

# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



## DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### NEWSLETTER

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Note from the Editor: I would like to apologize for the lapse in the newsletter. I have been ill and overextended and I was unable to get a newsletter to you before now. Due to the above reasons and others, I will be retiring as editor. I think it has been a very helpful vehicle of communication in the ever-increasing hurried pace at which so many of us live. I would hope that the UMW would choose to continue it and that someone would step forward to edit and produce it in my place. If you are interested, please contact Mary Whanger. Thanks to all of you who support UMW and it's leadership. I would also like to thank all of you who supported the Fall Festival and contributed to its success. I am very proud of what we were able to accomplish. God Bless. DJS

#### Coming Events

North/South Durham Subdistrict Meeting - Sun. Feb. 26, Aldersgate UMC  
World Day of Prayer -- March 3  
Women: Faith & Violence: Gender Justice Committee, March 17-18, Duke Memorial UMC  
Durham District Day Apart--Sat., April 1, 9:00 a.m., Glendale Heights UMC  
Food Lion Community Way Days-- Mon.-Wed., April 3-5  
Durham District Mission Saturation Event--April 28-30, Mt. Sylvan UMC  
Conference Christianhood Retreat, May19-20, Louisburg College

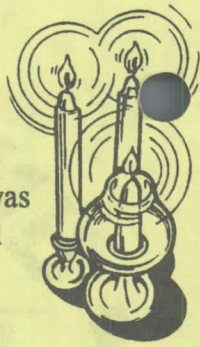
GENERAL MEETING will be Saturday, March 4th at 11:00 a.m. in the Bradshaw Room. Shannon Haszard and others of the Duke Divinity School fall break work team to Appalachia Service Project that we helped sponsor will be with us to share their experiences. Our lunch in Whitford Hall will be prepared by Celia Oatney. Cost is \$4.00 per person.

#### New Resources in the Library:

Three recommended studies for 1995:

1. Family: Drawing the Circle Wide: a study book organized in 4 parts: The Bible, Church and Family; Families: Fact and Fiction; Families in Community Context; and Families into the Future
2. Claiming the Promise, African Churches Speak: Christianity is growing faster in Africa than anywhere else in the world. This study aims to increase knowledge and understanding of people in Africa, their beliefs, the issues they face, and the ways their churches are attempting to define and realize the biblical vision of wholeness and justice.
3. Welcome the Child: This stirring book tells what needs to be done and how to do it. It looks beyond the dire statistics of the state of today's children and focuses on how ordinary church people can act in ways that affirm children and will provide them with a secure present and future.

Candle Burning at the Conference UMW Annual Meeting is a way both of honoring or memorializing someone and of giving to mission. Each year the amount it costs to burn the candle is different from the previous year because the amount is based on the total cost of maintaining all of the work of the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries for one year. That amount is then divided into seconds, minutes, hours, etc. In 1994, the cost was \$.65/minute. \$39.13/one minute, \$195.64/five minutes.....\$56,343.34/one day. Duke Memorial UMW burned the candle 1/2 min. each in honor of Anne Clark, Susan Clark, Eugenia Dixon, Ruth Kale, Juanita Stott, Ann Wilson and Linda Wilson, and in memory of Gladys King; and another minute in memory of the 12 members we have lost through death this year. The Methodist Retirement Community Circle burned the Candle one minute in memory of Maude Dunn, Mrytle Styron, Jeanne Simpson, Agnes Stephenson, Mary Auman, Blanche Crawford, Ruth Brooks, Edna Ludwidgson, Harriet Lyon, Elisabeth McDuffie, Isabel Robertson, and Gladys King.



#### PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Harvest your coppers  
they'll quickly add up,  
drop in a shoebox  
and then seal it shut,  
don't neglect this task  
each and every day,  
the pesky little coins  
just get in the way;  
alone they buy nothing  
seem to fill your purse,  
clerks even dub them  
a worrisome curse,  
they tint your fingers  
while just passing through  
but there is a place  
where good they can do,  
when gathered each month  
and put in a pile,  
dollars will emerge  
and aid a sick child;  
it won't hurt to give  
a bit more than your share  
slip in a dollar  
to show that you care;  
so, give it a try  
if only for fun  
and watch it rain down  
pennies from heaven.

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