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from and for the Women at PUMC

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a message from our umw president

Kathy Bollenbacher

Hello Sisters in Christ,

You are part of UMW. Every woman at PUMC is part of UMW - United Methodist Women. When we began rejuvenating our UMW two years ago, the District President advised us that only women who "pledged" to UMW were included. Months later we asked for a broader interpretation; and she replied that all women who were active in women's activities were "members". We have chosen to be broader than that - and be all-inclusive! If you attend PUMC, you are part of UMW. And, we thank God for you!

Here are a few things that your UMW has been involved in over the past 20 months at PUMC: Showers for Habitat, Life Care Pregnancy Center, and Family Promise. A church-wide Mission Fair. "Chicks & Chili" Girls Night Out. Missions projects that were prepared and sent to Siler City and Robeson County: Layettees, Sewing Kits, Health Kits. Annual Women's Retreats. Knitted prayer shawls, hospital caps, gifts for service men and squares to Zimbabwe. We currently have five Circles or groups who meet for faith study, fellowship, and/or service.

Beyond our own local church, United Methodist Women, or UMW, is an organization of approximately one million members whose purpose is to foster spiritual growth, develop leaders, and advocate for justice. Members raise nearly \$25 million each year from pledges for programs and projects related to women, children, and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world.

Our church's recent efforts to assist the Haitian earthquake victims with health kits is an example of outreach that UMW is involved in.

Won't you get involved? Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a pledge form for you to consider. You can (1) choose to pray for the various missions; (2) make a financial pledge for assistance; and/or (3) get involved PUMC activities. The needs worldwide are great. If you choose to pray, we can actually provide you with the names of all the missionaries that UMW helps to sponsor. If you choose to pledge a financial gift, please try to increase your pledge from last year (even by just \$2.00) to reflect your response to the increasing needs of our worldwide community and your gratefulness to God for the blessings he has given you. If you choose to get involved, contact anyone of the officers who are listed in this newsletter; and they'll gladly answer your questions and help you find the most meaningful place for you!

Thank you for caring..

Your Sister in Christ,
Kathy Bollenbacher

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**featuring...
the aurora circle**

Have you ever really noticed up close the beautiful banners that are displayed in our sanctuary?

God has given a group of women in our church the ability to create them and they are not done yet! Every second Monday morning of the month at 9:30 you will find 5-10 ladies at church with their fabrics, patterns, scissors, and irons working on the "next" banner. In the last 5 years or so they have made more than 15 banners. Many are seasonal and not displayed year round, which adds to our enjoyment as they appear each year.

Judy Forster has been the driving force of this Circle in the last few years. She was an adult education teacher specializing in clothing construction and has a love for fabrics and needlework. Judy found patterns for many of the banners online and has been able to inspire the team into producing some outstanding works of art. The ladies are delighted to gather and help expand the pattern, choose fabrics and carefully cut, iron, and paste the many small pieces that make up the finished work. Judy then does the quilting and finishing work on her sewing machine at home.

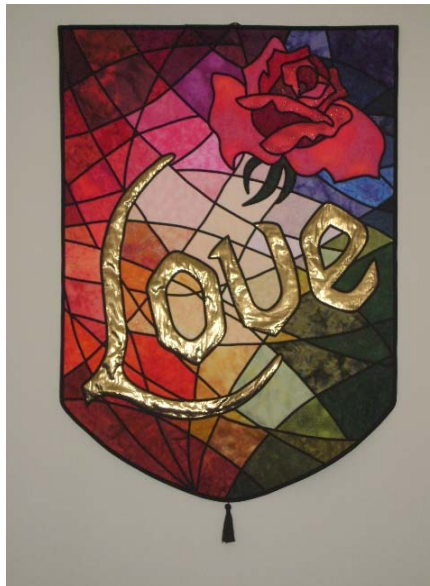
Take a real up close look at some of these banners (especially the rose on the LOVE banner). The next time you are in the sanctuary, you will better appreciate the skill and talent of this hardworking group.

