



UPDATES AND REFLECTIONS

September 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Janet Henke

Summer is just about over. I hope that means the end to the very hot, humid days we have experienced this year. As autumn approaches it is time to get back into the swing of things! Please note a change in the date for the Ice Cream Social – Membership Event. It is now on Sunday, September 16 at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. As it turns out that may be some additional work needed in the sanctuary to complete the job from the air conditioner reinstall and that may mean Sunday services in the Fellowship Hall on our original September 23 date. Mary Jo Bennett has planned a great afternoon with plenty of ice cream and a speaker talking about the history of the UMW. Plan to join us and bring a friend. Child care will be available during the program. The children are welcome to attend the ice cream part.

With fall comes the time when we begin to look ahead to next year in the life of our UMW. The Nominations Committee chaired by Karen McPherson will be seeking individuals to fill a variety of positions on the Executive Board. Please prayerfully consider joining us. Also, we need to begin to think about 2019 and whether to have our Bazaar. It seems like the last Bazaar was just yesterday. Issues to consider in your Circles: 1. We raised over \$15,000 for missions; 2. The amount of work that goes into the Bazaar; 3. If we don't have the Bazaar in November of 2019, do we cut the amount we give to missions and which ones? At this point this is just something to consider. Circle Chairs will be bringing this up during the fall meetings for everyone's careful consideration.

SOCIAL ACTION

Karen McPherson

Social Actions has two issues to focus on this month. One is positive. The Virginia General Assembly voted in June to support Medicaid expansion, providing health care to almost 400,000 Virginians. This is something that the Methodist Church in Virginia has supported for years. Members of the congregation of Williamsburg United Methodist Church have been on the front lines of this fight and are grateful that this action has been taken on behalf of the "least and the lost" among our citizens.

The other issue is more challenging. The problems associated with immigration have been in the forefront of political debate for several years. Recently, policy decisions that have led to the separation of children from their parents at the border have brought this issue to public attention. The Methodist Church has been true to its Social Principles which uphold the rights of immigrants, oppose family separation, and demand protections from violence for women, children and men.

The **Clarke-Heritage Circle** met June 5 and there were 24 members present. We welcomed a new member, Nancy Cogswell. Our speaker was Linda Upshaw who gave a program entitled "Are You a Whobody?" Each member was given a piece of paper and we were asked to write something about ourselves that others might not know. The papers were collected and then Linda read each one to the group. Members were asked to guess who wrote each one. We were given three chances to guess the right name. When each name was revealed, members shared additional information about what they wrote. This was a delightful way to learn about each member of our Circle and to bring us closer together. We continue to bring new cleaning supplies for Latisha's House and fold lingerie at FISH on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

The **Friendship Circle** met on June 12. We had 9 members and 1 guest in attendance. Friends gathered in the education wing and cleaned toys for the upcoming year of *Kid's Morning Out*. We remembered the days when toys like this occupied a special place in our homes: airplanes, cars, Little People, blocks, and more. Thanks to Laura Pittman, Director of Kid's Morning Out for her guidance and for the donuts!

The **Jean Craig Circle** met on June 4, 5 members and 2 leaders were present. Our program was on our favorite scriptures, followed by cookies and lemonade to celebrate our year and the beginning of summer. Jean Craig Circle will not meet again until September.

The **Olive Casey Circle** met on Monday, June 4 in the Church atrium. We had a delicious luncheon with 13 members and 5 guests attending. We honored Barbara Hamson with a "Thank You" cake for all of the work she has done over the years coordinating kits for Conference, Respite Care, Choir and so many more. She will be moving from the area. We collected money to be used for the shipping of the health and school kits.

The **Sisters in Faith Circle** met on Tuesday June 12 and there were 15 members in attendance. We enjoyed an evening of food and fellowship at Anna's Brick Oven.

The **Susanna Wesley Circle** met on June 6. There were 10 members present and 1 guest. Our speaker was Douglas Panto, Community Program Manager for the Alzheimer's Association. He gave a very informative talk about what this organization can do to help people that are dealing with this disease. Our Circle continues to bring food items, socks and underwear for FISH, and also can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

The **Williamsburg Landing Circle** met on June 19 with 6 members and 1 guest, Bonnie Knizatko, who attended our meeting. We went to the Chickahominy House for lunch. Members toured the gift shop before lunch and purchased some items. They enjoyed lunch so much that they took home quarts of Brunswick Stew, ham biscuits and containers of ham. A great time was had by all!

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

LoAnn Donley is having issues with an infection and is not getting out.

Charlette Litterer is currently in a convalescent home
(*Clark Heritage*)

JOYS

Delores Bisbee, one of our former members, had her 100th Birthday in May! She continues to correspond with our circle.
(*Williamsburg Landing Circle*)

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

September 16
Ice Cream Social
2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

September 24
WUMW Board Meeting
7:00 PM in Room 309

October 6
York River District
UMW Annual Meeting 9:30 AM

October 20
WUMW Call to Prayer and Self-Denial
10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

October 22
WUMW Board Meeting
7:00 PM in Room 309



The Carol Scott Circle enjoying lunch at the Waypoint Restaurant.