



UPDATES AND REFLECTIONS

December 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Janet Henke

What a year we have had! Candle burning in March, UMW Sunday in April, Hands-on Mission Days in May, Bazaar collections starting in June, Ice Cream Social in September, Prayer and Self Denial in October and then the Bazaar in November, not to mention the General Meeting and Installation on November 12th. It is somewhat tiring just to read the list.

The Bazaar was a huge success. We took in over \$15,000 with very few expenses. Look for the Bazaar summary later in the newsletter. Ladies there are not enough words to thank everyone who participated. Some of you started with the first collection in June and stuck with us all the way until November 4th. Thanks to those who came out on November 1 – 3 for the set up. That in itself is quite an undertaking. Thanks also to the husbands who not only supported us throughout the process but came out in force at the end to carry boxes, man tables, and help with the clean-up. Ray Morgan moved boxes on the 1st and the 2nd and came back and worked the door on Saturday the 4th. It was his idea to assign numbers to the earliest arrivals. That was a real hit with the shoppers. Dick Bennett was a big help on Friday and Saturday -selling the art and especially helping with clean up. Russ Henke moved boxes, sold art and helped with clean up – also helping me keep my sanity. Dave Lee was the salesman manning the table of baskets for Clarke-Heritage. Gene Simpson spent hours setting up and selling the Not So New merchandise. I have probably forgotten some and for that I apologize. Thanks also to the daughters and friends who kept coming to help with sorting and pricing. This is a tremendous undertaking that is the work of many, many hands. But think of all of those who will benefit from the efforts. Great job again!

Looking toward next year, we again are planning Candle burning, UMW Sunday, Hands-on Mission days, a Membership program, and Prayer and Self Denial. Busy year. During 2018

we would like to increase our membership. Invite a friend to come to your Circle meeting! Also, we want to encourage every member to support the UMW with her Pledge to Mission. This payment supports our ongoing budget items. The yearly budget is not supported with the Bazaar profits. These profits go exclusively to missions.

Happy holidays to you all,

2017 UMW Bazaar Results

Listed below are some of the totals for the various booths. After minimal expenses, all proceeds are donated to various local and global missions.

Kitchen & Fine	\$701
Dining	\$343.50
Art & Lamps	\$1,027.60
Books	\$1,514.96
Holiday	\$377
Gift Baskets	\$1,640.12
Jewelry	\$745.16
Bake Shop	\$1,278.27
Not So New	\$56.75
Bath Boutique	\$76.05
Corner Café	\$3,239.50
Silent Auction	\$2,032.31
Cannery	\$1,180.35
Luncheon	\$115.00
RADA Knives	
Various donations	

CIRCLE HAPPENINGS

The **Carol Scott Circle** met November 14 in the Church Den. There were 10 members present and 1 guest. Jeanne Forrest was our speaker. She has many years of experience working with individuals, small groups and workshops in the field of Human Potential. Reverend Forrest shared with our circle some ideas on how to discover and identify your unique purpose and how to find true joy in your life. It was a very

inspirational talk. She encouraged us to “get out of the box!” We are energy! Our thoughts and our energies go out from us. Let’s think positive! We welcome Jeanne as a new member of our Circle.

The **Clarke-Heritage Circle** met on November 6. There were 17 members present. Our program was given by Gene Bloomwell. He talked about angels, both from a Biblical point of view and also his personal experience with angels. We collected cleaning supplies which are being donated to Latisha’s House in Williamsburg.

The **Friendship Circle** met November 13. There were 12 members present and 2 guests. Our speakers were Denise Hinders and Judi French. They focused on the WUMC church library-its history, its leadership, and its usage. They encouraged us to help increase the usage! Denise also shared book talks for two new books: Finding God in a Bag of Groceries and Half Truths. We planned the breakfast for the Homeless Shelter on December 7, planned a Christmas pot luck luncheon and marveled at the more than \$1000 earned by our efforts at the Book Cellar for the Bazaar. We contributed the following items: 5 puzzles books and 6 journals to Eastern State Hospital in response to their Christmas requests, 25 books for the Community Kitchen, 12 children’s books for WIC, and 50 pens for the Honduras mission.

The **Jean Craig Circle** met on November 6. Gwen and Linda presented the program.

The **Olive Casey Circle** met on November 6 with 12 members present and one guest, our speaker Gary Ripple. Mr. Ripple, is a member of Kiwanis Club in Williamsburg. He said they have 140 members in their club and 25% of them are women. There is also Kiwanis Clubs all over the world. They do a tremendous amount of volunteering. There are many groups of youth with whom they work. They have a Boy Scout Troop and a Cub Scout Troop, Pack 1607. Their members work with college groups, they have a ‘K Club’ group at Lafayette High School. They are also involved with the Arts Festival and will have their Christmas Tree Lighting on December 21. Mr. Tipple is executive director of their Foundation. The program was very interesting; there were many questions from our ladies and Mr.

Ripple was very generous with his time, answering all of those questions.

The **Sisters in Faith Circle** met November 14. There were 15 members in attendance and one guest, Susan Griffin, who is joining our circle. Our program included planning for our Christmas party and we debriefed the Bazaar. We provided dinner to the Wesley Foundation on November 19 and will participate in the Recharge dinner on December 13 with the UMW Executive Committee. We may be providing breakfast to the homeless shelter on December 8. We collected donation money by selling leftover jam from the Bazaar to our circle members.

The **Susanna Wesley Circle** met November 1. There were 16 members present. Our program was given by Ruth Simpson. She had us go around the room and tell about our Thanksgiving traditions and then gave us a fun work sheet asking question about what we are thankful for, it was fun learning about the different ways we celebrate. After our meeting, we priced more jewelry for our Bazaar. Our circle continues to bring food, socks and underwear for FISH and drink tops for Ronald McDonald House.

The **Williamsburg Landing Circle** met November 21st. There were six members present. Bonnie Knizatko presented the program entitled “What I am Thankful For.” The World Thank offering was collected and will be turned in at the November 27th Board Meeting. The ladies also contributed \$50.00 to Red Bird Mission for Christmas.

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Prayers are requested for **Gloria England** who is at home, and **Ann Harrison** who is at home after hospitalization for a broken hip.

(Friendship Circle)

JOYS

Margie Gill is back with the *Friendship Circle* after a fall and numerous foot surgeries