



News of the Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Women

January, 2010

Reflection for January

I do not at all understand the mystery of grace--
only that it meets us where we are
but does not leave us where it found us. --- Anne Lamott

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Join us for a Lenten Women's Retreat "Living Waters: Sustaining Your Soul" February 26-28, 2010

Come relax, recharge and immerse yourself in the "healing waters" of spiritual renewal with a diverse gathering of Metropolitan women. Our time together is designed to prepare us for a fuller experience of Holy Week and Easter through group and individual reflection, prayer and fellowship.

The retreat will take place at The Sanctuary Retreat Center/Am Kolel in upper Montgomery County, MD; the cost is \$160 including accommodations and meals. Space is limited so register early—don't miss out! Registration forms are available in the office or contact Suzanne Vieth at msvieth@verizon.net or 202-237-6744. The retreat has been planned by Suzanne Forsyth, Jayne Mardock, Sue Roach, Betty Rogers and Suzanne Vieth. *This event is sponsored by UMW but open to all Metropolitan women.*

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Mark Your Calendars UMW programs for 2010 offer variety and inspiration

Please share these dates with your circles, other Metropolitan women and outside friends.

Women's Lenten Retreat – Feb. 26-28
Great Day of Service – March 20
Book Sale – April 17
Craft Day – July 17
Ice Cream Social – August 22
Welcome Back Lunch – Sept. 12
Bazaar – Nov. 6-7
Recognition Tea – Dec. 12

If you can help organize the Great Day of Service, the Book Sale or Craft Day, please contact Caralee Adams at 301-320-9712. We also welcome project ideas for the Great Day of Service. Book donations can be placed in the UMW closet. Look for more details about these events in upcoming newsletters.



It's Never Too Early to Plan for the Annual Bazaar

Moving? Decluttering? Consider hanging onto stuff until our bazaar. If you need a place to store donations before the official summer drop-off period begins, contact Barbara Gaskill (202-244-3512 or Barbara@bgaskill.com) to work something out. Have ideas for new twists to add to our bazaar? Keep 'em coming. We have a long history of successes, but new ideas keep it fresh.



United Methodist Women Greater Washington District 2010 Legislative Seminar February 27, 2010

This year's theme is "Let's Get Together." The meeting is aimed at reviewing and discussing legislative priorities. The seminar will be held at Woodside UMC, 8900 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD. The registration fee is \$12 per person, which includes breakfast and a light lunch. To register, send a check payable to GWD Treasurer-UMW to Sandra Chambers, 8312 Rambler Drive, Adelphi, MD 20783.



Save the Date! Quadrennial Event – United Methodist Women Assembly 2010 St Louis, MO April 30* – May 2, 2010

Thousands of women from across the globe will come together for the 18th Assembly of United Methodist Women, April 30-May 2, 2010, at the America's Center in St. Louis, Mo.

The Assembly theme, "Faith, Hope, Love in Action," embodies the spirit of United Methodist Women, and helps to center our minds and hearts as we prepare to gather in 2010. As the vision statement for Assembly 2010 states, "United Methodist Women are disciples of Jesus Christ and called to share our belief in the promise of a new heaven and a new earth; our expectation of needs met for all; our sisterhood of grace and our embodiment of justice. It is through action that we find fulfillment of our faith, hope and love in the name of Jesus Christ."

Assembly 2010 will be a time for United Methodist Women members to celebrate, energize, educate and equip themselves for God's mission in God's world. The economic downturn continues to impact people in our communities and all over the world. These times call for grace and good judgment, caring and creative thinking, hope and helping hands. The worship, programs, workshops and panels being planned for Assembly are designed to help United Methodist Women members better serve each other, their communities and those around the world.

* Many will come a day early, April 29, to participate in the pre-conference "Mission Forward Symposium: Laywomen, Vocation and Calling" or the "Ubuntu Day of Service" in the St. Louis community.



UMW Circle Meetings

Circle 2: will meet on Wednesday, February, 10 at 10a.m. in the parlor at church. Our speaker will be the Rev. Kate Murphy, asst. minister at Metropolitan. Our hostess is Mary Louise; please call her to let her know if you're coming. 703-356-3627.

Circle 3: Contact: Anne Bechdolt at abechdolt@msn.com.

Circles 4 & 5: Will meet jointly on Wednesday, February 3, at 10:30am at the Methodist Home. The speaker will be Karen Howard who will discuss her VIM trip to Africa. Circle 4 Contact: Bobby Turnbull, bobbyturnbull@comcast.net; Circle 5 Contact: Charlotte Walch, chaggysweb@juno.com or 202-363-7625.

Circle 6 will meet Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 206 (the Youth Room) for a viewing and discussion of the film, "Daughters of Afghanistan." All UMW and Metropolitan woman are welcome. Circle leaders Ann Michel, annmichel@wesleyseminary.edu and Mary Jo Marchant, mjmarchant@verizon.net.

Circle 8: will meet Tuesday, February 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Bring a book that you'd like to share with us. We are also planning to attend Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 16. We'll try to reserve a table. The former is to enrich your mind/soul; the latter is to enrich your body/soul! Come to both. For more information, contact Bonnie Edwards, 202-686-9087.

Circle 10: will meet on Friday, February 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Kids are welcome. Contact: Caralee Adams, caralee.adams@verizon.net.



Next UMW Executive Board Meeting

Sunday, February 7 at 12:30 in the conference room.



New Executive Board Members

Welcome to Penne Nelson from Circle 6 who will be serving as our secretary, Kate Vogt who will serve as asst. treasurer and Courtney Leatherman from Circle 10 who will be handling our communications. Also, thanks to those who attended the UMW district officer training along with Caralee on January 9: Penne Nelson, Monica Mmzezewa, Carol Tippett and Susan Vieth.