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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. All articles for publication should be directed to ArlingtonDistrictUMW@gmail.com.

**Check out our new
website at**

www.ArlingtonDistrictUMW.org

District President's Message

Hello beautiful women of the Arlington District United Methodist Women!

“Dear friends, do you think you’ll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it? For instance, you come upon an old friend dressed in rags and half-starved and say, “Good morning, friend! Be clothed in Christ! Be filled with the Holy Spirit!” and walk off without providing so much as a coat or a cup of soup—where does that get you? Isn’t it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense? I can already hear one of you agreeing by saying, “Sounds good. You take care of the faith department, I’ll handle the works department.” Not so fast. You can no more show me your works apart from your faith than I can show you my faith apart from my works. Faith and works, works and faith, fit together hand in glove.” James 2:14-18 (MSG)

This bible verse was brought to mind the other day when we went out to dinner and my six year old son searched the menu but could not find a peanut butter and jelly sandwich on the menu. Just as the disappointment was setting in, the waitress reassured him that they could put together a peanut butter and jelly sandwich in the kitchen for him. Just as many of us find those things in life that are just natural combinations for us, like red and green represent Christmas and popcorn is a must for a movie, we need to see our work and faith this way. James, the brother of Jesus, enlightens us to remember that our work may not go without faith, just as our faith must be present in our work. Faith and work are the peanut butter and jelly of our mission - they naturally go together and must always be added to every menu.

I am very much looking forward to seeing all of you at the many upcoming events in September, October and November, and sharing in the feelings of togetherness and being welcomed.

~ On **September 18-19** the Virginia Conference will be hosting the **Young Women’s Event** for women ages 18-40 in Blackstone.

~ Please join all of your sisters in the Arlington District on **September 26th** for the **Annual District Meeting** hosted by the amazing women of Sterling United Methodist Church. (*NOTE: Annual Meeting date change because of a District wide conflict September 19th.*)

~ Also on **October 24-25** join all of your Virginia sisters for the **43rd UMW Virginia Conference Annual Meeting** at Blackstone.

~ As we approach Advent join us **November 14th** for our **Mini Mission Encounter** (formerly called Advent Event) hosted by the outstanding women of Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church as we dive deeper into two of our mission focuses for the year —The Church and People with Disabilities and Latin America: People and Faith.

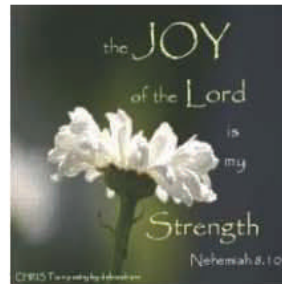
As United Methodist Women we make a difference, and it is when we come together that we can stand taller, speak louder, and Love more abundantly!

YOU make it Happen! Many blessings to all of you for answering God's calling in your life through United Methodist Women.

In Sisterly Love,
Angela Sokolowski
President, Arlington District UMW

Secretary

Janet Keener



July 26, 2015

Dear Sisters,

I just returned this evening from an exciting weekend **Mission Encounter 2015** at **Blackstone**! My study class was *Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God*. Through scriptures, small group and class discussions, activities, and other resources, we reflected on happiness and joy in our lives. We considered the influence of the various media, Bible, and John Wesley's views and definitions on our concepts of *joy* and *happiness*. We had an 11-year-old youth in my class whose name is Faith. She contributed so much with her insights and living up to her name!

During worship, the *Voices of Joy*, a Christian youth choir, sang for us Friday evening. We had a *Mission Celebration* of national and conference missions. During each worship service we sang songs in English and Spanish to emphasize the Latin America study.

What a joyous and happy time meeting "old" friends and making new friends!

We look forward to celebrating the **40th anniversary of Dimes and Dollars for Blackstone** at the Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting in October! What a joy to recognize and remember the impact our Virginia United Methodist Women has had on the development and history of the Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center at Blackstone! Do plan to join us!

God Bless,

Janet

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Treasurer



Frances Ellis

Happy August!

I hope you are still enjoying your summer. I am and I am not too excited to see all the fall products being displayed in the stores already. However, September will be upon us in full swing before we know it.

With September comes the end of the 3rd quarter and our annual meeting. Please get your Estimated Pledge amounts for 2016 in to me **no later than** September 10. (See included form.) Your District Officers are meeting on September 12 to plan for our Annual Meeting on September 26 and to prepare our 2016 budget which will be voted on at the Annual Meeting. It is difficult to prepare our budget without your input!

Please get your 3rd quarter pledge amounts in to me before September 15 so that I can send our pledges in to the Conference on time. We will be recognizing our 5 and 6 star units at our annual meeting on September 26.. I am sending information to each church on their giving since 4th quarter 2014 so that units have time to meet their 5 or 6 star qualifications. As I repeat every year, an easy way to become a 5 star unit is to have at least one Rainbow giver. (Rainbow Giver form is included.) We will also be recognizing all Rainbow givers.

Another opportunity for giving is the UMW 150th Anniversary Legacy Fund. (See form included.) All who contribute to the Legacy Fund will also be recognized at the annual meeting with a pin.

The Conference Annual Meeting will be held October 24-25 at VUMAC in Blackstone. At that time, the Wicker Room (beside the Dining Room) will be dedicated as the UMW room to commemorate our 40 continuous years of Dimes and Dollars for Blackstone giving.

As always, please let any of the district officers know if you have any questions or need any support.