Our thanks to these dedicated women for using their gifts to enhance our sanctuary and worship.



Left to right: : Clara Hardt, Marilyn Mahan, Judy Forster, Claire McConnell, Alice Wood

*Not pictured: Janet Clark, Laura Duffy
Joan Secrest. Pat Williams*



Interested in joining this group? They would be happy to have you! Call Judy Forster for more information 215-9977.

looking back

Chicks and Chili Night

What a fun evening of food and fellowship. Our very own **Stacey Garner**

shared some of her experiences about the year that she has spent working with Campus Crusade in South Africa. Our hostess' did a great job of organizing and decorating...thank you, **Joan Secrest** and **Carol Dye**. And thanks to **Paula Montgomery** for her yummy Asian Slaw and for sharing the recipe with us.



ASIAN SLAW

2- 3 oz. packages chicken- or beef-flavored Ramen noodles
1 lb package of cabbage slaw mix
1 cup sunflower seeds (toasted almonds are a suggested substitute)
1 bunch green onions, chopped
Dressing:
3/4 cup peanut or sesame oil
1/3 cup sugar
2 flavor packets from Ramen noodles

In a medium bowl, crunch Ramen noodles into bite-size pieces.. Stir in slaw mix, sunflower seeds and green onions. Mix together oil, sugar and flavor packets from the Ramen noodles. Pour dressing on top of slaw mixture and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Stir well before serving. Serves 8.

- Paula Montgomery

Above: **Joan Secrest, Carol Dye**
Pictured right: **Stacey Garner**

Sanford District Mission Studies and Food Packaging event

Six ladies from our church traveled to St. Luke UMC in Sanford for the Annual UMW Mission Studies. Three different classes were offered, with special speakers. Those attending enjoyed the time they spent in study as well as fellowshiping with other women in our district.

Food packaging was also done that day at St Luke's. About 20,000 meals were packaged in three hours and will soon be sent to Haiti.

Help for Haiti

A BIG THANK YOU to **Ann Morse** our UMW and our Sanford District UMW's Chairperson for Missions and Social Action. Within 24 hours of the earthquake in Haiti, Ann was busy organizing, ordering supplies, and getting people informed of what we as UM Women can be doing to help. There were many, many generous donations (including blankets, towels, tarps, rice and beans). Your gifts allowed us to prepare 469 Health Kits which will be sent to Haiti. And \$4800. was donated and will be sent to UMCORP, the UM Organization for Relief. Thanks, Ann and to all of you who so generously helped in many ways.

prayers of praise and concern

"pray continually...give thanks in all circumstances..." I Thessalonians 5:17, 18

Each one of us has prayer concerns at various times in our lives. We think you would agree, when we ask others to pray with us for our concern, we find great strength and comfort in united prayer. Likewise, we find great joy in offering praise for answered prayer. Over the years many of us have participated in prayer chains -- where someone called you with a prayer request, then you called the next person on the list, and so on. Eventually, all the pray-ers would receive the request and the prayers continued. Now, thanks to the internet, we can all be praying almost instantly and simultaneously for that request.

Nancy Bowling, your **UMW Spiritual Growth Coordinator**, will share your prayer requests and praises by e-mail with all of our **PUMC-UMW members**. Her e-mail address is: nbow@nc.rr.com

Guidelines for your prayer requests:

Due to the fact that many prayer concerns are of a very sensitive nature, we have determined the following guidelines for prayer requests to be shared by e-mail.

1. Have approval from the person (or a relative or close friend) you are requesting prayer for and use first name and last initial only, unless you have approval to use the full name.
2. Briefly state only pertinent information (no details unless you have approval).
3. Tell Nancy if the person should be ministered to in other ways besides prayer (desire pastor or church member visit, if cards/notes are OK (include address if it is other than their home), help with food-transportation-child care, etc.)

4. Update Nancy on the person(s) progress so that information may be relayed to those praying..
5. Send praises to Nancy for answered prayers that can be shared.

