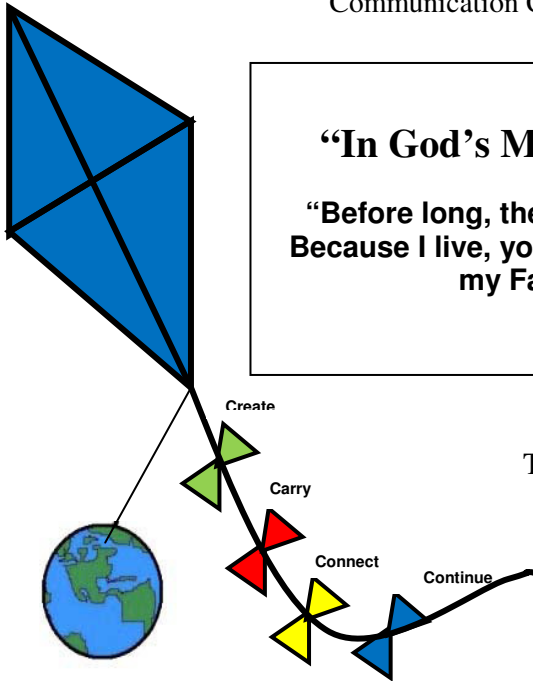


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OUR THEME FOR 2012

“In God’s Mission We Are Sent Out . . . To Continue!”

“Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.”

John 14:19-20

The kite’s tail gives balance to the kite and allows it to continue to fly even as the wind takes it in different directions. As we seek balance in serving God, we must continue to prepare and enable others to proclaim the good news of salvation, mercy, and justice in word and deed.



PRESIDENT’S CORNER

“In God’s Mission We Are Sent Out.... To Continue”

Happy New Year! I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday and that you are ready for a very busy year. What a blessing to know that God is always with us. Even as we each go in different directions, we must continue to prepare and proclaim the good news while we give to mission throughout the world to help, women, youth and children.

United Methodist Women will also be making changes. As of July 1, 2012 we will have a new name. The United Methodist Women, Inc. will operate as an autonomous organization of the United Methodist Church rather than as a division of the General Board of Global Ministries. Each local organization of UMW will be called “Local United Methodist Women.” A new slate of District Officers will take office July 1, 2012 and serve for 2 ½ years.

The District Team is planning many events for the coming year and I hope everyone will participate in them. Our first event will be the Conference 39 & Under Event in Durham at Mt. Sylvan UMC on February 24 and 25. We will have two mission study sessions. The first is on March 31 at First Elon UMC and the second will be on April 21 at Hillsborough UMC. Please plan to attend as many of these events as possible. We need your support.

All members of the District Team are encouraging everyone to work toward doing some of the projects for the coming year. Plan to be a “Green” United Methodist Woman. Information can be found in your Presidents’ Book or on the Burlington District UMW Website. Let your imagination fly as you read through the items to be accomplished. We would like to visit your group and see all the wonderful projects that you do.

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2011 VICE PRESIDENT FAREWELL - Sheila B. Greeson



Happy New Year 2012! Change. No one likes change, but time moves on and change happens. I did not like stepping down as District Vice President--but God's will is not my will and He is leading me in another direction for 2012. Speaking of change, we changed up the Annual Meeting this past November. Most of you liked the "Academy Awards" theme and we heard lots of laughter throughout our time together. No one sent me any negative comments, so I think you liked the event. The LOTS was completely changed and the majority of you were fine stepping out of the box--whereas others of you were not as happy with that change.

I want to thank all who took the time to come out to both the Annual Meeting and LOTS, being open to doing things different!!! The changes you seen last year is mild compared to what is coming this year! Please, be in prayer for UMW as we embark upon the change from 12 to 8 Districts within our conference. There will be lots of growing pains and needs for lots of prayers! If you are in line with me, change does not come easy--but I accept what comes as I just turn it over to God. It is not about me anyway; it is about loving God and loving others. That is not just your family and friends you need to love; it is also those in leadership facilitating all these changes. Pray for your UMW leaders, your UMC Conference leader, and our national leaders that God's will is in their plans. I pray for each of you who reads this that you can accept these changes by giving them to God and loving those whom with you do not agree. But with God all things are possible!

Thank you for letting me serve as your Burlington District Vice President these past two years! May God continue to bless UMW and all the mission work that is done by God through United Methodist Women!! Thanks be to God!!!!