The pledge information received in September is vital for planning for the future. Please clip off the form below and email/mail/call District Treasurer Frances Ellis with your pledge information.

Name of Unit: _____

Pledges the amount of \$_____ to mission for 2016.

Frances Ellis
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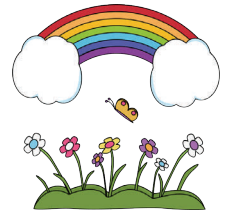
Check out our website at www.ArlingtonDistrictUMW.org

Become a UMW Rainbow Giver

The Virginia Conference United Methodist Women started the Rainbow Giver Program in 2010. This is an opportunity for you, as an individual, to personally give to the 5 Channels of Mission Giving.

Your gift of \$ 60.00 will make you a Rainbow Giver:

- \$ 40.00 to give someone special a Special Mission Recognition Pin
- \$ 5.00 to give a Pledge to Mission (this is in addition to your regular pledge)
- \$ 5.00 for a Gift to Mission Card
- \$ 5.00 for a Gift in Memory Card
- \$ 5.00 for a gift to World Thank Offering (this can be in addition to your change Box or World Thank Offering yearly donation)



It is so easy to become a Rainbow Giver; just fill out the form below and give the form to your unit treasurer with a check for \$ 60.00. On the form please specify which Gift to Mission Card you want and the name of the recipient for the Special Mission Recognition pin. Anyone can become a Rainbow Giver; *this is an opportunity for church members, spouses, or friends to participate in UMW Mission Giving*. This program does not replace your Pledge and World Thank Offering, but is an opportunity, as an individual, to contribute to five areas of Mission Giving.

If your church does not have an active UMW unit and you choose to be counted as a UMW, you may activate your membership via this Rainbow Giver Program. Complete the form and mail it directly to your District Treasurer. Please visit www.arlingtondistrictumw.org to obtain UMW District Officers listing, District Events/calendar, UMW quarterly Newsletter and other information.

Rainbow Giver Form

Deadline Date: August 31st

Your \$ 60.00 gift and this form is to be given to your Unit Treasurer

RAINBOW GIVER'S NAME: _____

RAINBOW GIVER'S ADDRESS: _____

RAINBOW GIVER'S PHONE: _____

Special Mission Recognition Pin in Honor of: (recipient's name): _____
Print name

Which Gift to Mission Card? _____

(In the Service of Christ, Thank You, Happy Birthday, Thinking of You, Peace, Congratulations, On Your Special Day, or Christmas card)

All components must be submitted to your Unit Treasurer at one time. The Rainbow Giver gift is in addition to your regular Pledge and World Thank Offering. It is a wonderful way for members who can no longer attend meetings to continue their participation and membership in your UMW Unit.

All participants will be recognized at our District Annual Meeting and will receive a Rainbow Giver pin. If you have any questions, please contact your District Treasurer or the Virginia Conference Treasurer.

Remember: If there is no active UMW unit at your church, mail your form to the UMW District Treasurer.

A copy of this form is to be kept by the Unit Treasurer.

Please remind participants that pins can take up to 6 – 8 weeks for delivery

THE LEGACY FUND

Celebrate United Methodist Women! 150 Years and Counting...



United Methodist Women has a rich legacy as a mission movement since 1869, and we are building for the next 150 years of service in God's mission on behalf of women, children and youth in communities down the street and around the world.

Make your Legacy Fund gift today!

Please retain for your records
Virginia Conference
United Methodist Women
My Legacy Fund gift:



Every member is encouraged to make a gift to The Legacy Fund of at least \$18.69 per year, over and above her Pledge to Mission, for five years (2015-2019).

- \$1,869 \$500 \$300 \$200 \$50 \$18.69 Other _____
- monthly annually beginning _____ 20__ (month/year)

Turning Faith, Hope and Love into Action since 1869.
All donations tax-deductible. Give your Legacy Fund commitment form and your gift to your local United Methodist Women treasurer.

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Yes! I want to celebrate United Methodist Women's 150th anniversary and help ensure we continue to put faith, hope and love into action for another 150 years.

Virginia Conference United Methodist Women
My Legacy Fund gift:

- \$1,869 \$500 \$300 \$200 \$50 \$18.69 Other _____
- enclosed monthly annually beginning _____ 20__
- In honor / memory of _____
- Please contact me about including United Methodist Women in my **estate planning**
- Please contact me about the **major gift program**.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, ZIP: _____
 Conference: *Virginia Conference* District: _____

Give your Legacy Fund commitment form and your gift to your local United Methodist Women treasurer.

Frequently Asked Questions about The Legacy Fund / 150th Anniversary Celebration:



Our Virginia Every Member Legacy Fund Goal:

That every member of
United Methodist Women
make a gift to
The Legacy Fund
of at least
\$18.69 per year,
over and above
her Pledge to Mission,
for five years
(2015-2019).

What is The Legacy Fund?

- A key element of the 150th Anniversary celebration in 2019.
- A designated fund (endowment) of the national office of United Methodist Women. (Only interest can be expended.)

What is the purpose of The Legacy Fund?

- To assure the continuation of ministries with women, children and youth, worldwide, into the next 150 years.
- To enable United Methodist Women to respond more adequately to new and emerging needs.
- To minimize the risk of severe budget fluctuation in years of recession, regional financial crisis, or change in giving by the membership.

How will the funds be used?

