



United Methodist Women of FBSUMC Unit

FALL, 2012 NEWSLETTER

Well, three-fourths of the year is now gone and we are into the last three months of 2012. It has been a year of many events for the First Broad Street unit of United Methodist Women. Due to a generous contribution we do not need to do any fundraisers this year. Our president is so sad that she won't be called the bean lady this fall!! After the summer months when many circles do not meet it was great to get back together at the September general dinner meeting. We enjoyed a wonderful chicken salad plate prepared by our own kitchen chef with dessert being various cake slices prepared by circles 1 and 7. Our program was Rev Koni Purcell, Church and Community Worker in the Big Stone Gap District. She brought us information about the many programs taking place there. We missed many of you and hope you will make it to the November 14 luncheon meeting. The executive board members served our church staff a Mexican-themed lunch on Tuesday, October 2, which included chicken tortilla soup, taco salad, shrimp cocktail and homemade tamales (prepared by Vickie Silva), and lemonade pie for dessert. They were very appreciative.

2013 Officers

The following officers were elected at the September 13 general dinner meeting:

President- Gail Preslar
Vice President- Sally Currie
Secretary- Lisa Chase
Treasurer- Dianne Blachowski

MISSION COORDINATORS
Spiritual Growth - Joyce Snapp
Social Concerns - Nancy McIntosh
Mission Education & Interpretation - Joyce Eberhart
Membership Outreach - Cindy Lemons

CHAIRPERSONS

Program Resources - Jane Adams
Yearbook - Darres Carter
Communications - Sydney Cooper
Nominations - undecided
Historian - Betty Howle
Nominating Committee - Debbie Wallace, Judy King, Cindy Lemons, OPEN*, OPEN*
Senior Pastor - Rev. Mickey Rainwater

CIRCLE LEADERSHIP

LEADER	CO-LEADER	PROGRAM LEADER
1 Sally Currie	Sue Thomas	Lee Ambrose
2 Eloise Ellis	Mary Ellen Wright	Joyce Snapp
3 Jane Adams	Gail Preslar	Marcy Hagen
4 Linda Morton	Annette Pannell	Doris Dexter
5 Leslie Owen	Mary Ann Himelwright	Joyce Snapp
6 OPEN	Sandra McGinnis	Josie Reed
7 Patricia Fansler	Cindy Haskins	Marcy Hagen
8 OPEN	OPEN	Pat Turner
Ruth Sydney Cooper	Doris Dexter	TBD**

* OPEN= No one has volunteered for the position ** TBD = To Be Determined by the Circle

As you can see there are some "Open" spots so hopefully someone reading this will feel the nudge to step up and will call Judy King (246-9152) our nominations chair and make her job complete. Many thanks to her and her committee for all their hard work in getting us set for 2013.

2012 Kingsport District Annual Meeting and Officer Training

All UMW members and especially all 2013 officers should attend the meeting and training session Saturday, November 3, 10 a.m. at Mountain View UMC. Speaker for this event will be our conference treasurer, Karen Adair, from Chattanooga, TN. Three members from our unit will be installed as district officers: Jane Adams – Nominations, Judy King – Mission Coordinator Education & Interpretation, and Jean Shetterly – Historian. Breakout training sessions for each office will be held so all new and present officers for our unit needs to attend. This event usually lasts until noon and the host church will provide a delicious lunch.

Conference Mission Project for 2012 – Henderson Settlement

Our treasurer reported that \$400 had been sent from our unit. It is not too late to donate to this. Just be sure to let our treasurer know that your donation is designated for our conference mission project – Henderson Settlement. The amount presented at Annual Meeting was \$8,991.40 which would have been through September 10. More will probably come in during the remainder of the year.

District Mission Project for 2012 – Big Stone Gap Church and Renewal Project

Our district mission project this year is the Big Stone Gap Church and Renewal Project. Our speaker at the September general dinner meeting was the church and community worker who serves that area -- Rev. Koni Purscell. She told us of the many programs supported by that project. Our financial support will greatly aid in the efforts in our neighboring region. Individual and circle contributions need to be given to our treasurer so that our unit's contribution can be sent to the district treasurer prior to the November 3 annual meeting. Be sure to indicate that it is for the district mission project. Let's all do our part to support our district mission project.



