

President Ginny Clark opened the meeting with group hymn singing and led us in a "Litany of Celebration", highlighting numerous women in mission who have served over the past 25 years. Beulah Latta introduced Chaplain Nancy Best from Durham Regional Hospital who presented a heartwarming, thought-provoking message, reflecting the ministerial road she has traveled on her way to her present hospital ministry. She described her work with patients from birth to death, as well as family members and hospital staff members in their efforts to cope with stress.

Business: Ginny called attention to our UMW directories with special thanks to Mary Lee Bailey for preparation. Circle chairs and members were urged to distribute these as early as possible. Minutes of the December 1, 1996 meeting were approved as distributed. In the absence of Treasurer Marty O'Sullivan, Ginny gave her report, reflecting a balance of \$2654.35. The amount of \$1272.27 has been paid to our Conference treasurer toward our annual pledge of \$3600.00.

Metta Metcalf, Duke Memorial representative to the Community Life Center, asked for volunteers to assist with birthday parties for this group. Refreshments are welcome but even more important, she needs volunteers to help with visits and social contacts with this group.

Ginny advised that we have received notes of thanks from the groups that received our mission monies.

Martha Brown called attention to Week of Prayer and Self Denial. Prayer cards and envelopes were distributed to Circle chairs.

Judy Coman distributed Community Way Days vouchers to be used in shopping at Food Lion stores on March 17-19. Food Lion will make donations to the Methodist Home for Children.

Hilda Coble, special projects chair, announced that 20 health kits and 15 school kits have already been prepared for Church World Service.

Ginny asked that we be in prayer about ways of making money for our missions for 1997. The Executive Committee will meet Sunday, April 6 to consider ideas suggested by members.

Ann Stallings expressed appreciation to those who delivered valentines to our shut-ins.

Announcements:     District Mission Studies  
                          May 3    Mt. Sylvan UMC            "China"  
                          June 7    Trinity UMC                "John Wesley"  
                          July 12   Oxford UMC                "Living in a Multicultural Society"  
                          District Day Apart    April 12    Mt. Bethel UMC  
                          March 18        A recognition dinner at Resurrection UMC honoring Rev. and Mrs. Rufus Stark for their work with Methodist Home for Children.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon, followed by a delicious luncheon catered by Dorris and Harry Rodenbizer. Approximately 50 were in attendance at the meeting.

*Beulah Latta*  
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Beulah Latta, Recording Secretary

President Garry Danks opened the meeting with prayer singing and led us in a "Prayer of Dedication". Highlighting members names in prayer was also covered. The past 25 years, Danks later introduced Captain Frank Lee from Danks' personal collection who presented a heartwarming, thought-provoking message, reflecting the ministerial road the has traveled on his way to his present ministerial ministry. He described how work with students from other churches, as well as family members and ministerial staff, were in their efforts to cope with stress.

Next, Garry called attention to our 25th anniversary with special thanks to many who have supported our mission. Danks chairs and members were urged to distribute these as early as possible. Minutes of the December 1, 1986 meeting were approved as distributed. In the absence of Treasurer Larry O'Sullivan, Garry gave his report, reflecting a balance of \$25,115.25. The amount of \$12,125.87 has been paid to our General Mission Fund and our annual pledge of \$3,000.00.

John Danks, the ministerial representative to the Community Life Center, asked for volunteers to assist with birthday parties for the group. Refreshments are welcome but even more important, the needs volunteers to help with visits and social contacts with this group.

Garry advised that we have received notes of thanks from the groups that received our mission notes.

Robin Danks called attention to Book of Prayer and Gift Denial. Prayer cards and envelopes were distributed to Danks chairs.

Ray Danks distributed Community Day tags vouchers to be used in shopping at food stores on March 17-18. Food tags will make donations to the Methodist Home for Children.

Bill Danks, special projects chair, announced that 20 health kits and 12 school kits have already been prepared for Church World Service.

Garry asked that we be in prayer about ways of raising money for our mission for 1987. The Executive Committee will meet Sunday, April 6 to consider ideas suggested by members.

An offering was presented representing those who delivered valiantly to our staff.

- | Amount   | Name       | Address       |
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| \$100.00 | Mr. Danks  | 123 Main St.  |
| \$50.00  | John Danks | 456 Elm St.   |
| \$25.00  | John Danks | 789 Oak St.   |
| \$15.00  | John Danks | 101 Pine St.  |
| \$10.00  | John Danks | 202 Cedar St. |
- March 12 - A recognition dinner at the Methodist Home for Children, and the staff for their work with Methodist Home for Children.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon, followed by a delicious luncheon catered by Danks and Larry O'Sullivan. Approximately 50 were in attendance at the meeting.