- The total program of United Methodist Women is mission. Interest from The Legacy Fund will be added to Mission Giving funds to formulate the national budget of United Methodist Women. (Mission Giving is the largest source of that budget which includes grants to National Mission Institutions such as the Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth, international programs and projects, program resource production, training, and more.)

Why should I give to The Legacy Fund?

- The Legacy Fund is OUR special anniversary gift to future United Methodist Women members and ministries.
- To “pass on” the legacy we have inherited. “To stake out our legacy for future generations.” (January 2015 response, page 3). Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, India, is an outgrowth of the work of the first missionary of our organization. The College motto is: “We Receive to Give.”
- Because we believe in the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women and want our daughters, granddaughters, nieces and friends to share our sense of meaningful “sisterhood.”
- To be part of the joyous celebration in 2019 culminating 150 years of ministry.

How does the money get to the National Office?

- Gifts are given to the local treasurer who sends the Legacy Fund money and commitment cards to the District treasurer following regular procedures. There is a line on the local treasurer Remittance form for The Legacy Fund.

Does a Legacy Fund gift count for the individual or Unit Pledge to Mission Giving?

- No. This is a special additional gift to celebrate the 150th anniversary. In fact, it is critical that we sustain and even increase our Pledge to Mission Giving during this five year campaign; the needs have never been greater.

How do we give? Annually? All at once? What about non-cash gifts?

- Each person can determine her schedule of giving; any schedule is appropriate.
- Non-cash gifts of stock, property, life insurance, etc., can be given through the United Methodist Women National Office. Contact the Treasurer’s office at 212-870-3740.



How do I get a Legacy 150 pin?

- When you turn in a Commitment Card, you will receive a pin at your district annual meeting.

For more information visit:

Virginia Conference United Methodist Women - www.vaumw.org
United Methodist Women National Office - www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/give

Membership Nurture & Outreach

Katy White

There is more than one way to grow the membership of your UMW unit.

Pleasant Valley UMC added their newest member, Elizabeth "Ellie" Stewart White, on July 15th. She is welcomed by her parents Dr. Rev. Justin White and Katy, and big sister Avery. Ellie is looking forward to many UMW events in her future and meeting many of you at our annual meeting in September.



Spiritual Growth

Marjorie Long-Brown

DON'T WORRY; BE HAPPY!

Don't Worry; Be Happy. This innocuous little tune bombarded the airways two decades ago with its catchy melody and downhome philosophy. Of course, we can be happy when our relationships are going well and our finances are in order, but what about those times that make up the majority of our lives? With this question in mind I enrolled in the course entitled "Created for Happiness; Understanding your Life in God" at Mission Encounter.

In our examination of scripture and text we were reminded that God, our loving Father, created us to be happy. In Genesis we saw how he created us in love, giving us a secure, beautiful home where all of our needs were met. When trouble intruded into this paradise, it was because of our actions, not those of God.

So often we equate happiness with worldly possessions. If we have enough "stuff", we are happy. In one of our videos we witnessed the testimony of a young man who had left a job that paid a six-figure salary to work at the home founded by Mother Theresa in one of the poorest sections of Calcutta. He described himself as a "truly happy man."

John Wesley said that we find happiness when we pursue holiness. Holiness involves public and private plus acts of mercy. As United Methodist Women we understand acts of mercy. Each time we reach out to give aid to those in need, we are pursuing holiness. Every deposit we make to the bank of holiness yields interest in the form of happiness.

As I witnessed reports of the mission work being done in Mozambique and Central America, I was proud to be part of an organization that was actively pursuing holiness. We were blessed to meet some of our missionaries who shared their experiences with us. Happiness is contagious. When I departed on Sunday, I was much happier than I had been when I arrived. Be happy! God wants it that way.

Yours in Christ,
Marjorie Long-Brown



“Our ministry to the poor becomes a means of grace by which God does His work of holiness in us. It becomes a way by which God perfects us in His love and makes us Christ-like.”

Social Action

Lisa George

Human Trafficking In Our Backyard

Human Trafficking and Poverty are two of the VA UMW social action priorities. If you are concerned about the Human Trafficking problem, there is an upcoming seminar - Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Initiative Justice Seminar, Thursday September 24 at 7:00 pm through Saturday September 26 at 5:00 pm, at Capital Church, 10233 Leesburg Pike in Vienna, VA.

SEPTEMBER 24-26TH, 2015

HOSTED BY NORTHERN VIRGINIA HUMAN TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE

Human trafficking isn't just a global crisis, it's a local crisis. Northern Virginia has a growing human trafficking problem. Traffickers recruit in our high schools, through social media, or by bringing slaves here. They are forced into sexual slavery as well as domestic servants, door-to-door solicitors or farm hands. They deserve better, and as Christians we are called to free them. *Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows.* Isaiah 1:17

There is a way to help stop trafficking. There is a way to make a difference. Together, we can work together to bring the beauty of justice to Northern Virginia.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

6:30 pm - Doors Open

7:00 pm - Praise and Worship with Awaken Wells

7:15 pm - Screening of the documentary; *Nefarious-Merchant of Souls*, produced by Exodus Cry*

8:45 pm - Follow up Q&A with Simon Chang; former Security Director for Exodus Cry

*Due to the graphic nature of this documentary, we suggest viewers be 16 or older.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

9:00 am - Praise and Worship with the National Community Church band (NCC)

10:00-12:00 pm - Breakout Sessions 1 and 2 (Choose two, 45 minute sessions.)