District Mission Trip

Judy King, mission coordinator for Education & Interpretation, coordinated our district mission trip August 21 to Henderson Settlement. We had a great group of ladies and two men (one of which was our driver) who enjoyed a beautiful late summer day into the

hills of eastern Kentucky. Henderson Settlement sits atop a hill which overlooks a peaceful valley and mountains in the distance. It is truly a place where you can feel the presence of God. After a lunch of hamburgers, etc. we were divided into two groups and given a tour of the place. This included their farm, plant and garden nursery area, thrift store (some folks got some really good buys!), senior center, library, young mother's area, youth center and buildings where teams reside during their time volunteering. Our bus driver made a rest stop at the MacDonald's in Tazewell, Tn on the return trip where many enjoyed ice cream. Those attending from our unit included: Jane Adams, Trish Harris, Judy King, Nancy McIntosh, Betsy Geiger, Doris Dexter, and Linda Morton.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION – Doris Dexter

Holston Conference United Methodist Women met at State Street UMC, Bristol, for the School of Christian Mission on July 26-28, 2012. Timely topics available to the participants were: Immigration and the Bible (spiritual growth), Haiti (geographic), and Poverty (social issue.) This 3-day event provided time for study, reflection, and fellowship. Effective leadership from the presenters gave needed insight into mission opportunities. FBSUMC unit members who attended were Sydney Cooper, Joyce Snapp, Marcy Hagen, Eloise Ellis and Doris Dexter.

Circle at Steadman Hill

Our unit hosted the residents of Steadman Hill on July 19. Marcy Hagen led the group in singing some of the olde favorites. Willa Cwik played the piano for the group. Eloise Ellis provided our devotional. Refreshments were provided and served by Sydney Cooper, Nancy McIntosh, Linda Morton, Anne Williams and Kathy Hawk. We had a room full of residents and guests and everyone seemed to enjoy the time together.

Holston Conference UMW 39th Annual Meeting & Training Session-- Nancy McIntosh

Our conference annual meeting and officer training were held at Lake Junaluska September 15-16. Conference president Georgia Lister convened the 1:30 p.m. Saturday session after our music leaders, Leslie Mabe (vocalist) and Bryan Underwood (pianist and organist), led us in our gathering music and opening hymn. Business conducted during this session included report from the executive committee (action of the executive committee from the 2011 annual meeting to the 2012 annual meeting), presentation of the 2013 budget (\$506,085), pledge service, presentation and election of 2013 officers and installation of these officers by Rev. Sandra Johnson and Rev. Meg Taylor. There was one

voting item proposed by the executive committee: Item 25 on page 39 of the 2012 Conference Directory reads: A program book and a conference directory shall be supplied by the conference organization to each local unit. The proposal was to eliminate the program book. After much debate the membership voted "No" to this change. General feeling was that some of the smaller units would not be as financially able to purchase the program book and we would not want to discourage them from the use of it.

Officer training took place after session I. Session II convened at 7 p.m. Saturday evening after our gathering music and piano solo by Bryan. This session included recognition of outgoing officers, recognition of new units, report from Henderson Settlement, and report of Hands on Mission Project. Reverend Lauri Jo Cranford provided our message "Thinking of You..." (Colossians 1:2-14). The session was closed out with our Remembrance Service.

Session III began at 9:15 a.m. Sunday morning. The registrar reported 287 total attendees. Kingsport District had 28 attendees with 1 first timer. Those attending from our unit included: Jane Adams, Trish Harris, Eloise Ellis, Sydney Cooper, Patricia Fansler, and Nancy McIntosh. A Love Offering toward mission giving was taken. Rev Cranford's message "Keep on Keeping On" (Philippians 4:1-9) preceded our candle burning and communion service. The 39th annual meeting was adjourned by our president around 10:30 a.m.

UMW SUNDAY

Date: November 18, 2012

Speakers: Rev. Sandra Johnson, Abingdon District Superintendent and our own Rev. Margaret Deans

We are less than two months away from United Methodist Women Sunday in which UMW is responsible for all parts of all services. What an opportunity to serve in some capacity! It will be wonderful to have many UMW ladies participating. You can be an usher, a greeter, part of the ladies choir, read scripture, etc. Please let your circle leader know how you will participate.

WORLD THANK OFFERING

Please remember that our World Thank Offering will be received at the November meeting. It is and has been for many decades {130 years) an opportunity for personal Thanksgiving and learning of mission outreach.

