



# Spark

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## A New Year, A New Look

One of my favorite songs in *The United Methodist Hymnal* begins with the phrase "It only takes a spark to get a fire going" ("Pass It On," No. 572). The song itself is not a particularly sophisticated song, just one of those campfire-type songs with an easy melody and a sincere, simple message. I'm not sure why exactly this song appeals to me so much, but when I sing it, it definitely lifts my spirits and brings a smile to my face.

As my thoughts have turned these last few weeks to my visions for United Methodist Women in the year 2000, this song has come to my mind. You see, I see this new year as the year to spark new life into Duke Memorial's United Methodist Women and light a fire of excitement and enthusiasm that will carry our organization into the new century. With this vision of mine in mind, I thought it was fitting this year to name our newsletter "Spark" to remind us of the potential we have as individual members and as a collective organization. Maybe this will be the year that sparks within you a new interest in UMW.

Join me in feeding the flames, and let's get this fire going!

*Shelley*



## Executive Committee Meeting

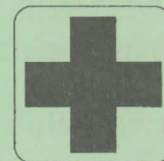
The Executive Committee Tea and Meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 13 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the home of Shelley Turkington.

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, we will celebrate a Valentine's Lovefeast. All officers and circle leaders are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to join us, please call Shelley at 382-2894.

## Officers Training Rescheduled

The Durham District LOTS (Local Officers Training Session) will be held on Saturday, February 12 from 9:30 a.m.-noon at Asbury Temple United Methodist Church. The training is being held in conjunction with the North-South Durham UMW meeting. If you are interested in attending, please let Shelley know.

**Don't forget to support  
the Duke Memorial Blood Drive  
sponsored by the Sojourner's Circle.  
Saturday, February 23  
3:00-7:30 PM**



## DURHAM DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NORTH/SOUTH DURHAM SUB-DISTRICT MEETING

PLACE: ASBURY TEMPLE UMC

TIME: FEBRUARY 12 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

### CONFERENCE 39 AND UNDER EVENT

PLACE: TBA

TIME: FEBRUARY 18-19

### LAY RALLY

PLACE: LONG MEMORIAL UMC

TIME: TBA

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

TIME: MARCH 3

### MISSION STUDY

PLACE: GLENDALE HEIGHTS UMC

TIME: 10 AM – 3 PM

“Mission in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” led by LaNella Smith

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING ONE OF THESE  
EVENTS, CONTACT YOUR CIRCLE LEADER OR AN  
OFFICER.

## PURPOSE

OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The organized unit  
of United Methodist  
Women shall be a  
community of  
women whose  
PURPOSE is to  
know God and to  
experience freedom  
as whole persons  
through Jesus Christ;  
to develop a creative,  
supportive fellowship;  
and to expand concepts  
of mission through  
participation in the global  
ministries of the church.

### The Officers of the Duke Memorial United Methodist Women

President.....Shelley Turkington  
Vice-Presidents..... Julie Ellis  
Priscilla Shepherd  
Secretary..... Mary Lee Bailey  
Treasurer .....Elisabeth Luck  
Membership & New Members ....Debbie Fedyshyn  
Program Resources.....Martha Brown  
Mission Projects.....Hilda Coble

### Circle leaders:

Want to include something from your circle in the next UMW newsletter? Drop off your information in the UMW mailbox in the church office or e-mail the information to [dmumw@disciples.com](mailto:dmumw@disciples.com).

### Duke Memorial United Methodist Women e-mail account

If you would like to contact the UMW by e-mail (especially useful for getting messages to the President or for submitting something for this newsletter), use the following address:

[dmumw@disciples.com](mailto:dmumw@disciples.com)

### A Prayer for United Methodist Women

Dear God, as in times past, you are moving in the world today. Count us in! We are committed to the Purpose and to mission with women, children, youth, and “the least of these,” in Christ’s name. We are bending, stretching, and flexing our ways to welcome more women to join in this important work. We look to you for the increase and ask you to bless the work of our hands. Amen.