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United Methodist Women Sunday

United Methodist Women PURPOSE: The organized unit of the 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.

Our PURPOSE describes what we do. How we do that in each church unit or even each group (or circle) within the church may vary, but our main focus is to help women, children, and youth here at home and around the world. If you are interested in learning about one or more of our groups contact Barbara Stubbs, Debra Johnson, Lillian Wooldridge, or Becky Britton.

Today, Epworth UMW members are wearing RED for Human Trafficking Awareness (RED ZONE) which is one of many important initiatives of United Methodist Women worldwide.

Our speaker today is Lynn Harper from Hawkinsville, GA. She is currently the Conference UMW Education and Interpretation Coordinator. She is a member of Hawkinsville First United Methodist Church and the president of her local UMW unit. She also served as the last UMW President of the Americus District before the redistricting. Lynn teaches an adult Sunday School Class, serves on the Lay Nominations Committee and the Parsonage Committee at Hawkinsville First. She is also a member of the South GA Conference Board of Laity and the Episcopacy Committee.



Lynn grew up in Ocilla, GA and graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in social work. She retired after 30 years with the federal government as Director of Manpower for the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command & Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC.

Since moving to Hawkinsville, she has remained active in her community, serving on the Arts Council, Civitan, and Chamber of Commerce. Since November of 2016, she has served as the President of Georgia NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees) Federation.

WELCOME, Lynn Harper!

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Children's Ministry DirectorLindsey Fossa
 Choir Director.....Lyn Pharris
 Church Administrator Susan Snider
 Contemporary Music Director Kayla Moss
 CustodiansMartha Conklin & Barbie Webb
 Interim Youth Minister.....Kristii Daniel
 Media & CommunicationsDawn Wilson
 Music DirectorBob Lee
 Nursery Worker..... Martha Conklin
 Pastor..... Tony G. Crosby

2018 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2018 flower calendar is on the office window. Sign up to reserve your special Sunday. Each flower arrangement is \$50. Questions or to request a date, call the church office.

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THIS COMING WEEK & BEYOND

Monday, April 16

6:30 p.m. Growing Christians UMW Meeting

Tuesday, April 17

6:30 p.m. AA Group Meeting

6:30 p.m. Youth Meeting

Wednesday, April 18

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Supper

6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Joy Stealers Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 19

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

12:00 noon Prayer Team Meeting

Sunday, April 22

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

12:00 noon Country Comfort Luncheon

Monday, April 23

6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:00 AM

The Children's Class
Kindergarten - 5th Grade: Margaret Gosden

The Youth Class
6th - 12th Grade: Kristii Daniel

The Friendship Class
Study: Follow Me
Teacher: Rev. Tim Paulk

The Genesis Class
Study: Have You Ever Seen a Hearse...
Teacher: Leslie Morris

The Joy Class
Study: I Love Growing Older, but...
Teacher: Class

The Nathan Patterson/Wesley Class
Study: Genesis 15
Teacher: Bobby Smith

The New Connections Class
Study: 40 Days of Community
Teacher: Doug Franks

The Pathfinders Class
Study: Devotion
Teacher: Susan Davis

The Questors Class
Study: Grace in a Iron Band
Teacher: Glenn Griffin

The Seekers Class
Study: Wired Word
Teacher: Lillian Wooldridge

PASTORAL COUNSELING

Our church partners with The Pastoral Institute to offer counseling for individuals and families at deep discounts. Call the church for more information or give our church name when scheduling an appointment at 706-649-6500. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

EMAIL COMMUNICATION

The church sends two e-mails each week—a newsletter on Monday and a sermon preview on Friday. If you are not receiving these, please let us know!

THOSE WHO SERVE APRIL 15, 2018

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
Greeter: Jeanne Guilbeault
Usher: Vonna Franks, Jeanne Guilbeault
Acolyte: Usher
Children's Church: Lindsey Fossa

11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Greeter: Lillian Wooldridge
Ushers: Janie Nellums, Carole Zimmerman
Acolyte: Ema Cherai, C. S. DiSimone
Children's Church: Lindsey Fossa
Nursery Volunteer: Lillian Wooldridge
Financial Secretary: Lillian Wooldridge
Turn Key: James Johnson

OUR STEWARDSHIP

April 8, 2018

Tithes & Offerings:	\$4,660.24
Received To Date:	\$73,304.97
Needed To Date:	\$88,842.32
Building Fund:	\$0

ATTENDANCE:	
Sunday School	66
Worship: 9 a.m.	38
Worship: 11 a.m.	<u>62</u>
	100

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Youth Meeting - Tuesday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m., as we discuss the sword of Spirit. Join us and bring a friend!

Volunteers Needed in the Children's Ministry
Children's Sunday School – 4th Sundays
Children's Church 9 a.m. – 2nd Sundays
Children's Church 11 a.m. – 3rd Sundays
Nursery 11 a.m. – 4th Sundays

Youth & Children Sunday School Classes - For a great lesson, wonderful fellowship in a Safe Sanctuaries approved environment, classes are by age/grade beginning at 10 a.m.

