Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

Report to Charge Conference from UMW
Sunday, November 7, 1999

UMW has a total membership of 198 as of Aug. 99. We lost 28 members ,but gained 8 this year. After a membership survey in Oct. we now total 149,losing 49 members. The MRC has 60 members of the 149 total.

We tried something new this year with the quarterly unit meetings. In march we joined with the older adults that meet one Wed a month for lunch and a program. Our program was rescheduled because the speaker was snowed in. In May we met on a Sat. morning for coffee and fellowship. Midge Bower did a program on her trip to Honduras. In Sept. we met for a program and lunch. Ruth Harper Stevens talked about UMW in the future. Lunch was canceled due to lack of attendance. We averaged about 20 people, down from 40, at these meeting.

Durham District offered three mission studies in 1999. We had 2 to 3 people attend each of these.

Our two fund raisers were a yard sale and a soup sale, producing approximately $2,000.This money will be gifted to local missions later this month. We have sent $250 to Floyd relief. We pledged $2000 to N.C. Conference. We added support to UMM in fixing up MRC sunroom.

On going activities include blankets for all new babies; lap robes, walker pockets and bibs for MRC. In addition ,items were donated to flood victims moved to Croasdale retirement center. We participated in Food Lion Community Ways days, which raises money for Methodist Home for Children Services.

We are now in the process of finding leadership for the up coming year. At this point in time we have no one interested, but hopefully through prayers this will work out.

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