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NEWSLETTER

President's Message:



United Methodist Women was organized with six (6) members in 1867. Today we number 1,000,000+ --- women who have chosen "to know God and to experience freedom through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission."

Do you have time to help fulfill this purpose, which has not changed over the past 100+ years?

Traditionally, spring is a time to clean up and clear out! Perhaps we should begin with our daily calendars - making time for the really important things in life.

May God bless each of us as we work to become a reflection of Christ and to help fulfill the purpose of UMW.

Ginny Clark
President, United Methodist Women, Duke Memorial UM Church

The next UMW General Meeting will be on June 8, 1996. Watch your newsletter for program announcements. Please mark your calendar now - June 8, 11 AM.

Mission Studies:

Durham District

During the spring months, the UMW will have two areas of concentration - Mission Studies and Membership.

Mission Studies are getting a fresh, new approach in the Durham District. These joint District sessions will pool resources, promote interaction of our Methodist Churches and hopefully, increase attendance. All three recommended topics will be offered to all Methodist women as follows:

- 1) May 4, 1996 - United Nations: Vision of the future, comparing vision of UN to that of churches. Mount Sylvan Church, with Rachel Gonia, study leader.
- 2) June 1, 1996 - Ecclesiastes: The Meaning of your life - Calvary Church, with Laurie Coffman, study leader.
- 3) July 13, 1996 - Europe: Challenge of the churches in Europe - Carr Church, with Bryan Wingo, study leader.

A membership increase of 10% is high on our priority list. Details are in the making. Records show 29 women joined Duke Memorial in 1995 and only 4 are actively involved with UMW programs. (A Committee met on April 11, and made a plan of action.)

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Mission Studies (cont'd.)

If you need transportation to Mission Studies, (May 4, June 1, and July 13) please call Reid Burton 489-9789 or Ginny Clark, 489-4257.

A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial 1996

The Call to Prayer and Self Denial is a special observance for United Methodist Women. Through it they are challenged to engage in prayer and to reflect upon stewardship as they respond to needs in specific areas of the mission program of the church.

This year's emphasis is "Alleviating the Trauma of Violence".

The offering envelopes should be marked to the attention of Marty O'Sullivan, UMW Treas. and turned into the church office.

UMW - Ways and Means

At our December, 1995, UMW General Meeting, it was voted and passed that we not serve the annual Volunteer Service Center luncheon. The alternative, proposed by Betty Craig, was the voluntary monetary contribution of funds to UMW in place of serving the luncheon. This motion was voted on and passed. So far we are less than half-way of our goal of \$1,000. Please, please let's get our contributions to our Circle Treasurers, or to Marty O'Sullivan, UMW Treasurer--and mark your check "Ways and Means".

UMW Fall Festival

Mark your calendars for November 2, 1996, 9AM to 2 PM for the UMW Fall Festival. There are several areas that you can volunteer to help - see Issue 15 of Insights.

Cathy Shepherd (493-4501)
Ann Wilson (220-1591)

UMW Membership Committee

Duke Memorial Membership Committee met and set a goal of 10% increase in membership by year's end. Of the 29 women that have joined in the last year, only 4 are presently active in UMW. Edith Johnson and Mary Lee Bailey chair the recruitment of new members and publish the year book for UMW. All Methodist women are

encouraged to be active in the following ways:

- Prayer
- Pledge
- Participation
- Reading

Special Thanks: To co-chm. Judy Coman and Elizabeth Luck and all participants for the Food Lion Community Way Days shopping on March 25, 26 and 27, 1996. The Methodist Home for Children and Child and Family Services have received a total of \$28,000. from this effort. (A \$10,000. increase over 1995.) While this is a great success story, Food Lion announced thousands of vouchers were not used. Let's all participate next year!

Needed: As you spring clean, gather prizes for bingo for the Methodist Retirement Community. Samples of shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc. and jewelry are welcome. Prizes for men are especially needed. Leave in UMW box at church office for Ginny Clark. Thanks.

Thanks to all who helped with the Durham District Day A-Part at Duke Memorial on March 23, 1996. It was inspirational to all and well-attended. Registration showed 130 attendees with 40 from Duke Memorial. For hosting this meeting, the book "Susanna Wesley: The Mother of John and Charles" by Arnold A. Dallimore was given to our church library by Sara Frick, Mission Co-ordinator.

Ginny Clark, President UMW

The Durham District UMW North-South Sub-District Meeting was held on Saturday, April 13, 1996 at Pleasant Green United Methodist Church. Three members from Duke Memorial attended this meeting: Reid Burton, Edith Johnson and Juanita Stott.

IMPORTANT: The UMW Executive Committee will meet on May 19, 1996, 3:00 PM in the church parlor. There are several important subjects to be discussed -- please be present.

Ginny Clark, President UMW

Please remember the first Mission Study program is May 4, 1996.

Laura Cleaves, Editor