



# UPDATES AND REFLECTIONS

October 2017

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Janet Henke*

Fall is here! That means cooler weather (we can hope) and Bazaar! November 4<sup>th</sup> is the big day. Set up dates will be Thursday, November 2 and Friday, November 3. Already Rooms 303 and 305 are filling with donated items. There are some real bargains. Many ladies have helped with the collections and pricing these items. Several Circles have used meeting time or called special meetings to help with the pricing. Look for publicity in local papers and magazines as the month progresses.

On Saturday, October 7 Williamsburg UMW is hosting the York River District for their annual meeting at 10:45 am. Please note the change in time. Our sanctuary will be in use earlier for a Memorial Service. Volunteers will be needed to set up the refreshments, act as hostesses and help with clean-up. Let your Circle chairs know if you can help.

Two weeks later we meet for our Call to Prayer and Self-Denial at 10:00 on Saturday, October 21st. Once more help will be needed with refreshments! Mary Spence is planning a meaningful program that will give us all something to think about.

Once again, I remind everyone that the York River district and the national UMW have requested that all members register on-line. It is a very easy process and takes only a few minutes. Go to [unitedmethodistwomen.org/myumw](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/myumw). When you put in the zip code for our church, the church's name, our district, conference and jurisdiction come up automatically. Go to the far right side and click on Select. Much of the information will be transferred to the form. You will be asked what type of unit we are. The answer is Local. Scroll down and enter your own information. As you finish, you will have the opportunity to print a temporary membership card. If you haven't yet registered, it is not too late.

If you haven't already turned in your 2017 Pledge to Mission to your Circle treasurer, please consider doing so. For 2017, the suggested contribution is \$48 per member. Remember, your contribution supports our obligations to the district and to things we support like our youth mission trips, our reading program and recognition awards. Detailed information on this year's budget can be found in the 2017 membership book on pages 5 and 6. Just a reminder, World Thank Offerings are due by November 27<sup>th</sup>.

## CIRCLE HAPPENINGS

The **Carol Scott Circle** met September 12. There were 11 members and 1 guest present at the meeting. Catherine Upton, the Executive Director of Williamsburg Area *Meals On Wheels* for 23 years gave our program. She spoke of her goal in life: "To make sure as many people as possible in our community are fed a nutritious meal. No one in the greater Williamsburg area should go to bed hungry." It was truly a very encouraging and challenging message. Our circle continues to support our sick members and different projects in the community. Betty Garrington, a long time and very devoted member of our circle, is now a resident at Dominion Village. She would appreciate continued prayers for her health.

The **Clarke-Heritage Circle** met on September 5. Like many of the Circles, our group worked on preparing for the Bazaar in November.

The **Friendship Circle** met on September 11 with 8 members present. Everyone worked diligently in that hot basement storeroom as we sorted books for the Bazaar. You could hear people asking Fiction? Sports? Travel? Dog book, anyone? Here is a puzzle! In two hours, we sorted approximately 1000 books. Friends and Books, what could provide a better morning?

The **Olive Casey Circle** met Monday, September 11. There were 11 members present. Our program, *'The Unknown Lives of Our Friends'*, was invented by Program Chairwomen, Peggy Soulen and Carolyn Buck. Each lady present revealed what they and their family did and enjoyed this summer but the really revealing part was when each member disclosed some unknown experiences, both spiritual and fun things in their lives. This was rewarding as it brought us together, feeling closer to each other, and having fun together with friends. We look forward to the many adventures and special meetings we will experience together from September through the end of 2017.

The **Sisters in Faith Circle** met September 12 and there were 15 members present and one guest. Susan Sallwasser joined us as a new member. Vikki DiToto gave a program on *Shepherd's Fold*. Our activity involved canning in preparation for the Bazaar in November.

**Susanna Wesley Circle** met on September 6. There were 12 members present. Our program was given by Marilyn Riddle. She read a selection of stories from a group of storyteller, who belong to The Moth. The Moth, founded in 1997, supports public events across the country from time to time. There is a group of public radio stations, who present the Moth Radio Hour on a weekly basis. The national board is highly selective about their choice of participants. The stories must be true and must be presented without notes. This dying art can really explode into much discussion afterward as fewer and fewer people talk to others but rather plug into their favorite device. All of these readings had the common thread of courage. Our circle continues to collect food, socks and underwear for FISH, and pop tops for the Ronald McDonald house.

The **Williamsburg Landing Circle** met on Tuesday, September 19th. Seven members and 1 guest attended. Mary Spence did a wonderful program about giving your blessings away. Circle members collected items for a basket to be displayed at the Bazaar. Donations for the

basket will be accepted at the Bazaar. Circle members voted to make a donation for Kay Barre and her family.

## PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Betty Garrington, a long time and devoted member of our circle, is now a resident at Dominion Village. She would appreciate continued prayers for her health.  
(*Carol Scott Circle*).

Prayers are requested for Vivian Golding's husband Al who is at Consulate Rehab. Also remember Sylvia Montroy. Please remember dear friends Judy Gossett and Elaine Swanson who have moved out of state to be near family  
(*Olive Casey Circle*)

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

### October 7

UMW York River District Annual Meeting

### October 21

WUMW Call to Prayer and Self –Denial

### October 27-29

Virginia Conference Annual Meeting

### November 2 & 3

UMW Bazaar Setup

### November 4

WUMW Bazaar