SECRETARY



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Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a blessed holiday season and is looking forward to this New Year with UMW. Welcome to all new and returning secretaries in our local units. Remember our theme this year is "IN GOD'S MISSION WE ARE SENT OUT TO "CONTINUE". As secretary, you need to CONTINUE to keep your local unit informed about events happening on the district and conference level. CONTINUALLY review the District Calendar (found on the UMW District website, in your District Directory, and in this newsletter) and encourage your unit to attend these events. It is also very important that you send me any changes in information regarding your officers during the year such as change in address, phone number, or e-mail. Please also send any changes to Shelby Kueider, your Communication Coordinator.

Thank you for stepping forward to be your unit's secretary!!

TREASURER



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Greetings in the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Let us follow the kite as we "continue" with our Lord's mission in 2012. As we divide the bounty of which we have been made custodians with other less fortunate children, youth and women, we are always to give thanks to the one that has bestowed us this privilege. We had a wonderful year in 2011. We have satisfied our Pledge to Mission of \$55,000 to the North Carolina Conference UMW. The Burlington District is the best and most loyal in their sharing and giving. As I have told you many times, I am so proud of your accomplishments!



Center Receives Mason Award



District Team "Stars" at District Annual Meeting



NC Conference Annual Meeting

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION



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Our theme for 2012 is “In God’s Mission . . . We Are Sent Out To Continue.” Let us continue our study of JOY TO THE WORLD and learn more about Haiti and THE JOURNEY. On Saturday, March 31, Haiti, Challenges and Hopes will be taught by Sonja Tilley and JOY TO THE WORLD: Mission in the age of Global Christianity (year 2) will be taught by Jin Lee at First Elon UMC. On Saturday April 21, THE JOURNEY: Forgiveness, Restoration, Justice and Reconciliation will be taught by Jeanne Neal at Hillsborough UMC. There will be a gathering time around 8:15 for you to come and visit with friends and get a cup of coffee or juice. The study will begin at 8:45 and end around 12:45. This year we will try something new. The hosts will provide a brunch instead of having a light breakfast and lunch. Participants are not asked to bring a sandwich this year. Study books are available through the Mission Center at 1-800-305-9857 or at www.missionresourcecenter.org for these mission studies and reading these would greatly enhance your learning experience but are not mandatory. They also count on the UMW Reading Program.

I ask you to promote these studies in your local UMW and to inform them of the changes for this year. Please consider hosting a study in your UMW. Contact me if you need assistance.

Remember to promote candle burning and the special project, “Continuing in Love” in your UMW. I look forward to seeing you in March at First Elon UMC.

PROGRAM RESOURCES



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Happy New Year! Now that all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas Season is over, it is time to relax and embrace the new year. On these cold, winter nights, what better time is there to curl up with a good book? We have some wonderful books on the reading list this year.

For those of you who did not get to the Annual Meeting in October, we had a total of 113 readers for 2011! This included **23 children** and **90 adults**! Make it your goal this year to encourage participation in the Children’s Reading Program. All participants receive a certificate for reading and those completing Level 4 will receive a gift certificate toward purchasing books at the Sub-District and Annual Meetings.

You may also purchase books from the Mission Resource Center (www.missionresourcecenter.org , 1-800-305-9857, 1221 Profit Drive, Dallas, TX 75247-3191). However, you will save paying shipping charges if you get your books at the meetings! The local libraries have some of this year’s books available. Check the Burlington District UMW website for a list of books and at what library they are located.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the Reading Program. May God bless you in the coming year!

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BE GREEN LOCAL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. Every action has consequences on other humans and on the earth. Become aware of the outcome of your actions, reduce your impact on others, and walk lightly on the earth. Through education, greening our living spaces, considering how we travel, work, and choose our public commitments, we can be stewards of the resources God has given us to serve in ministry with women, children and youth. Information can be found in your Presidents’ Book or on the Burlington District UMW Website.



Ann Fenton receives mission pin



District Annual Meeting worship



Candles in memory of UMW saints



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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Change is coming! As United Methodist and as humans, we sometimes resist change. We serve a powerful and faithful God. God is in the midst of all that we do. He is in the midst of the re-districting of our ministry. We have committed and competent leaders who believe that change in our district lines will be good for our Conference in many ways.

What is our responsibility? I feel that we, as United Methodist Women, need to be positive about the coming changes and embrace the opportunity to expand our boundaries of ministry. We will have bigger districts, for sure...but that just means more opportunity to interact with other United Methodist Women whom we may not have had the chance to work with before.

