist Church in Sanford. Registration forms have been mailed or e-mailed to local Spiritual Growth Coordinators. Should you need a registration form, they are available on the Burlington District UMW website. Registration runs through May 6. Please try to attend this event. Rev. Linda Harris is the featured speaker. Many of you heard her at our March 26 mission study. This will be a great time of fellowship and learning.

Please mark August 27 on your calendars for our District Day Apart at First UMC, Elon. Join us for a day of celebrating our connectedness with each other, the church, the community & the world. See you there.

**Conference Spiritual Enrichment Retreat – Mail Registration Deadline, May 6
If you have not received a registration by email already,
one is attached to this newsletter!**



PROGRAM RESOURCES

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Happy Spring! Hopefully, by now, you have already read some of the great books on our list this year! I would like to suggest a few that I have read and really enjoyed. These are just a few of the many good books on our Reading list this year.

My Sister the Father is a collection of personal events that span 25 plus years of ministry of Reverend Whitaker. It is a collection of people whose lives have been changed by the Cookson Hills Center in Oklahoma.

Disfigured: A Saudi Woman's Story of Triumph is the story of Rania Al-Baz, the violence she suffered and how her story began the first Saudi research into domestic violence.

Same Kind of Different As Me: A Modern Day Slave, an International Art Dealer, and the Unlikely Woman Who Bound Them Together is the story of an unlikely friendship resulting from charity and challenged by tragedy. It exposes pain, betrayal and brutality, and it shines with an unexpected life-changing love. This is a wonderful book!!

Please put August 15 on your calendars. This is the date that your reading program reports will be due to me. I will be sending a reminder closer to the date. Please continue to encourage your units to read.

As always, if there is any way I can help you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Look for the 2011 Reading Program List and report forms
on our Burlington District UMW website.
The website address is www.burlingtondistrictumw.com.
Look under the Officers' menu, then Program Resources.**



39 & UNDER

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The Conference 39 and Under Event was February 25-26 in Morehead City. It was a great event; a variety of classes, wonderful fellowship, a spiritual message, delicious food, ice cream, and last but not least, bingo! (I didn't even win a game.)

I have good news though...**we took home the attendance banner**...WHOOP WHOOP! Out of 202 attendees, Burlington District had 89 attendees. I'm so proud of you all and I thank you for your love and support.

Don't miss out on the District 39 and Under Event on Friday, May 6, 6:30-8:30pm at Phillips Chapel UMC. It is going to be a ton of fun and there's still time to register! There will be yummy food, a rewarding hands-on project (see details on attached registration form), and three exciting sessions to choose from (Zumba, How To Raise Your Christian Child In Today's Environment, and Contemporary Christian Singing) all for \$7. The registration form is attached and your Presidents and 39 and Under Representatives should have received an email with this information. Can't wait to see all your pretty faces!



Burlington District UMW wins attendance banner



Connective Tissue Workshop

**District 39 and Under Event – Phillips Chapel UMC, Haw River
Registration Deadline, May 2.
If you have not received a registration by email already, one is attached to this newsletter!**



NOMINATIONS

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Now is the time for all UMW nominating committees to get serious on their slates of officers for 2012. This is an important issue not just for Nominating Committees, but for all members of the UMW as we come to realize that good leadership is a most important asset to any organization.

The District Committee will be meeting soon to determine the number of replacements we will have this year. (I believe there are fewer openings than usual.) Then we will begin to read our talent blank sheets while considering members to call that we have met at various UMW events to join us on our team. As we begin our contacts, we pray that we will make the right decisions.

We ask that you pray for us as well as your own local nominating committees. Last but not least, please pray for the members that are being asked to consider an office in United Methodist Women. Working together we can make a difference in our organization. Call on us for help and may God bless you in your tasks.

Nominating Committee:

Kathryn Self, Chairperson; Myra Austin, Jane Johnson, Janet Faucette, Betty Hall, & Pat Rich.

**Look for Talent Blanks on our Burlington District UMW website.
The website address is www.burlingtondistrictumw.com.
Look under the Officers' menu, then Nominations.**



COMMUNICATIONS

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Thank you for your connection with your District Team as you tell others about your ministry with women, children, and youth. Let us know how we can help you in any given area to grow and maintain your mission. Also, let us know how we are doing in providing information that is relevant to our UMW Purpose.

Our new website is located at www.burlingtondistrictumw.com. The North Carolina Conference UMC is our web host. It is the goal of your District Team to keep you abreast of updates as they happen. Over time, we intend to make the website more interactive for all members. Right now you can use it to find calendar items, event registrations, and report forms. There are links to district, conference and Women's Division sites. Please check it often for opportunities to use the wide variety of information available.

I will continue to email or mail this newsletter to all district Presidents, Secretaries, Circle Leaders and Communication Coordinators. This edition will soon be posted on the website as an additional resource. If you get this by mail and you have access to email, please let me know so I can add you to our email address book.

**Burlington District UMW Website -- www.burlingtondistrictumw.com
Find calendar items, event registrations, report forms, and web links.**

2011 Burlington District UMW Calendar

May 6	District 39 and Under Event, Phillips Chapel UMC, 6:30 p.m.
May 7	May Friendship Day -- Church Women United Shiloh Presbyterian, Burlington, 11:30
May 13-14	Conference UMW Spiritual Enrichment Retreat, Jonesboro UMC, Sanford
June 15-18	North Carolina Conference UMC Annual Conference – Raleigh
June 25	Mission Encounter, Lumberton Church & Community Center, Lumberton
July 20-23	School of Christian Mission – Methodist University, Fayetteville
August 27	District Day Apart, First Elon UMC
September 16-18	Mother-Child Retreat (Camp Don Lee)
September 17	Human Rights Celebration (Church Women United) – TBA, 10:00
October 1	Local Unit Officers' Report Due to District Secretary
October 8	Conference UMW Annual Meeting – Methodist University, Fayetteville
October 23	District Annual Meeting – Bellemont UMC, 2:30 p.m.
November 4	World Community Day (Church Women United) – TBA, 10:00
November 13	Local Officer's Training – TBA, 3 p.m.
December	Merry Christmas

United Methodist Women Purpose:
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.



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