

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



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President's Message:

United Methodist Women is for all women who are United Methodists, but a woman does not automatically become a member of United Methodist Women just by joining The United Methodist Church. She must choose to do so, choose to be a part of a supportive community of women who are actively seeking to grow spiritually and to live out what it means to in mission for our Lord. Similarly, the quarterly General Meetings of United Methodist Women are for all Circle members (plus all other women not yet Circle members), not just for someone who will "represent our Circle". Again, UMW members must choose to attend, choose to be a fellowship wider than their own Circle. I invite all women of Duke Memorial to share in the blessings of being active in our UMW and faithful participants in both the monthly Circle meetings (there are several Circles--one would likely fit your schedule) and the quarterly General Meetings. Those who already do will welcome you!

Mary Whanger,
UMW President

Fall General Meeting: Please mark your calendars now for the Fall General Meeting on September 16, 1995, 11:00 AM in the Bradshaw Room with lunch following in Whitford Hall. Cecelia Brooks will share her experiences during her work-study tour of the Middle East.

*All
Invited!*

General Meeting

Our quarterly General Meeting will be on June 3, 1995. Meet in Bradshaw Room at 11:00 AM for program and business meeting. The Duke Memorial Sacred Dancers, directed by Bobbi Wethington, will lead us in worship. We are also happy to have Louise Bynum, Director of Programs and Volunteers at Methodist Retirement Community as our featured speaker and will bring us up to date on programs and volunteer opportunities at MRC. We will enjoy lunch together in Whitford Hall - baked chicken, vegetable, roll and dessert \$4.00. Registration is required, so if your Circle caller has not taken your reservation, please call her!!

All women are invited, and if you are not a member of a Circle, please call Mary Whanger at 489-3279.

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Please bring your Campbell Soup labels when you come to the General Meeting, June 3. If you are not sure how to trim them, bring the entire label - we'll fix them for you!! It really is amazing how these labels can accumulate to help with unbudgeted items for Methodist College, and other schools.

The MRC Circle, with Chairman Elizabeth Clay presiding, reports on their annual and successful "Prayer and Self-Denial" program in February, 1995. The program was presented by Kathryn Self, from Davis Street Methodist Church in Burlington, N. C. This group is happy to report the total envelope offering amounted to \$298.00. These funds are used for special projects and in the past have included a well-digging project in Africa, and financially assisting with building a Methodist Church in Cuba, near a University campus. This Circle meets on the third Monday of each month, at 10:00 A.M. in the Assembly Room. Visitors are welcome. For further information, please call Elizabeth Clay at 383-9443.



Report of United Methodist Women, presented by Mary Whanger, President UMW, to the Administrative Board, DMUMC. May 16, 1995:

Mark Wethington led a very interesting study on Family: Drawing the Circle Wide on the evenings of May 7, 8, and 9. The study focused on definitions of family, how families have changed since the late 1700's, forms of families found in Scripture and in various contemporary ethnic groups, and how the church can best be in ministry to families. We as the family of God at Duke Memorial were enriched by the attendance all three nights of a Mennonite family who had seen our flyer while attending a different meeting at DMUMC. Along with some guests, they brought the last evening, the Mennonites actually outnumbered the Methodists! The study, which is one of the recommended studies for 1995, was found to be so interesting that it may be offered at greater length during a Sunday School hour. Many thanks to Mark.

We can't elect our new United Methodist Women officers until our September 16th meeting, but the slate needs to be finalized during the summer. Linda Wilson and Nancy Stark will be working on this. Please support them with your prayers, your recommendations, and your willingness to serve.

During the past year, United Methodist Women, unit and circles (Duke Memorial United Methodist Church) have participated in the following Mission Outreach:

- Wesley Heritage Foundation
- Peru Christian Education Seminar
- Meals on Wheels
- Appalachia Service Project Work Team (Duke Wesley Fellowship)
- West End Community Center
- Health and School Kits for Migrant Worker Children
- Telemon Corporation Ministry - Migrant Work
- Durham Interfaith Hospitality Network
- Prison MATCH of North Carolina
- Durham Rescue Mission
- Kings' Daughters Home
- Good Samaritan Fund
- Durham County Mental Health Assoc.
- Church World Service
- Blanket Fund
- Durham Warmth Program
- Kits for Pregnant Women in Honduras
- Meals for Homeless Shelter
- Joy Class Mission Trip
- Duke Memorial's Habitat for Humanity Project
- Community Life Center
- CONDUIT, Work at Oxford Manor
- Used Eye Glasses for Medical Mission Team
- Soup Labels to benefit Methodist College, Walnut Terrace, and Red Bird Mission
- Used Postage Stamps to benefit Heifer Proj.
- Cecelia Brooks' Work-Study Trip to Mid-East

Unspecified Giving to Mission Through:

- Fledge to Mission
- Call to Prayer
- Special Mission
- Recognition Awards
- Gifts to Mission
- Gifts in Memory
- World Thank Offering
- Candle Burning
- A Penny and a Prayer
- Love Offering

Reading Response and New World Outlook is required for the Reading Program. The May issue of Response focuses on the UN and women, specifically UMW. Did you know there is a close connection between the UN and UMW? Topics discussed: some issues facing the international community, our role as North American women in addressing those issues, and our perspective Christians called to be in mission. Response is in the Library, and NWO soon will be.

Laura Cleaves, Editor