Addressing the Demand; the Link between Pornography and Prostitution- Brent Breining,

Pastor at Mount Vernon Foursquare Fellowship

Aftercare- Candace Wheeler, Restoration Ministries

Trafficking 101 in NOVA- Kay Duffield, NOVA HTI

Fair Trade; What is Your Slavery Footprint?

12:00-2:00 pm - Lunch on your own

2:00-2:45 pm - Welcome and Praise and Worship with the NCC band

3:00-5:00 pm - Breakout Sessions 3 and 4 (Choose two, 45 minute sessions.)

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Trafficking 101 in NOVA- Kay Duffield, NOVA HTI

Fair Trade; What is Your Slavery Footprint?

5:00-7:00 pm - Dinner on your own

7:00 pm - Praise and Worship with the NCC Band

7:30 pm- Keynote speaker - Jen Spry, child sex-trafficking survivor

Social Action

Lisa George

Human Trafficking In Our Backyard (continued)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

9:00 am - Praise and Worship with The Watch

10:00-12:00 pm - Boundaries in the Face of Predators - Jen Spry, child sex-trafficking survivor

12:00 pm - Lunch on your own

2:00 pm - Praise and Worship with The Watch

3:00 pm - Panel Discussion featuring the breakout speakers, and Simon Chang and Detective Woolf with the NOVA Human Trafficking Task Force

4:00-5:00 pm - Closing Remarks, Niki Tshibaka Policy Director of NOVA HTI and Pastor of Mount Vernon Foursquare Fellowship

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10233 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22182

Tickets are available online or at the door

Thursday night only - \$5.

Friday all day - \$25.

Saturday all day - \$25.

Friday and Saturday all day - \$40.

Saturday Family tickets - \$40/family

Entire Summit early bird - \$45.

Entire Summit at the door - \$55.

Also, Trafficking being the hot topic that it is, here is another opportunity to learn more about it and what can be done.

On **Wednesday, September 9th** the Faith Communities In Action Network meeting will educate Houses of Worship about the dangers of teen sex trafficking within Fairfax County and provide information and resources that will help protect our area's youth. Come learn how your House of Worship can make a difference! Visit our website <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hocode/ereg/registration.aspx?groupid=26> to register. You may also email NCSInterfaith@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-3453.

Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) Houses of Worship Network Meeting



Meeting Topic:

Just Ask VA - End Teen Sex Trafficking
Faith Communities Call to Action

Wednesday
September 9th
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Conference Center Rooms 2 & 3
Fairfax, Virginia 22035

Choose one of the following methods to register by **September 3, 2015**:

1. Visit our website
2. E-mail: NCSInterfaith@fairfaxcounty.gov
3. Call: 703-324-3453



Presentation:

This meeting will educate Houses of Worship about the dangers of teen sex trafficking within Fairfax County and provide information and resources that will help protect our area's youth. Speakers will discuss area-specific factors that put teens at risk, introduce awareness tools, and share prevention strategies. Come learn how your House of Worship can make a difference!

Speakers:

- **Karen Kellogg** — Pastor of Local Engagement and Events at Fairfax Community Church
- **Liz Payne** — FCPS, Health & Physical Education Coordinator
- **Beth Saunders** — Just Ask President & CEO
- **Bill Woolf** — Fairfax County Police Department, Detective Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force



Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request.

For more information, call 703-324-4800, TTY 711.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nsc/cip/>



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Mission Education & Interpretation

Doris Douglass

Hi Everyone,

I hope you all are having a great summer and maybe doing a little service work as well. After all, mission needs are year round.

It is time to send in the Living into Our Purpose forms. Even though we will not be giving "awards" I still need to send it to the conference. They are due to me by August 31. Think back over what you have done this year, I am sure you will find projects and activities that apply. We do plan to recognize those units that participated.

This October we will hold the Conference Annual Meeting of the UMW in Blackstone Virginia, the 25th and 26th. Since the 1940's the UMW have supported Blackstone, as we call it. Though it has had a few names over the years we still just call it Blackstone. Our support has taken many forms. I remember my mother saving for the "sock" they would pass around at the Circle meeting. In those days it was called "Dimes" for Blackstone. Then there was Mary Jordan, president of the Arlington District at the time, who organized the women to cut, make and install drapes for the guest rooms and other areas throughout Blackstone. These women gave hundreds of hours to this task. Ruth Bucklin, a member at Graham Road, remembers meeting at Mary's home to cut out the material for the drapes and later the women going down to install them. In April of 1975 about 700 women gathered at Blackstone to launch the official "Dimes and Dollars" for Blackstone program.

This year, at our Annual Meeting, we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of "Dimes and Dollars". Over the last 40 years we have raised over \$1 million for Blackstone and in 2014 we contributed more than \$31,000. It is obvious that Blackstone holds a "special" place in our hearts. The Wicker Room has been renovated to become the official United Methodist Women's Room. So please come to the Annual Meeting and celebrate our long history with Blackstone.

Blessings

Doris

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VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Living Into Our Purpose

PURPOSE

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.

