



Reflection for June

When we are motivated by compassion, we offer kindness as a way of life. We offer change to the child in line at the movies who doesn't have quite enough money for popcorn; we mow the lawn of our elderly neighbor. We refrain from lashing out at the person who lashes out at us. Living in compassion means we begin to put the welfare of others ahead of our own individual egos. Living in compassion makes us part of the energy that we call God. Through compassion, we participate in our own miracles.

Mary Manin Morrissey

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What a Great Day! Great Day of Service May 2

The Great Hall was buzzing with activity as women from all circles (and a few men) joined together to give of their time and talents at the UMW Great Day of Service on May 2. Many lives will be touched as a result of our efforts. A special thanks to Bobby Turnbull and Circles 4 & 5 for keeping us well fed for breakfast and lunch. Also, a note of appreciation to Regula Guess for recruiting leadership for the event and helping with other details.

Here's what we accomplished:

- 260 sandwiches for Martha's Table. (Thanks to Barbara Gaskill and Bonnie Edwards for delivering.)
- 198 letters on behalf of Amnesty International (Organized by Jane Cunningham)
- 48 Bags of Grace to give to the homeless (Project led by Leigh Rollins)
- Cleaning of the Metropolitan House shelter (Tough job taken on by Helen Simon and crew)
- Dusting inside of cabinets in kitchen hallway (Thanks to Misook Ann and Mary Louise Viereck)
- 42 decorated greeting cards and 60 handwritten notes for Visitor Corps, church staff and Hannah House residents.
- 150 UMCOR health kits (Ann Michel purchased supplies and delivered to Pennsylvania for our unit.)
- 17 toiletry bags assembled for Hannah House (Bonnie Edwards, Alison Daifuku and crew)
- And lots of UPC Label cutting (Barbara Gaskill and friends).

This has become a great annual event for our unit and one that has a lot of tangible results, as well as good fellowship. Thanks everyone!

Hands-on Help at Hannah House – May 6 Connections made at Hannah House event

The women living at Hannah House, a transitional housing facility in Washington, face some significant challenges. Not only are they trying to find a job in this tough economic market, but many are trying to remain sober, adjust to life outside of jail and mend broken relationships with their families. Yet, they remain hopeful and are working hard to get their lives back on track.

The networking event on the evening of May 6 sponsored by our UMW was an effort to give these women some guidance and encouragement. We shared tips on job hunting, edited resumes and talked to them about various options to explore for training or work. The Hannah House residents shared their experiences and stories about how their faith has sustained them.

MMUMC women who participated in the Hannah House event included:

Carolyn Schramm	Bonnie Edwards
Beth Peters	Holly Hukill
Ann Michel	Anita Seline
Caralee Adams	Martha Mizroch
Karen Strider	Misook Ahn

Many from our unit toured the Hannah House facility, which houses single women and women with children. It is located at 612 M. Street near the Convention Center downtown. The women receive support, structure and help as they learn to become independent. Women can live at Hannah House for up to one year. It is a mission supported by our UMW conference.

Our UMW unit will explore other opportunities to connect with Hannah House in the future – perhaps with a potluck dinner or spiritual retreat. Keep tuned for how you can help out.

Hannah House is located at 612 M. Street, Washington D.C., near the Mount Vernon Metro Stop by the Convention Center. For more information, see <http://www.hannahhouse.org>.

We Need Your Donations for the Bazaar!!

Take a few moments to look over your jewelry and cull those pieces you no longer need. Get family and neighbors to do the same thing. Our jewelry boutique is the most profitable section of the bazaar so please help us keep this our platinum fundraiser.

Circle 5 has begun pricing, sorting and cleaning jewelry for the bazaar. The Circle will meet during the summer and early fall whenever a work session is needed. Weekdays, jewelry may be left at the front desk in the church office with whomever is in charge of the front desk that day, and, on Sunday, it may be left in the library Betty Ann Angel is the jewelry contact person.

UMW Social Action Talk

June 7, 12:30 p.m., Parlor

Please join us on June 7th at 12:30 in the Parlor. Pam Settlege will talk about the economic crisis and what we can do to help. It will be a short talk with time for questions. There will be snacks and drinks. Questions? Call Regula Guess, 301-605-7028.

Project for June

Bring a Book for Berna's Tots

During June Metropolitan's UMW will gather books in good condition for 2-3 year olds –like board books. Destination is the Early Childhood Education Center director Berna Artis. This UMW sponsored center in SE DC has a waiting list for its caring of babies to 3 years old. Although a UMW sponsored facility, there is no UMW church near by, so Metropolitan UMW is taking on the task of providing support to Berna's Tots. Please leave the books in the church office attention: Berna's Tots/Helen Latimer. If a circle would like to take on "sisterly support" or if you have any questions please call Helen Latimer, 202-363-7102.

