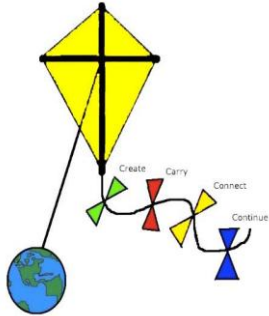


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OUR THEME FOR 2011

“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

I can hardly believe that Fall is almost here, and this year will soon be over. United Methodist Women activities are picking up. I hope your unit will be involved in as many as possible. Please make upcoming events a priority—especially for new members and new officers.

Sometimes we need each other to help connect with others in ministry. Life can be tough and we all get discouraged. The fact is we need to get together with other UMW members to at least encourage one another -- if nothing else. An old saying goes: “If one of two falls down, the other can help them up.” Think about doing a project for the Fall and maybe getting another group to join you. If any of you would like to work on a mission project any given Saturday, I will be glad to set this up and go work with you.

Please see that all your ladies have the dates for upcoming meetings. This is for them to understand what United Methodist Women is about and to know what, why, and where you need to attend some Conference and District events. The Conference Annual Meeting in Fayetteville on October 8, and the District Annual meeting on October 23 at Bellemont UMC are places to hear what we, the United Methodist Women do. We are planning a “STAR STUDDERED EVENT” that you will not believe. Come and join the fun.

This year for training we will set up booths for each officer. You will need to ask questions at these booths and information for your job. Please try to attend to this event. We will be glad to spend more training time with you. This will be a time to talk and enjoy other members from our district. (Note: We will also have a Scavenger Hunt!)

Hope to see you all very soon. Always pray for the District Team and their families.

Blessings,

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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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Fall is about here and with it comes many churches' Fall Festivals, and of course, our **Burlington United Methodist Women District Annual Meeting**. On Sunday afternoon **October 23**, with registration starting at 1:30, this "Star Studded" Event begins at 2pm at Bellemont UMC. You do NOT want to miss this! Mark your calendars and come and support your "Award" winners!

Then just before Thanksgiving, you ALL are invited to our **Local Officer's Training** to be held at Cedar Cliff UMC, on Sunday afternoon **November 13**, starting in their Fellowship Hall at 3:00pm. This year, it is all new and different and everyone can partake of the "Scavenger Hunt" in learning about all aspects of Executive positions in the UMW. There will be prizes, so put that date on your calendar and plan to attend! All officers HAVE to come to pick up a copy of their District Directory.

I am going to give you a challenge. Do not just come to these events, but invite and bring with you someone 30 or younger!

Jesus tells us to be His disciples and bring in those to continue doing His work. From our theme scripture this year it says: "May the God of peace ... equip you with everything good for doing his will ..." Come to our LOT and get equipped!

God's first commandment is to love the Lord. Is Your mind on Him right now? In reading our Sunday School book recently I ran across this: The wise old Puritan Thomas Watson wrote, "*The first fruit of love is the musing of the mind upon God. He who is in love, his thoughts are ever upon the object. He who loves God is ravished and transported with the contemplation of God. "When I awake, I am still with thee" (Psalm 139:18). The thoughts are as travelers in the mind. David's thoughts kept heaven-road. "I am still with Thee" God is the treasure, and where the treasure is, there is the heart. By this we may test our love to God. What are our thoughts most upon? Can we say we are ravished with delight when we think on God? Have our thoughts got wings? Are they fled aloft? Do we contemplate Christ and glory?...A sinner crowds God out of his thoughts. He never thinks of God, unless with horror, as the prisoner thinks of the judge.*"



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The end of summer is fast approaching! IT IS THAT TIME AGAIN!!! All local nominations committees should be working to obtain their new officers for 2012. I want to encourage you to step up and fill a position within your local unit or within the district or conference teams. It will be a spiritually rewarding experience. Remember **YOUR Local Unit Officers Report** for 2011 is due to me **NO LATER THAN October 1, 2011**. Thank you for getting this report to me in a timely manner. If I can assist you in any way, just contact me by e-mail or phone.

Also thank you for all your hard work for United Methodist Women & your dedication to serving the Lord.



TREASURER

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Greetings and blessings to each and every one of you. Can you believe that we will be ending our third quarter at the end of August? Please look over the criteria for the 7-Star Member and the 7-Star Unit. How close are you? Maybe you only need 1 or 2 items that could be easily accomplished. Let us see how many 7-Star Members and 7-Star Units we can have in the Burlington District this year. If you have questions, please call me.