Achievements for Recognition

Living Into Our Purpose (Level I) : Complete eight (8) items; must include at least four (4) items (*) [four(4) items with two (2) * items for organizations with less than 15 members]

Living Into Our Purpose Silver (Level II) : Complete thirteen (13) items; must include at least six (6) items with (*) [six (6) items with three (3) * items for organizations with less than 15 members]

Living Into Our Purpose Gold (Level III) : Complete twenty (20) items including twelve (12) items with (*) [ten (10) items with six (6) * items for organizations with less than 15 members]

The evaluation period for this report shall be 1 SEPTEMBER 2014 THROUGH 31 AUGUST 2015.

Mark the items you completed. Use these suggestions to **MAKE IT HAPPEN** in the world in which we live.

1. ORGANIZED

- 1a. (*) Make and Meet a Pledge to Mission Giving.
- 1b. (*) Include the UMW Purpose at every meeting.
- 1c. (*) Increase the local organization's Pledge to Mission this year.
- 1d. (*) Qualify as a Five- or Six-Star organization by contributing to Five or Six Channels of Mission Giving (Pledge to Mission; Special Mission Recognition; Mission Giving Cards; Gift in Memory; World Thank Offering; and Candle burning).
- 1e. (*) Have one (1) member become a Rainbow Giver.
Name _____.
- 1f. (*) Participate in the United Methodist Women 150th Legacy Fund.
- 1g. (*) Have at least two (2) members complete Plan I or higher of the Reading Program. *
- 1h. (*) Use at least two (2) programs from the Program Book.

2. KNOW GOD (FAITH)

- 2a. () Encourage the practice of Spiritual Disciplines (i.e. scripture, prayer, fasting)
- 2b. (*) Have at least one Prayer Calendar which can be used at each local organization meeting to pray for mission workers and mission projects for women, children and youth.
- 2c. (*) Have at least one (1) member attend a District or Conference Spiritual Life Event. (District or Conference officers who have paid their own way may count toward this item)
- 2d. () Host or participate in a Children's Sabbath Service highlighting the needs of the children. (Resources can be found at www.childrensdefense.org)

3. EXPERIENCE FREEDOM AS WHOLE PERSONS (HOPE)

- 3a. (*) Choose one (1) District Social Action Priority to work on.
Priority is: _____.
- 3b. () Present a Program or Initiate a Project based on a District or Conference Social Action Priority.
- 3c. () Have at least one (1) member attend United Methodist Day at General Assembly in February.
Member's name: _____.
- 3d. (*) Have at least one (1) member sign-up to receive the UMW Action Network (<http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org>) to learn more about justice issues.
- 3e. () Have at least one (1) member sign-up for the action alerts from the General Board of Church and Society (<http://www.umc-gbcs.org/>) and share information on Justice Issues with the local organization.
- 3f. () Have at least one (1) member sign up to receive Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy alerts (<http://www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org>) and use ideas to advocate for justice.

Living Into Our Purpose (continued)

3g. (*) Implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies by having a Racial Justice Program, participating in a District Racial Justice Program or attending a Conference Racial Justice event. (There is a workshop planned for May 15-17, 2015 to be held at Blackstone). Get resources from:

new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/media/files/Racial%20Justice%20Manual.pdf

3h. () Have "green" meetings and participate in or develop an Environmental Justice Program.

Describe what you did: _____.

4. DEVELOP A CREATIVE/SUPPORTIVE FELLOWSHIP (LOVE)

4a. (*) Add at least two (2) new members to the roll (one (1) new member for local organizations with 15 or fewer members).

4b. (*) Have at least two (2) members, other than a District or Conference Officer, attend a District or Conference Annual Meeting (if a small organization – 15 or fewer members – you may include one (1) District or Conference Officer).

4c. () Sponsor a young woman (18 - 40) to attend a District or Conference Young Women's Event.

Name of attendee: (for your archives) _____.

4d. (*) Invite a District or Conference Officer, other than one of your own members, to one of your local organization meetings during the year and/or your United Methodist Women's Sunday.

4e. () Write to at least five (5) mission workers listed the Prayer Calendar.

4f. () Have at least one (1) member attend UMW Day at Ferrum College.

4g. () Submit names of deceased members to District MN & O Coordinators by August 31.*

5. EXPAND CONCEPTS OF MISSION (LOVE)

5a. (*) Have at least one (1) subscription to response Magazine within the organization to help members stay informed of mission in the world and for help in planning programs. Include a "response Moment" where an item from response Magazine is lifted up as a way to tell a mission story.

5b. (*) Have at least one (1) member, other than a District or Conference officer, attend Mission Encounter or a District Mission Celebration/Mission Encounter event. (District or Conference officers who have paid their own way may count toward this blueprint.)

5c. (*) Select a Mission Institution or Project which is supported by funds from the United Methodist Women National Office (Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth, VA is the only National Institution in Virginia), or the Ministry Grants of Virginia (listed in the Annual Report) and visit and/or contribute needed resources.

Name of Project _____.

5d. (*) Have or participate in at least one (1) current mission study during the year.

Which one: _____.

6. PARTICIPATION IN GLOBAL MINISTRIES (IN ACTION)

6a. () Have one (1) or more members participate in hands-on mission such as gleaning, working at a food pantry or clothes closet, Stop Hunger Now event, bagging potatoes, etc.

Describe: _____.

6b. (*) Participate in the Campaign for Children (public education, mentoring or tutoring programs, visit and support local schools, etc.)

Describe what you did: _____.