Through Thank Offering contributions mission projects are supported in all 50 states and in almost 100 countries. These projects vary from support to schools, hospitals and clinics, daycare centers and homes for senior citizens to educational training courses to prevent soil erosion, leadership development, sewing and nutritional courses, and medical training. The number of persons reached by this type of caring and sharing is almost

incalculable.

The first Thank Offering was observed in Lansing, MI, in 1881, by a District President who felt so blessed by the Lord that she gave the \$5 gold coin that she had just received for selling dried apples as an offering. At first each woman was asked to give two cents a week. Last year the amount given through the Thank Offering was around one million dollars. Let's help it continue to grow!

Reading Program – Jane Adams

Many of you have checked out "Reading Program" books from the UMW library. We would like for our unit to have a good number of you complete a reading plan. One completed plan has already been submitted and hopefully more will be turned in to Jane or placed in the UMW box by November 14 (our November general meeting). Reading program forms are available in the UMW library. If you have finished your 2012 plan, you may get a head start by beginning your 2013 plan (books from 2009-2013). The 2013 Reading List is out and we hope to purchase 2013 books by the end of the year. So finish up your plans for 2012 and begin your 2013 program. Also, please return books in a timely manner so others will have a good choice of reading material. RESPONSE and NEW WORLD OUTLOOK are also available in the UMW library.

CIRCLE NEWS

Circle 2 – Eloise Ellis We were happy to resume our meetings in September. Plans are being made to co-host the November luncheon. Members enjoyed serving the children at Terrific Tuesdays in May. During the summer Joyce Snapp and Eloise Ellis attended the School of Christian Mission. Eloise also attended the Social Action Workshop and the Holston Conference UMW Annual meeting.

Circle 3 – Trish Harris Circle 3 was entertained by Carol Alley, our district president, at our August meeting. She spoke on district activities and projects. All of us enjoyed her sense of humor. Marcy Hagen of our circle attended the School of Christian Mission. Jane Adams, Nancy McIntosh and Trish Harris attended the Holston Conference UMW Annual meeting. Our circle donated \$100 to Henderson Settlement, our conference mission project, and \$100 to the Big Stone Gap District Church and Community Renewal, our district mission project.

Circle 5 – Leslie Owen We have had a good two years working, socializing, learning and serving together. We have met new friends and renewed old friendships. Looking forward to the next two years working with other UMW members.

Circle 7 – Anne Williams Our circle worked with Circle 1 to provide the dinner for our September general meeting. We have enjoyed Cindy Haskins' study. It has been a really interesting series this year. We have had

new members join our circle, so we have had fun bringing them into the UMW activities.

Message from our outgoing President

Who are United Methodist Women and what is God's purpose for us?

We are a community of women who strive to:

- ◆ Know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ.
- ◆ Develop a creative supportive fellowship.
- Expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.
- ◆ We glorify God and the purpose He has for our lives by studying His Word and reaching out to help others. *Our missions-oriented projects at First Broad Street this year included:*
- ◆ Terrific Tuesdays at Community United Methodist Church
- ◆ Magazines for our local hospital
- ◆ Monthly food for Hope Haven - Men and Women and Safe House
- ◆ Henderson Settlement
- ◆ Big Stone Gap Community Project
- ◆ Blanket Drive
- ◆ Holston Home for Children
- ◆ Buffalo Mountain Campers
- ◆ Honoring our High School Seniors
- ◆ Spring Cleaning at our Church

I am proud to be a member of the United Methodist Women. These past two years have been a blessing to me, and I have enjoyed working with this dynamic group of Christian women. God's work can be seen throughout our UMW fellowship and our projects. Gail Preslar, our President-Elect, and the UMW Board are ready to lead us in 2013.

Thank you for supporting God's purpose and plans through United Methodist Women.

--Sydney Cooper

Twitter anyone?? You can follow First Broad Street United Methodist Women - "@FBSUMW"



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Upcoming Events:

November 3 10 a.m. at Mountain View UMC
Kingsport District Annual Meeting/Officers' Training

November 14 11 a.m.
General Luncheon Meeting – Fellowship Hall
Speaker: Cindy Ketron will share her family's story of Thanksgiving as they faced the treatment for her teenage son's benign tumor.

November 18 **UMW Sunday**

December 12 11 a.m. **General Luncheon Meeting Pot Luck – Bring your favorite dish for sharing.**