



UMW Newsletter

First Broad Street United Methodist Church

Kingsport, TN

2018 Calendar of Events – UMW Holston Conference

- April 13-15 – Session 1/Session 2 – Spiritual Enrichment Experience – Lake Junaluska, NC
- May 18-20 – UMW Assembly, Columbus, OH
- June 10-13 – Holston Annual Conference, Lake Junaluska, NC
- July 19-21 – Holston Conference Mission u, Central UMC, Lenoir City, TN
- August 11 – Social Action Workshop – Keith Memorial UMC, Athens, TN
- September 15-16 – Conference UMW Annual Meeting/District Officer Training, Meadowview Conference Center, Kingsport, TN
- October 20 – Mujeres en Accion Event, Pleasant View UMC, Abingdon, VA

2018 Calendar of Events – Kingsport District

- March 11, 2:30 p.m. – Lenten Time Apart, Cassidy UMC
- May 8, 6:30 p.m.– District Mission Event, Kendricks Creek UMC
- November 3 – Kingsport Annual Meeting and Training, Colonial Heights UMC

Message from President

Welcome ladies (and some guys) of the First Broad Street UMW unit to a new year of mission, fun, learning and fellowship. We do have our challenges as we begin year 149 of United Methodist Women. It is 2019 that we celebrate our 150th anniversary of women in mission!

First, please take note of the calendar of events for our conference and district listed as we did not get these dates listed in our updated handbook addition. I would also encourage all of you who have access to a computer to look at the website for our conference (<http://holstonumw.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Holstonian-November-2017.pdf>) and pull up the November 2017 edition of THE HOLSTONIAN. There is some good stuff there! We are being challenged by Lori Sluder, coordinator of Membership, Nurture & Outreach to seek out new members in 2018. There is also a good article on The Legacy Fund.

MONEY MATTERS!! At the January meeting of our unit's executive committee the subject of a fundraiser for 2018 was discussed. As we noted in the past if all our members contributed we probably would not need a fundraiser to meet our budget. So, let me encourage ALL members to contribute what they can even if you can't be a regular attender to your circle. In addition to our budget we also collect in March for the Call to Prayer and Self Denial offering, in May for the Blanket Drive, and November for the World Thank offering. In addition, you can always do a special mission recognition for someone by giving a card or pen to them (just ask our treasurer Joyce Eberhart).

The UMW board at their annual meeting in New York City, Oct 6-8, announced that the 2018 theme for the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering would be "Learning for a Lifetime". The offering supports national and international programs that develop leaders of all ages. Funds from the offering will go to national and international partners for child development, after-school, and General Education Diploma and English as a Second Language programs.

FBSUMW New Mission Outreach

The executive committee voted to have a new mission outreach project. At each of our General Meetings (we have 5 each year) we are asked to bring a designated item which will go to Jubilee Project. For our March meeting we are asked to bring some paper product. We used to send our Campbell labels to Jubilee, but the company no longer sponsors this program. We wanted to continue to support them in some way. Monetary donations are also always welcome. Many thanks to Bill Campbell who has agreed to transfer our collections to Jubilee.

Spiritual Enrichment Experience

Note that this will once again be held at Lake Junaluska with two sessions April 13-15. The registration forms are available on the Holston Conference UMW website. You are encouraged to put one of these sessions on your calendar and plan to attend. Unfortunately, this is the same weekend as our own Mission Conference weekend.

FBSUMW General Meeting and Luncheon

March 14, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.

Program presented by Nancy Hobbs, retired church and community worker

Reservations (224-1502) by noon March 12, Cost \$7

Special Offering for 2018 Call to Prayer and Self Denial –

The offering received will provide educational opportunities for women and girls who are chronically underserved and marginalized

Support of Jubilee Project – Paper products will be collected

District Lenten Time Apart

The Kingsport District has scheduled the Lenten Time Apart for March 11, 2:30 p.m. at Cassidy UMC. The speaker will be Rev. Susan Arnold with special music by Allison Egan.

District Mission Event

The Kingsport District United Methodist Women have adopted the Big Stone Gap Church and Community Renewal Project as the special mission emphasis for 2018. On May 8, Church and Community Worker Koni Purscell will be at Kendricks Creek UMC to tell us more about this program and what we can do to support it. We will be collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste to send back to Big Stone Gap.

Reading Program Update from Jane Adams

It's not too late to begin reading to complete a 2018 Reading Program Plan. Categories are Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. Books on the UMW reading list from 2013 – 2018 qualify. New books from the 2018 reading list as well as a few books from earlier years have been added to our UMW Library Cart in Room 143. There is a host of books to choose from on our cart, or you can read others which we have not purchased. The list of titles can be found at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>.

Reading Program Plan Requirements:

Plan I – One book in each category and reading *Response*

Plan II – Two books in each category plus reading *Response* and *New World Outlook*

Plan III – Two books in each category, 5 additional books in any category plus reading *Response* and *New World Outlook*

Plan III – Two books in each category, 10 additional books in any category plus reading *Response* and *New World Outlook*

Members who completed the reading program for 2017:

Plan I – Gail Bogart, Glenna Epperson, Kitty Howe, Jaclyn Clendenen-Mayo, Nancy McIntosh, Billie Middaugh, Mildred Myers, Gail Preslar, Linda Price, Joyce Snapp, Claudia Tustin, Elaine Zoeller

Plan II – Doris Dexter

Plan III – Jane Adams

I have tried to complete at least Plan I every year for over 10 years. These books have opened my eyes to situations here and around the world – many are heartbreaking, others

encouraging, but all enlightening in some aspect. Many leave lasting impressions, such as *They Poured Fire on Us from the Sky*, which outlined the hardships of “the lost boys” as they fled the horrors of Sudan. *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* showed how one boy brought electricity to his room and eventually his village using scrap items and ingenuity. *The Weight of Mercy* detailed the happenings, heartaches, and successes of a pastor in Greenville, SC, and her work with the homeless; while *Miss Brenda and the Love Ladies* presented the ongoing adventures of an Alabama woman’s work with women released from prison. One of my all-time favorites is *Wonder*, about a 10-year old boy with severe facial deformities who enters public school for the first time. Recent books I have read are *Hiding in the Light* about a teenage girl who leaves an abusive Muslim family to follow Christ. *Good Health, Good Life* is an easy read with practical tips on enriching our lives and health. J. Ellsworth Kalas encourages on ways to “never grow old” as we age.

An easy way to complete Plan I is to form a small book group of 4 or 5 people, choose a book from each of the 5 categories, have each person read a different book, and get together to present a 20-30-minute report on each book. Each person can claim all 5 books on their list. Your study book, *Living as a Covenant Community*, counts as one book in Spiritual Growth. Easy!!

I challenge each member to read at least one book from our reading program. Check out the book, read the book in a timely fashion, and then return it to the cart so others may read it. If you are not planning to complete the Reading Program, there are many interesting, but “out-of-date” books on the bottom shelf. [Start reading!](#)

New UMW Member

Welcome to our newest UMW member, Sarah N. Smith! She recently joined Circle 5. Sarah, a mother of 2 sons and 4 grandsons, was born and raised in our area but lived in Oak Ridge for 55 years before moving to Kingsport. She is married to Paul Smith and has taught in both elementary school and college! Sarah says that the most important thing to remember is that she is a devoted follower of Jesus Christ. Welcome, Sarah!

Remember to invite new prospects to your next circle meeting.