Thank you for providing this information. Our desire is to be very intentional and careful in handling all prayer requests. May God bless you and please know that we will keep your loved one close in thought and prayer.



mark your calendar now...

You are welcome to attend any of these activities. If you have questions, contact the women listed.

AURORA CIRCLE: This quilting/banner making group will be meets every 2nd Monday morning of the month at 9:30 am. Contact: Judy Forster 215-9977 for more information.

EVENING CIRCLE: 7 pm, on the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month, this circle meets for fellowship and study. Currently, they are using the book "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World". Contact person: Jeanette Schoonover at 947-2628.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE: Currently this circle is doing a Bible study on "The Foundation of True Friendship". They meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm Contact person: Peggy Raney at 295-4946.

KNITTING GROUP: Meets every Tuesday 1:30 to 3 pm. Join this busy group of ladies for fellowship as they share God's love with their projects. Dita McGaughey 673-4716 is the contact person for this group.

7 LAKES LADIES Bible Study Group: Meets on Thursday mornings...call Dorothy Werkmeister at 400-5050 for more information.

district umw news

March 27 is Spiritual Day Apart at Goldston UMC...a wonderful morning (9-12) with other Christian women. The theme is *Creating From the Heart*. Our leader that day will be Pat Pemberton, from Jonesboro UMC, and she encourages you to bring a tea cup with saucer, and any homemade quilt you have. Pat promises a really special day for those who attend.

April 29-May 2 UMW General Assembly in St.Louis....meets once every 4 years. Want to know more? Check out the Women's Division website at <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/assembly>

**May 14-15 NC Conference
Spiritual Enrichment Retreat**
at Centenary UMC Smithfield

You might be interested in knowing... that following the Asian tsunami, United Methodist Communications produced a video and study guide titled *"God, Why?"* to help people cope with the spiritual and emotional impact of disasters. The resource, available from EcuFilm, explores why such tragedies happen and God's role in them. The study guide provides a basis for group study and discussion.

Please check out the Sanford District website
(www.sanforddistrictUMC.org)
to get more details of these District opportunities.

introducing our sanford district umw president... *Tanya Alvord*

What a ball of energy this woman is! Tanya not only is our District President, which appears to be a full time job, but she is an RN and works full time at Duke U. Hospital. She is the assistant director for the Patient Resource Management department which helps patients with planning to go home and what they might need after being in the hospital (like home health, hospice or equipment.)

She has been married to Lex, her high school sweetheart, for 25 years. They have two children, Megan a senior at NC School of Science and Math in Durham and Josh who is a high school sophomore in Pittsboro.

Tanya attends Brown's Chapel UMC in Pittsboro where she teaches an adult Sunday School class and serves on several church committees. In addition, she has taken on this non-paying, all-consuming presidency position. Part of Tanya's UMW job is to keep us informed of what is happening District wide and further. Tanya grew up Independent Baptist and "loves the connectionalism with being UM. I have church family all over the state that I can call on at any time. And I have loved visiting the local UMW meetings. I have been able to put faces to names and been able to share the ministry we are all in." I hope everyone gets a chance to meet her someday...she is truly a gift of God to UMW.





UMW Pledge Card

Name _____

Address _____

Phone & E mail _____

Date of Pledge _____

I pledge my prayers _____ I pledge to be involved _____

I pledge to missions \$ _____

(I pledge \$ _____ to be paid: ____monthly, ____quarterly, or ____yearly)

I commit!

- My prayers that I will grow and renew my relationship with God and others.
- My time that I will respond to human need through study, reflection and action.
- My financial gifts that I will share in the global ministries of the church through
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Please make your checks payable to Pinehurst United Methodist Women (or PUMW.)

Your pledge form (and check) can be placed in the Sunday offering plate, or dropped off in the office, or mailed to UMW Treasurer,
Joan Secrest, 53 Glasgow Dr., Pinehurst, 28374



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