

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



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NEWSLETTER



President's Message

Throughout 1997 we will be celebrating the 25th

Anniversary of the organ-

ization, United Methodist Women, whose purpose has not changed. The Book of Discipline

states our 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." To fulfill this purpose, Duke Memorial faces two challenges for the year. One is to raise additional monies for mission programs of our choosing. This is in addition to our conference pledge for global missions. The second is to increase our active membership. These challenges will require creative and energetic woman power!

Please prayerfully consider what your role needs to be.

Surprise me! Call with your ideas and/or an offer to help.

We are the ones who are called to serve!
Thanks be to God.

Ginny Clark
President, UMW

We are grateful to Mary Lee Bailey, Membership Chairman, for compiling our new 1997 UMW Directory.

Copies are available from the UMW shelf in the Library, or from your Circle Leader.

Please let Mary Lee know of any address or phone number changes.

Mark Your Calendars: March 17, 18 & 19

March

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Community Way Days

Mark it on your calendar! Share the news with friends! And hold off on some of your large grocery shopping needs until March 17, 18, and 19, 1997. It's time again for our annual Food Lion "Community Way Days" event in support of MHC Child & Family Services. Food Lion will make a contribution equal to 5% of the total amount spent on groceries during that period. This year's goal is \$35,000. Vouchers at Duke Memorial are available - call Elizabeth Luck, 471-9050. One very important thing to remember - you must present the voucher to the Food Lion cashier before they begin to ring up your purchase.

Church World Service/CROP Bus Tour
to New Windsor, MD and Washington,
D. C. - August 25-29, 1997

This tour is organized for people interested in learning more about the CWS/CROP programs.

For further information, there is a brochure and registration form in the church office.

1997 - A CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL
FUNDING

The Observance: A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial is an observance for United Methodist Women and continuing a 100-year tradition.

The Result: By sacrificial giving, members of United Methodist Women have over the years built and equipped schools, libraries and clinics; trained rural and urban women for specialized ministries; provided nutrition and medical assistance for thousands of women, youth and children; and offered relief to persons uprooted by wars or other disasters.

Envelopes are available through your circle leader.

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Linked With Christ In Mission and Ministry
1997 - 2000



Quadrennial Theme: 1997 - 2000
LINKED WITH CHRIST IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

1997 - Through Loving
1998 - Through Living
1999 - Through Growing
2000 - Through Giving

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LABELS for UMW



Please save the entire front portion of each label. Also, save the Proof of Purchase Seals (UPC Symbol) from Pepperidge Farm Products.

These labels are used to purchase materials for Methodist College and Walnut Terrace.

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Please mark your calendars.

MARCH, 1997

- 15 North/South Durham Subdistrict Meeting
9:30 am at Asbury Temple UMC
- 17-19 Food Lion Community Way Days

APRIL, 1997

- 6 Duke Memorial United Methodist Women Executive Committee Meeting - 3pm
- 12 District Day Apart, 10 am
Mt. Bethel UMC

MAY, 1997

- 3 Mission Study, China & Hong Kong
10 am, Mt. Sylvan UMC
- 31 Unit Meeting 11 am- Duke Memorial
Lunch follows.

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Laura Cleaves,
Editor