6c. () Provide at least ten (10) UMCOR Mission Kits and funds for shipping for the Virginia Annual Conference (Kits for Conference)

6d. () Make a donation of goods (stamps for inmates, etc.), money (to support a Prison Chaplain) or service (Bible study, bell choir) to Prison Ministries.

Local Organization/Church _____

Number of Members in your Local Organization _____

President or Contact Person _____

Phone _____

Email _____

* No Change in reporting of Membership or Reading Program Books. Please have your local organization mission coordinators of Membership Nurture & Outreach (MN&O) and Secretary of Program Resources (SPR) mail reports to the District MN&O and SPR.

Program Resources

Gladys Packett

Hello Ladies,

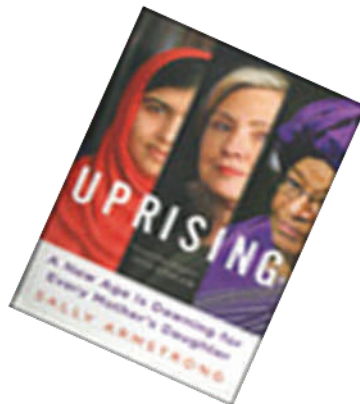
I trust that you have had a wonderful summer. Well, it is time again for all the units to report on how wonderful you have done with the 2014-2015 Reading Program. Please note that this year's report is a little different from previous years. We are asking that you complete the names of those who completed any of the plans. We are also asking for information regarding the youth and children readers who are eligible to receive a certificate.

If you are interested in new books, I am happy to report that the 2016 Reading Program books have already been added to the Resource Center. (<http://www.umwmissionresources.org>). If you visit the site you will notice that some of the books from previous years are on sale. They stay on the reading list for five (5) years. One piece of information is that Brenda Thompson, United Methodist Women Specialist informed us that shipping and handling costs for individual orders will increase on September 1, 2015. However, the shipping and handling cost for consignment order will stay the same.

I hope to have the 2015-2016 Program Book for sale at the September event. If your unit can use more than one copy, please let me know.

In His service,

Gladys Packett
Secretary of Program Resources
gpackett@verizon.net
Happy Reading!



Arlington District UMW
READING PROGRAM REPORT 2015
 (Sept 2014 through Aug 2015)

Unit name: _____

Name of person completing form: _____

Telephone and email: _____

Total number of books read _____ (with or without completion of a plan)

Number completing Plan I * _____

Number completing Plan III* _____

Number completing Plan II * _____

Number completing Plan IV * _____

TOTAL number completing a plan _____

TOTAL number of adult & youth readers _____ (count even those who have read only one book)

TOTAL number of children readers _____

TOTAL number of children receiving certificates * _____

TOTAL number of children's books read _____

TOTAL number of Subscriptions to RESPONSE _____ (count total number of individual and UMW unit subscriptions)

TOTAL number of Subscriptions to NEW WORLD OUTLOOK _____ (count total number of individual and UMW unit subscriptions)

***List names of those who completed plan (by plan) on back of this sheet**

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO ME NO LATER THAN **Sept. 10, 2015**

Gladys Packett
 879 N. Jacksonville St.
 Arlington, VA 22205
 Email: gpackett@verizon.net

Unit Name: _____	Total number of readers: _____
Total number of Books read (Adults): _____	Total Number of Books read by children: _____
List names of Children Reading 5 books:	
List Names completing plan I:	List Names completing plan II:
List Names completing plan III:	List names completing plan IV:
Person in your Unit who has read the most books: _____	Number of books read: _____

Please complete form and send by Sept. 10, 2015 to: Gladys Packett, Secretary of Program Resources, 879 N. Jackson St., Arlington, VA 22205

Please note: If I do not receive a form from a Unit, that unit will be counted as "not participating in the reading program"

Books that qualify for the Reading Program Report are taken from the Years 2011-2015 (and 2010 books up thru Dec.2014). Only books read from September 2014 through report date (September 1, 2015) can count on this report. (Any books read after this date can be counted toward next year).

Mission Resource Center e-store: <http://www.umwmissionresources.org>



United
Methodist
Women
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

Arlington District United Methodist Women 2015 Calendar

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.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Virginia Conference UMW Young Women's Event @ VUMAC	September 18-19, 2015
Arlington District UMW Annual Meeting @ Sterling UMC	September 26, 2015* (note date change)
Virginia Conference UMW 43rd Annual Meeting @ VUMAC	October 24-25, 2015
Arlington District UMW Mini Mission Encounter @ Pleasant Valley UMC	November 14, 2015

Arlington District United Methodist Women Officers for 2015

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Vacant at this time

APPOINTED OFFICERS

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Vacant at this time

Editor of the Tapestry

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arlingtondistrictumw@gmail.com

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Young Women's Event
September 18-19, 2015

“Being Enough”

Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center
707 Fourth Street
Blackstone, VA 23824
434-292-5308

Retreat Leaders:

Sarah Stephens

Sarah Stephens is from the Charlotte area but has lived in Roanoke for three and a half years. She's been managing the volunteer program at Goodwill Industries of the Valleys during that period and lives with her husband, Brad. Sarah studied religion at Centre College in Kentucky and then went on to Wesley Theological Seminary and American University to combine her loves of the Christian faith and international development.

Rev. Joanna Paysour

Joanna Paysour, a native Virginian, loves being in the mountains and in her hometown, Blacksburg. She serves as the Associate Pastor at Cave Spring UMC in Roanoke. She lives in the Star City with her husband, Jake. She went to college at the University of South Carolina and seminary at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC.



**VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
YOUNG WOMEN'S EVENT (Ages 18-40)
"Being Enough"**

September 18-19, 2015

Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center, Blackstone, VA

The event starts with dinner at 7:00 p.m on Friday evening. Registration will be open at 5:00 p.m. The event ends on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Please bring your Bible, pencil/pen, alarm clock, and favorite snacks (to share). Lemonade, water, tea and coffee will be provided. The schedule below is tentative and therefore subject to change.

Tentative Schedule

FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
5:00-6:45 p.m.	Registration	8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
7:00 p.m.	Dinner	8:45-9:00 a.m.	Tour of Blackstone Retreat Center
7:45-9:15 p.m.	Group Gathering I	9:15-10:00 a.m.	Group Gathering II
9:15 p.m. - until	Fellowship and Fun	10:15-11:00 a.m.	Small Groups
		11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Mission opportunity
		12:15 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Lunch
		1:15-2:00 p.m.	Group Gathering III
		2:00-2:45 p.m.	Small Groups
		3:00-4:00 p.m.	Closing Worship

This is an event hosted by the Virginia Conference United Methodist Women, but is for all young women of the church ages 18 to 40. You do not have to be a member of UMW to attend. All linens provided for your overnight stay.

Scholarships may be available – contact your District UMW President or email buckrow@aol.com or dwwrley@msn.com

Name: _____ Telephone _____

Street: _____ Email _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church _____ District _____

Roommate(s) _____

Any conditions requiring special room assignment? _____

Any special diet needs? _____

Please check ALL that apply to you: 18-25 _____ 26-35 _____ 36-40 _____

First Time _____ Night Owl _____

PLEASE CHECK CHOICE OF:

____ Friday evening (Dinner) – Saturday Breakfast & Lunch: \$75.00

____ Day Retreater -- \$10.00. plus cost of meals checked:

FRI: Dinner \$9.00 _____

SAT: Breakfast \$8.00 _____ SAT: Lunch \$10.00 _____

TOTAL REMITTED _____

Make Check payable to: **Virginia Conference United Methodist Women** and send your registration form and check for the total amount to:

Joyce Winston

2411 E. Pembroke Ave.

Hampton, VA 23664-1243

email: BUCKROW@aol.com

Phone: 757-851-6897

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

**Arlington District United Methodist Women
Annual Meeting**

September 26, 2015

9:00 a.m.

Sterling United Methodist Church

304 East Church Road

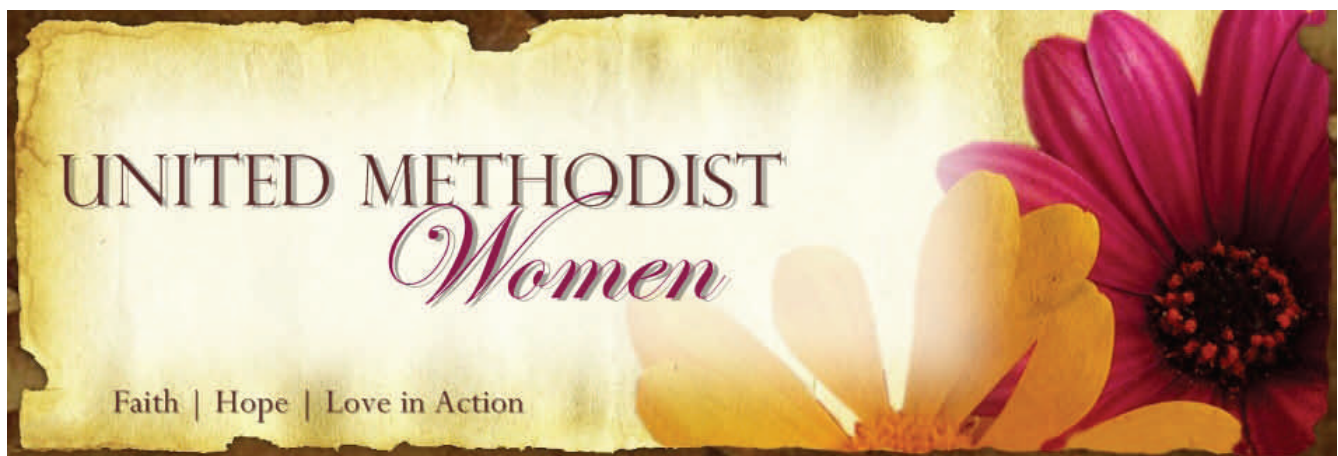
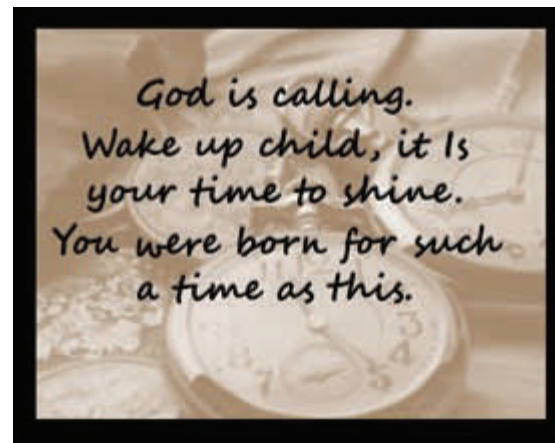
Sterling, VA

703-430-6455

Please plan to join us for an interesting and inspiring day.