MISSIONS

April Mission Focus - is 300 food items for Wynnton Neighborhood Network. Items needed: canned soup, fruit, vegetables, meat, tomato products and mac & cheese. Place items on the mission cart in the hallway near the youth room. A printed list is available on the information rack or on the mission cart and a digital list is in the most recent bulletin on our website.

Health Kits for Rose Hill Ministry - The HIS UMW group is collecting items during April: gallon-size zip-closure bags, men's and women's socks, combs and brushes, washcloths. Full-size: lip balm, hand sanitizer, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, razor, shaving cream. Travel-size: lotions, shampoos, body wash. The congregation is welcome to participate. Place your items in the marked container on the stage in the fellowship hall.

Open Door Needs Your Help - The Kiwanis Club is selling jumbo Vidalia onions. Kiwanis is offering an extra \$250 to the organization that sells the highest dollar amount. Open Door would like your help to win the \$250. For more info and to order, see the form on the information board. Orders will be taken until Sunday, April 29.

Can Recycling - Leave aluminum cans outside the back kitchen door. They will be picked up and recycled by the HIS Group. Money collected will go toward various missions.

Feeding Our Neighbors at Rose Hill UMC - We will provide supper on Tuesday, April 24. Preparations will begin at 5:00 p.m.; serving at 5:45 p.m. If you want more information about serving or helping to prepare the meal, contact Debra Johnson or Becky Britton.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Wednesday Night Supper - April 18, at 6:00 p.m. Sign up to make supper reservations on the information board. Menu: boneless baked chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, salad bar and dessert. We are studying *Joy Stealers: Overcoming Obstacles to Hope and Happiness* by Rob Renfroe, on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. You can purchase the book from the welcome center for \$12 each.

Upper Room Devotionals - May/June issue is available in the welcome center. Price as noted.

Quarterly Giving Statements Available - The first quarter giving statements are available for pick up from the welcome center. Thank you for your generosity.

Growing Christians UMW Meeting - Monday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m., in the fellowship hall.

Country Comfort Food Luncheon - Sunday, April 22, at noon. Please sign up today to make your lunch reservations. Sponsored by the UMW. All proceeds will go toward the new HVAC for the fellowship hall.

Church Council Meeting - Monday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m., in the fellowship hall. If you have questions or want to be put on the agenda, contact Debra Johnson.

AA Support Group Meeting - every Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m., in the Questors classroom.

Reachers UMW Meeting - Tuesday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m., in the Questors classroom.

HIS Group UMW Meeting - Tuesday, May 1, at 10:30 a.m., in the fellowship hall.

Youth Led Sunday - May 6. Please attend to support the youth as they lead at both services.

EPWORTH PRAYER LIST

Church Family

Fred & Emilie Carswell	Blount King	Gladys Plant	Trudy Harris
Vanessa Desoto	Ron & Betty Sawyer	Thrower Family	Kitty Crockett
Sibyl Wells	Keri McElvey	Shackelford Family	Kernodle Family
Judy Scanling	Barbara Watson	Joe Flynn	Lillian Wooldridge
Elsie & Jim Spanogians	Andrea Carbaugh	Glenn Griffin	Daniel Family
Anne Wilson	Jane Grandon	Jimmy Bridges	Henry Family
The Rabon Family			

Extended Church Family

Steve & Carol Guilbeault	Michael Taff	David Olson	Doyle Adams
Dotty Baker	Ricky Clark	Robbins Family	Andrew Wade
Miranda "Randy" Jones	Laurie Osteen	Preston Silvernail	Dora Spires
Willie Ryles	Judy Patterson	Cassie Prochaska	Billy Hill
Kim Jordan	Kristy Stier	Dorothy Ogg	Bruce Chapman
Amanda Hay	Marilyn Buck	Danny Chidester	Beth Goodwin
Luby Family	Henry Dunn	Adams Family	Ellen Pilgreen
Ralph & Sandy McGough	Diane Wiggins	Stephanie Bryan	Robin Grantham
McDaniel Family	Al Fohan		

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes/Homebound

Calvary Community - Lou Williams	River Towne Center - Jerry Williams
Magnolia Manor - Doris Halouska, Cammie Van Over	Savannah Grand - Linda Coleman
Phenix City Health Care - Anne Whitehurst	The Lodge - Lorene Carlisle
River Place - Betty Cummings, Elizabeth Harbert	Wesley Glen (Byron, GA) - Nancy Hiller

(Please continue to pray for our homebound people. They would love a visit!)

*If the prayer list needs to be updated, please call, email the church office
or leave a note with updates. Help us minister effectively by
calling the church office about yourself or a family member. Thank you for your help.*

April Mission Focus

Wynnton Neighborhood Network Needs:

- Canned soup
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned meat
- Canned tomato products
- Mac & cheese
- Spaghetti sauce
- Noodles
- Rice
- Jelly
- Peanut butter
- Toilet paper
- Laundry detergent (powder or pods)
- Bar soap
- Monetary donations

Place items on the Mission Cart