Please look over your reports and send them to me as soon as possible. This is extremely important, since we have several reports that we need to remit to Conference in order for our District and our Units to be listed in the Conference Annual Meeting Program Book.

Local Unit Officer, 7-Star Member and 7-Star Unit Reports, as well as the NC Conference UMW Annual Meeting Registration are attached to this newsletter, and are on the Burlington District UMW website (www.burlingtondistrictumw.com).



EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

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Greetings ladies! I hope all of you are ready for a busy Fall in United Methodist Women. The District Team has been in prayer for and diligently making plans for upcoming events. We hope you will CONNECT with other UMW members at these events and take something you learned back to your local unit. Plans are underway for mission studies in March and April, 2012. Below are the studies which will be offered.

JOY TO THE WORLD: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity, Year 2 -- This study explores how mission and evangelism flow from joyous gratitude for the Good News of Jesus Christ. For United Methodists, Christian mission is a response to God's presence in Jesus Christ, who came into the world with a message of forgiveness, joy and hope for all of God's creation. Christians carry this message wherever they go. They are living witness to the belief in Emmanuel---"God with us." In God's name, Christians go into all the world to share the Good News.

HAITI: Challenges and Hope -- This study invites readers to reflect on how the church can be in mission with the people of Haiti rather than in mission to them. It offers perspectives on the history of the land and its people, Haiti's theological history and the need for a clear and vibrant theology of liberation, the impact of the devastating earthquake of January 12, 2010, and Haiti's challenges, hopes and dreams.

THE JOURNEY: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation -- This study intertwines stories from the Bible and recent history to illustrate the redemptive power of forgiveness, the restorative power of God's justice and the Good News of reconciliation.

You may purchase a study book for any of the above studies from The Mission Resource Center at www.missionresourcecenter.org, 1-800-305-9857 or the October 23 District Annual Meeting at Bellemont UMC.

Be sure to promote Mission Giving in your unit. One way is to purchase a Special Mission Recognition Pin for someone in your unit or someone who has touched your life in a special way. I am hoping to CONNECT with you at the next District event, for we, IN GOD'S MISSION ARE SENT OUT TO CONNECT in ministry with one another.



(Left) UMW participants in this year's Sudan Study II at Mount Hermon UMC bring mission to life as they read the book, *They Poured Fire On Us From the Sky - The True Story of Three Lost Boys from Sudan*.

(Right) In an article from *Response Magazine*, a mother with her baby in Southern Sudan holds up her voter registration card after her country gains independence from its northern counterpart.



PROGRAM RESOURCES

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I would like to remind everyone that you will be able to purchase the new Reading Books for 2012 at the District Annual Meeting at Bellemont United Methodist Church on October 23, 2011. The Prayer Calendars and Program Books for 2012 will also be available for purchase. We have an exciting new Program Book this year!

As always, you can go to the website www.missionresourcecenter.org or call 1-800-305-9857 to order books or resources. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting!

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Thanks to all MNO coordinators for getting their Local Unit Reports to me!! Now we are ready to move into another exciting and very busy all Fall season with more events to enjoy and hear about new ideas. You have the calendar for the year, so put those dates on your calendar! Then attend as many events as you are able. You will benefit personally and professionally.

Participation in UMW activities is like getting your “annual booster shot of enthusiasm” for all the great work we do. Mother-Child Retreat is very important to all the young women, and even though it is two weeks away, there is still space available. Your Burlington District Executive Board will meet twice in September to plan the District Annual Meeting at Belmont UMC, on Sunday October 23. Registration is 1:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 2 p.m. You will be surprised and excited to see what is forthcoming for our new mission year. Next, the Local Officer Training will also be new and different on Sunday afternoon, November 13 at Cedar Cliff UMC, starting at 3:00 p.m.

I am looking forward to seeing you at these events, since I was unable to attend the meetings after February due to health issues. Be sure to read this edition of your newsletter in its entirety for a preview of what’s coming!

