



# UPDATES AND REFLECTIONS

November 2017

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Janet Henke**

Wow! Call to Prayer and Self-Denial was a thought provoking session. Thanks to Mary Spence for her work in organizing the event and inviting the speaker. Thanks also to all the bakers, not just for that event but also for the District General Meeting.

Even though I am writing this in mid-October, by the time you all read this, the Bazaar will be behind us for another two years. I can't begin to offer enough thanks for all of you who gave countless hours collecting items, sorting items, pricing items, making salsa, making jams, sorting items, pricing items and on and on. This event takes our entire organization and you all pulled through. Once the dust has settled and the final figures are in, the next job becomes choosing which groups will receive this year's donations. This decision will be made at the November 27<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. If you have thoughts about this, please contact your Circle chair or come to the meeting at 7 pm in Room 309.

Join us on November 12 for the General Meeting and Installation of officers and committee chairs for the next year. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall in the afternoon for fellowship and cupcakes.

If you haven't already turned in your 2017 Pledge to Mission to your Circle's 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>.

## SOCIAL ACTION

**Karen McPherson**

The National UMW has identified (among others) climate justice and racial justice as principle focuses. These issues deal with: communities of color and disrupting prison records, maternal and child health and ending maternal mortality, climate injustice, and economic inequality with a focus on wages.

Steps that UMW members can take in support of these principles are those that provide for wellbeing: reduce water usage, plan events that are racially just, minimize paper use, pay attention to "just economics", identify businesses in the area that hire local citizens, serve healthy food, car pool, turn down air and heat, and create an awareness of special needs.

## CIRCLE HAPPENINGS

The **Carol Scott Circle** met October 10. There were 12 members and 2 guests present. Mary Spence, a mother, grandmother, great grandmother and life-long servant of the Lord in many capacities gave our program, "Give Someone a Blessing". It was truly a beautiful and inspiring message of sharing one's gifts. Something as simple as a smile or a kind word can make someone's day so much better. Mary spoke of Jacob and Esau from Genesis and related it to our different struggles in life. We all were inspired to be greeters of all on Sunday morning and in our daily life to let others see the face of God in us. Carol Scott Circle is delighted to welcome new members Fran Finley and Doris McElfresh. We lost our dear member Betty Garrington Sept. 24. She now lives in Heaven.

The **Clarke-Heritage Circle** met October 3. In addition to working on Christmas items for the Bazaar, the circle decided to help out Latisha's House as one of our missions. They gave us a list of supplies that they need and are very grateful to be included in our giving. We will be collecting the items at the November meeting. We will also

be discussing our nominations for the special missions recognition award.

The **Friendship Circle** met October 9. There were 8 members and 1 guest in attendance. Peggy Hook was our speaker and she talked about the meaning of covenant missionary. Each one of the 7 covenant missionaries and missions of WUMC was highlighted with pictures and information. Much discussion ensued regarding the Global Missions commitment of WUMC. After the meeting, several members went downstairs to the storage room and sorted more book donations. The boxes are piling up and spilling into the hallway! November 4 cannot come soon enough!

The **Jean Craig Circle** met October 9 at Brookdale. There were 5 members and 2 leaders in attendance. Linda Upshaw and Gwen Hamrick introduced our program study for the year 2017-18. We will be studying the fruits of the Spirit, as listed in Galatians 5:22-23. There are 9 fruits listed, and we will be looking at one each month of our meeting. Patience and Self Control were studied this month. Gwen led a discussion for patience, that included defining the word patience, looking at scriptures that speak of patience, listening to special quotes and sentences that speak of patience. We closed our lesson by sharing personal experiences that require patience. Linda followed with a similar discussion on Self-control. We concluded that patience and self-control come hand-in-hand, as we go thru our daily living.

The **Olive Casey Circle** meeting was held on Monday, October 1. The speaker was Tiffany Terrell, a new Coordinator with 'Faith in Action'. Tiffany gave us very good information and answered many questions from the group regarding what this wonderful organization does in the name of the Lord. There were 11 members and 2 guests present: Tiffany Terrell the speaker, and Teresa Danforth. This Circle is a wonderful and delightful group of ladies, who go out of their way to check on each other and those who are sick. Cards are sent to those members who are ill and unable to attend our meeting. Our member, Vivian Golding's husband, Al, is in Morning Side. We are always looking for new smiles and

new ideas to join with the Olive Casey Circle's wonderful ladies.

The **Sisters in Faith Circle** met on October 10. There were 19 members and one guest, Fran Finlan who was a guest of Judy Craft. We also welcomed a new member, Susan Sallwasser. Our activities involved finishing preparations for the Bazaar in November and participation in the Membership Ice Cream Social in September and the UMW District meeting on October 7.

The **Susanna Wesley Circle** met on October 4. There were 13 members present. Mary Yates gave us an uplifting and inspiring program from the book, "*A Purpose Driven Life*" by the author Rick Warren. She read us a chapter titled, "You Are Not an Accident". God has each one of us in his plan. The Bible says: "You know me inside and out; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing to something." (Psalm 139:15 msg). Our circle continues to collect food, socks and underwear for FISH and Pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House and labels and stamps.

The **Williamsburg Landing Circle** met October 17. There were 6 members and 1 guest present. Carolyn Buck was our speaker and she shared stories about her cruise through the Northwest Passage. After the program, each member shared their joys and concerns with the group. Money was collected for the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky and also for the Sunshine Funds.

### **PRAYERS & CONCERNS**

Margie Gill as she recovers from another foot surgery, Gloria England as she deals with several health problems and Jerry Harrison, husband of Ann, as he under goes chemotherapy (*Friendship Circle*). Norma Hall has been moved to a new location (*Jean Craig Circle*).

### **IN SYMPATHY**

Betty Garrington (*Carol Scott Circle*)  
Alice Cottingham (*Jean Craig Circle*)

### **DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

November 4 Bazaar 8 am – 2 pm  
November 12 General Meeting and Installation  
November 27 WUMC Board Meeting 7 pm