In God's mission we are sent out to continue! What a blessing it can be to work together to further God's Kingdom. Stay strong in prayer, support the new leaders and be open to God's call in our lives. I believe that we can and should lead by example. If we are supportive and positive about these changes, we can affect the success of this transition. What an opportunity we have to serve in 2012! God has always used women in His work...and 2012 will offer many opportunities to serve Him.



39 & UNDER

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Hello my lovely ladies. I hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas. Hope to see you soon. Below is information on Conference and District 39 & Under events.

Conference 39 and Under:

- Friday, February 24 to Saturday, February 25 at Mt. Sylvan UMC in Durham
- Registrations -- through me or the Burlington District UMW Website -- www.burlingtondistrictumw.com -- as well as attached to this newsletter!
- Pre-registration--any time before January 23. The later you wait, the more it costs.
- There are seven fun workshops to choose from. There is something for everyone. Talent show Friday night
- Let's bring the attendance banner back to our District so invite anyone you know to join in the fellowship and festivities with our sisters in Christ.

District 39 and Under:

- Friday, May 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm
 - Need a host church; please let me know if you're interested
 - If you have any new ideas, send them my way
 - More information to come
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NOMINATIONS

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Now is the time for looking back and looking forward. It is time for us to review and evaluate--time to make plans for work as United Methodist Women. Changes will require evaluations of what we have been and what we want our organization to look like. If you were unable to attend the officer training day and for some reason did not receive *Nominating Guidelines and Proposed Restructure of UMW*, check with your president to get your copies. Call me with any questions.

Of utmost importance at the present time is the necessity of Talent Bank Forms. Our new district will be composed of churches in the Burlington, Durham and Raleigh areas and our new district nominating committee will not know personally all of the women in the new district. Talent Bank Forms will enable the committee to make good decisions in their selection of district officers.

Please see that every present officer, past officers, and others you feel will make good officers complete a form and send it to me and I will pass them along to the proper persons. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Remember that good officers make a good district team.



COMMUNICATIONS

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Phone calls, emails and website communication are some of the means we use to encourage one another as United Methodist Women. As new members join and experienced members remain, it is very important for us to keep in touch with one another. As our District membership later this year joins with more of our sisters in our conference, let us concentrate on seeking God's will on how we can nurture one another through this transition and beyond. We all are on the same journey. We need each other.

Please let me and your District Secretary, Wanda Stafford, know of any changes in your contact information so we can pass it on to others. Let me know by emails or phone calls when your local units are having special UMW events that persons outside your churches may wish to attend. I can send out emails or post announcements on our website about your events.

Photographs can be found at burlingtondistrictumw.shutterfly.com for you to see evidence of UMW activities around your Burlington District and NC Conference. Also contact me for photos you would like to submit. Look for future photos on our District UMW Website.

The North Carolina Conference UMC remains our web host. The North Carolina Conference of United Methodist Women has updated their website and has a new web address (www.nccumw.org).

People will not know about United Methodist Women unless we tell them. People will not recognize our United Methodist Women organization unless we are visible. And persons will not experience Christ's love through United Methodist Women mission unless we actively participate in it. Keep in touch!

2012 Burlington District UMW Calendar

January 1	New Officers Assume Duties
February 12	Methodist Home for Children Sharing Sunday
February 24-25	Conference 39 and Under Event, Mt. Sylan UMC, Durham, NC
March 31	District Mission Studies – Haiti: Challenges and Hopes; Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity (Yr. 2) – both at First Elon UMC
April 21	District Mission Study – The Journey: Forgiveness, Restoration, Justice and Reconciliation – Hillsborough UMC
May 4	Church Women United – May Friendship Day District 39 & Under Event, 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Location TBA
May 19	Conference UMW Spiritual Enrichment Retreat, Edenton Street, UMC, Raleigh
June 1-2	2012 SEJ, Birmingham, Alabama
June 13-16	Annual Conference for the United Methodist Church, Raleigh, NC
July 19-21	School of Christian Mission – Methodist University, Fayetteville, NC
August 11	District Day Apart; Local Units Report Due to Coordinators and President
September 14-16	Mother-Child Retreat (Camp Don Lee)
October 1	Local Unit Officer's Report Due to District Secretary
October 6 or 13	Conference Annual Meeting, Fayetteville, NC
November 3	World Community Day (Church Women United)
December	Merry Christmas



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