



UPDATES AND REFLECTIONS

September 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Janet Henke

It is difficult to believe that summer is over. The longest, hottest days should be behind us now. It is time to turn more and more attention to fall events.

On Saturday, October 7 Williamsburg UMW is hosting the York River District for their annual meeting at 9:30 am. 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. Once more help will be needed with refreshments!

And then on November 4th we have our Bazaar. Set up days will be Thursday and Friday before the big day. Already Rooms 303 and 305 are filling with donated items. There are some real bargains. Many ladies have helped with the collections and begun separating and pricing these items. If your Circle hasn't been represented yet it would be helpful to have some volunteers help at the next collection dates so you are ready when the big day arrives. Special thanks to the ladies from Clarke-Heritage Circle. They have turned out in large numbers for both the June and July dates. I couldn't do it without ladies.

In recent months' *Updates and Reflections* I reported 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. 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 27th.

BAZAAR NEWS

It is time to begin thinking about the biennial UMW Bazaar. Planning is already well underway for this event that will occur on **Saturday, November 4**. We are planning exciting booths, a luncheon, and a silent auction for our church family and for our neighbors. We are asking for your help and support as we collect items for our tables.

COLLECTION DATES ARE:

September 22

October 6

October 21

We will not be accepting linens, computers and computer equipment, old VHS tapes, electronic equipment, encyclopedias, or luggage. We will not be able to accept large furniture for this fall's bazaar. Stay tuned for more information! If you have questions contact Janet Henke or Linda Upshaw.

SOCIAL ACTION

Karen McPherson

The Social Action area has been busy over the summer, working to help form a James River Chapter of the Virginia Interfaith Center on

Public Policy. The VICPP now recognizes our new chapter as a fully functioning component of the center, and we are moving on to determine our faith-based Social Action focus for the coming months. Among other things, we are identifying contact individuals in the offices of our state senators and delegates, identifying faith communities that we would like to be involved in our efforts, identifying local grassroots organizations that are already doing some of the things we want to do, and developing educational and training programs for James River Chapter members and other like-minded individuals across Virginia. We expect to have the opportunity to shape the agenda of the VICPP for the upcoming year, and the goals and focus of the United Methodist Women will play a large part in forming this agenda.

CIRCLE HAPPENINGS

The **Carol Scott Circle** met on June 13. There were 14 members present and we had a luncheon at the Waypoint Restaurant.

The **Clarke-Heritage Circle** met June 6 and there were 13 members present and two guests, Pam Estelle and Becky Zehmer. We discussed details about the November Bazaar and ended our meeting with a trip to Sal's Restaurant for lunch. We continue our Nursing home visitations and our volunteer efforts with FISH.

The **Friendship Circle** met June 12. There were 6 members present. Our speaker, Stephanie Slocum, shared information regarding the new Community Kitchen. This program provides a meal each Friday at our church for the food insecure in the Williamsburg area.

The **Jean Craig Circle** met on June 6 in the Activities Room at Brookdale. There were 2 members and 2 leaders in attendance. Linda Upshaw was our speaker. She asked members to remember someone special in their lives that had been a very dear friend through all time. She used the storybook, Whobody There, to introduce the nobody, somebody, and whobody in our relationships.

Then we celebrated the end of our meeting year with cupcakes and lemon tea. We will begin meeting again in September 2017.

The **Sisters in Faith Circle** met June 11 and there were 10 members and 1 guest present at the meeting. Our program was a dinner social at the Center Street Grill. We will be canning in preparation for the Church Bazaar and will be providing meals when needed.

The **Susanna Wesley Circle** met on July 5 at the home of Marilyn Riddle for our annual salad luncheon. There were 10 members present.

The **Williamsburg Landing Circle** met on June 20. There were 8 members present and we had lunch at the Carrot Tree. Bonnie Knizatko was our program leader. Prayers are requested for two members who have moved. Ruth Harlow, living in Midlothian, is recovering from a broken bone, and Dolores Bisbee, now living in Roanoke, whose husband passed away.

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Fran McKnight (*Clarke Heritage*), Please continue to pray for Norma Hall, Alice Cottingham, Mary Brett-Wright, and Donna Johnson who recently fell and broke her hip, resulting in surgery (*Jean Craig Circle*).

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

September 8 Bazaar collection 1 – 4 pm

September 22 Bazaar collection 1 – 4 pm

September 24 WUMW Membership Event

September 25 WUMW Board Meeting

October 6 Bazaar collection 1 – 4 pm

October 7 UMW York River District Meeting at WUMC 9:30 am

October 21 WUMW Call to Prayer and Self-Denial 10:00 am

November 4 UMW Bazaar

November 27 World Thank Offering Due