SOCIAL ACTION



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Hello everyone! As I am getting close to wrapping up my first year as your Social Action Chair, I am overwhelmed at the amount of work that you ladies do to show and spread God's love! I will have to say one of my favorite stops on my UMW journey this year was going to the Robeson County Church and Community Center, where we made over 50 boxes of foods to go to those in need! It was a great time had by all, and I hope that even more of you can join us on next years' mission trip. Mebane UMW hosted a fantastic program on domestic violence, led by the Family Abuse Services Center of Alamance County. It was a fantastic program, and if you would like your group to have one, please let me know! Keep up the great work--and as always, if you need advice or guidance, please feel free to contact me!

**Packing
boxes at
Robeson
County
Church &
Community
Center**



**Domestic
Violence
Workshop
at
Mebane
UMC**

SPIRITUAL GROWTH



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“ O give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, make known His deeds among the peoples. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wonderful works. Glory in His Holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually. Remember the wonderful works He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He has uttered.” *Psalm 105:1-5.*

Our Duke intern, Emily Hamilton, used Psalm 105 in her last sermon at Salem. She talked of remembering our heritage, family and spiritual life. We are to remember those people in our lives who have forged the way for us, mentored us and guided us--by their faith and obedience to God. Worship is not only on Sunday, but throughout the week—when we spend time with God by reading the Bible and being in prayer with Him. Our remembrance reminds us to be obedient to God in our thoughts, words and deeds. We hope for our future by knowing that God is always with us. Even though sometimes we may not feel His presence, He is there.

May we always remember God is doing something in our midst. Don't get so busy that you miss it! May we always remember the struggles and the faith of those who have gone before us, and of God's faithfulness. God is still faithful. We may be struggling, but He is with us. Spend time with God today. Reach out to those who are suffering and offer God's love. Be a mentor or a lifeline for someone else and you will be truly blessed.



39 & UNDER

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Thanks for coming to the District 39 and Under Event on Friday, May 6 at Phillips Chapel UMC. It was a ton of fun! We had 70 women who attended. There was yummy food, a rewarding hands-on project. We packed lots of powder dish detergent for needy families and took the packages to OCIM in Orange County. We also had three exciting sessions to choose from: 1) *Zumba*, 2) *How To Raise Your Christian Child In Today's Environment*, and 3) *Contemporary Christian Singing*.

Thanks to Phillips Chapel for hosting and our three instructors for leading the workshops. If your unit would like to host this event next year, please let me know. When I hear more on the Conference 39 and Under Event, I will send information your way. Hope to see you all soon and God's speed.



(Counter-clockwise)

A young woman looks over her notes in the class *How to Raise Your Christian Child in Today's Environment*. Emily Privette leads the Zumba Class. Two women collect powered laundry detergent to repackage for needy families.



NOMINATIONS



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Hello everyone. Since I have only heard from two persons with questions about officers for our local units for the coming year 2012, I guess that you all have been busy, have all of your officers chosen and are ready for them to be trained at Officer Training Day on November 13th at Cedar Cliff UMC from 3 to 5 p.m. It is really important that women in new jobs attend this training, as this is will be the only place they will learn their new positions.

You and your committees are responsible for the livelihood of your units, as good people in the right jobs make a great UMW and your work moves more smoothly. Thanks for the work you all do. Remember that after your officers are elected, give your lists to your unit secretaries so that they can send them to Wanda Stafford, the District Secretary. I look forward to seeing you soon.

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Events! Events! Please let me know by email or phone call when your local units are having special UMW events that persons outside your churches may wish to attend. I can send out an email or post an announcement on our website about your events!

After September 1, photographs can be found at burlingtondistrictumw.shutterfly.com for you to see evidence of 2011 UMW activities around your Burlington District and NC Conference. I will be also adding some of these photos to our District Website. The North Carolina Conference UMC remains our web host.

Remember—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.

2011 Burlington District UMW Calendar

- September 16-18** Mother-Child Retreat (Camp Don Lee)
- September 17** Human Rights Celebration (Church Women United)
Twin Lakes Center, Burlington, 10 am
- October 1** Local Unit Officers' Report Due to District Secretary
Registration Deadline, NC Conference Annual Meeting
- October 8** Conference UMW Annual Meeting – Methodist University, Fayetteville
- October 23** District Annual Meeting – Bellemont UMC
Registration 1:30 pm, Event 2 pm
- November 5** World Community Day (Church Women United)
Davis Street UMC, 10 am
- November 13** Local Officer's Training – Cedar Cliff UMC, 3 to 5 pm
- December** Merry Christmas



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