Save the Date!

Craft Day, June 27 – 9:00 a.m.

Questions/information, contact Caralee Adams, caralee.adams@verizon.net or Lara Kline, larakline@juno.com

Bazaar Planning Meeting

Saturday, June 27

The UMW board decided at its May 13 meeting to hold a **Bazaar Planning Meeting on Saturday, June 27.**

I am asking each circle leader and those who served as bazaar project leaders in recent years to attend the meeting, which will commence following the conclusion of Craft Day--around 2 p.m.

The Nominations Committee is in the process of securing a Bazaar chair. Of course, as is the case every year, the more people we have sharing the load the easier it is for everyone.

I look forward to craft day and meeting to discuss the bazaar. It's always an exciting time of year.

Yours, Anne Brown, UMW President

Recognition Luncheon

Sunday, December 6, 12:30 p.m.

Each year the United Methodist Women of Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church hold a Recognition Luncheon honoring women who have made a significant contribution to the church, the nation, and the world. The Recognition Luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 6 at 12:30pm. We are seeking nominations of outstanding women to honor this year. Please submit nominations by calling Robin Emery at 202-625-9273 or by email to emerymjon@aol.com by October 15th. In addition to recognizing these special women, we will also celebrate the babies who have been born this year and remember with gratitude those who died this year.

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News from United Methodist Women Greater Washington District

Plan to Attend!

Baltimore-Washington Conference

2009 Cooperative School of Christian Mission

Theme: *Together at the Table*

July 23-26, 2009

Clarion Hotel, Hagerstown, MD

Come join the United Methodist Women and the Board of Global Ministries at the Cooperative School of Christian Mission and expand your knowledge of mission. **“Together at the Table”** is the 2009 theme. The table, a place when positive and negative forces are addressed, but where we are all together at the table of God’s love. All participants receive the **“Food and Faith,”** spiritual study which will increase awareness that food is more than sustenance and health. The connection of food with faith, our biblical and theological journey will be clearer.

Choose then one of the following:

In the global study, **“The Beauty and Courage of Sudan: Why a Dream of Peace is Possible”** participants will view an extended portrait of Sudan: its history, tradition, antiquity, cultures, religions, languages, etc. The mission study, **“Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival”** addresses the inter-relatedness between the indigenous people and their land, their spirituality, unemployment and other issues.

Please contact Anne Brown, UMW president or Ann Michel, SOCM committee member for registration information.

Susanna Wesley House Benefit Luncheon – September 19

A luncheon benefiting Susanna Wesley House will be held Saturday, September 19 at the Oregon Ridge Park Lodge in Cockeysville, MD. Tickets to the luncheon are \$40. The event begins at 11:30 and includes a silent auction. Tickets can be purchased by calling Romaine Towers at 410-647-5371. Susanna Wesley House is a transitional home in Baltimore that houses formerly homeless women and their children, with a total capacity of 27. It is owned by the United Methodist Women of the Baltimore Washington Conference and is a National Mission Institution of the General Board of Global Ministries.

Save the Date! **Quadrennial Event – United Methodist Women Assembly 2010** **April 29 – May 2, 2010**

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June AARP Luncheon

Please join us on Monday, June 8 in the Vestry at noon for our annual spring luncheon. In addition to a delicious meal we will have musical entertainment and a sing-along. Checks for \$10, made out to AARP Chapter 2183, should be sent by June 4 to our secretary, Bobby Turnbull, at 5708 Ridgefield Rd., Bethesda, MD 20816.

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UMW Circle Upcoming Meetings

Circle 2: Please contact your Circle chairs: Charlotte Carter, 703-442-0934 or char.carter@cox.net or Jane Cunningham, 703-821-3486 or JTC3rd@aol.com for plans for the summer.

Circle 3: Please contact Anne Bechdolt at abechdolt@msn.com for meeting plans.

Circle 4: Circle 4 will have a potluck luncheon in the Fireplace Room on Wednesday, June 3 at 11:30. Please bring your favorite summertime dish to share. Circle 4 contact: Bobby Turnbull, bobbyturnbull@comcast.net.

Circle 5: Circle 5 will meet during the summer to begin pricing of jewelry donations for the bazaar (see reference in newsletter). Circle 5 contact: Charlotte Walch, chaggysweb@juno.com.

Circle 6: We will take a summer break. Please contact Ann or Mary Jo with suggestions for the Fall. Circle leaders Ann Michel, annmichel@wesleyseminary.edu and Mary Jo Marchant, mjmarchant@verizon.net.

Circle 8: Please contact Circle chair: Bonnie Edwards, 202-686-9087 for circle plans.

Circle 10: Circle contact: Caralee Adams, caralee.adams@verizon.net.

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