Childcare available upon request. Call Angela Sokolowski at 703-421-6445 or email her at TheSokos@mac.com.

Please send in all of your reports by the due dates so that your units can be recognized for all of their hard work.





Help us celebrate our 20th anniversary and show your support for the work being done for Christ by purchasing your tickets, inviting family and friends to attend, and asking your Church to consider sponsoring the event.

Friday, October 2nd, 7:00 pm
Waterford at Springfield
6715 Commerce Street, Springfield, VA 22150

You or your group can also help by donating "Gift Basket" makings (gift cards from popular stores, restaurants, and theaters) and/or other items and services for the auction.

For details or to learn other ways you can help, contact Sharon Emory at stemory@aol.com.

43rd Virginia UMW Annual Meeting



This year's Annual Meeting, October 24-25, will be a fun celebration, one you won't want to miss! We will start the weekend with the 40th Anniversary of Dimes and Dollars for Blackstone, and the dedication of the Wicker Room as the United Methodist Women's Room. Be sure to wear bright, colorful socks in honor of Dimes and Dollars! And note lunch will be at 11:30 this year, with the celebration immediately following.

Our theme this year is Women of Welcome with scripture verses; Matthew 18:20 and Ephesians 4:1-7. Our keynote speaker is Julia Tulloch, the immediate past General Secretary of Leadership Development for United Methodist Women. She is a wonderful speaker and terrifically funny. She will address us on Saturday, and then help moderate a round-table panel Sunday morning on attracting new members, with time for questions and answers.

Of course we will have our recognitions of all the many wonderful things we have been doing this year! We will also have focus groups: Promoting United Methodist Women, World Federation of Methodists and Church Women United, and the Charter for Racial Justice.

Our evening program will be something new! We are going to have both live and silent auctions, to support the Legacy Fund, as we continue our celebration of nearly 150 years of United Methodist Women! To make the auction a success, please bring donations and be sure to have your checkbook handy. You won't want to lose out on some great items!

The entertainment will be provided by the Journey Praise Band, who will also be leading us in praise songs in the afternoon!

So be sure to come, bring your friends and let's celebrate!

The 43rd Annual Meeting of the Virginia Conference of the UMW will convene October 24-25, 2015 at Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UMW ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

October 24 – 25, 2015

BCRC, BLACKSTONE, VIRGINIA

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

VA CONFERENCE UMW ANNUAL MEETING

October 24 – 25, 2015

Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center
Blackstone, Virginia 23824

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CHURCH _____ DISTRICT _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL _____

ROOMMATE/S _____

TEENS _____ AGE _____ PARENTS NAME _____

Any conditions requiring special room requirements, diets etc.?

PLEASE CHECK WHEN YOU WILL ARRIVE:

- ___ Friday – Sunday (Includes Friday Dinner) \$ 180.00
 - ___ Friday – Sunday (without Friday Dinner) \$ 169.00
 - ___ Saturday (lunch) - Sunday lunch \$100.00
- (Above costs includes \$12.00 Registration Fee)

ADD: \$5 per night for a single room _____ and
\$10 per night for Goodson Lodge _____

___ COMMUTERS \$12.00 Registration fee plus cost of meals

- ___ Saturday Lunch \$ 9.75 ___ Saturday Dinner \$ 11.00
- ___ Sunday Breakfast \$ 8.00 ___ Sunday Lunch \$ 9.75

Total remitted _____

Please mark all that apply:

- ___ Local Unit Delegate
- ___ Non-voting Local Unit Member
- ___ Conference Officer/Executive Committee
- ___ District Officer; Office Held: _____

PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION form and check made payable to Virginia Conference United Methodist Women to the REGISTRAR:

Jo Ann Liskey
 4856 Shen Lake Drive
 Harrisonburg, VA 22801-6043
 Phone: 540-434-2997
 Email: jaliskey12@gmail.com

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - OCTOBER 10, 2014

SATURDAY:

- 11:30 Lunch **Please note change in time!**
- 12:00 Celebration of 40th anniversary of the Dimes and Dollars program for the Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center
- 1:00 Procession
- Keynote Speaker – Julia Tulloch, United Methodist Women Business
- 3:30 Pop-in Sessions
- 5:30 Dinner
- 7:00 Live/Silent Auction for Legacy Fund
- Sunday:
 - 8:00 Breakfast
 - 10:00 Memorial Service
 - Worship / Holy Communion
 - 12:00 Lunch

REMINDER: Bring your check books and/or money to bid on great auction items in support of the Legacy Fund.

Musicians:

Journey Praise Band for Saturday
 Music Leader, Louise Miller for Sunday

The Book Room will be open before and between sessions. Look for posted times when you arrive.

Be sure to enjoy the bulletin boards and displays provided by the various Districts. Limes are furnished at VUMAC. For those wishing to leave a tip for the helpful and friendly service we received, there will be a designated area in the dining hall.

Arlington District UMW Mini Mission Encounter

November 14, 2015

9:00 a.m.

Pleasant Valley UMC
43987 John Mosby Hwy
Chantilly, VA
(703) 327-4461

Did you miss Mission Encounter this year?

Did you go and attend Built for Happiness and wish you could have also attended the two other classes?

Well, you are in luck!

Arlington District UMW will be reviewing the topics of:

- The Church and People with Disabilities and
- Latin America: People and Faith.

