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Statesville District UMW
Prayer Breakfast

“Walking in Prayer”

Guest Speaker Sandy Hieronymus

March 17th, 2012

Bethlehem UMC
607 Bethlehem Rd
Statesville, NC



Registration and
Breakfast begin at
9:00 am
Program Begins at
10:00 am

Sandy is a native of Kentucky and a life-long Methodist. For over twenty years, Sandy was a Pre-K teacher at a United Methodist church. She is a certified lay speaker and has held various offices in the United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women on the local, district and conference levels. Sandy currently serves as the UMW Scholarship Chair, teaches the one day overview at School of Christian Mission and on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. Sandy enjoys teaching all ages. In her free time, she likes reading, arts and crafts, and being a “beach bum”. She believes the greatest gift we can give our children is to give them God. She and her husband, Gerry, have three grown sons, a daughter-in-law, and granddaughter.

Hands on Mission Opportunity: non-perishable food

Directions: I-40 exit 144 If coming from the East turn left off the exit onto Old Mountain Rd. If coming from the West turn Right onto Old Mountain Rd. Travel 1.7 miles. At Celeste Henkel Elementary school Turn left onto Bethlehem Rd. The church will be on your right.

From Taylorsville Area- Take Hwy 64 to I-40 West. Follow directions above.



President- Nillah Cody

Happy New Year!

I hope 2012 will be a blessed year for all of us as we serve our Lord through missions. It will also be a sad year as we say goodbye to the Statesville District, so together lets make this a very special time. I urge you to recommit yourself and your unit to the purpose of UMW and to strive to be a servant to the less fortunate. As the year comes to the final months, we will come together to have a celebration of our time together and all that has been accomplished.

I hope to see the Presidents at our Presidents day on January 22nd at Wesley Memorial in Statesville. If your President is not able to attend please send someone to represent your unit.

I encourage all of you to attend the Prayer Breakfast in March. Our speaker is a wonderful lady and an inspiration to all.

Thanks for your support of the District Officers in 2011. We also want to thank those units that hosted our meetings by sharing their facilities and for the wonderful food they provided. I will be looking for you at our meetings.

Peace and Love,

Nillah

Traci Snyder–Vice President



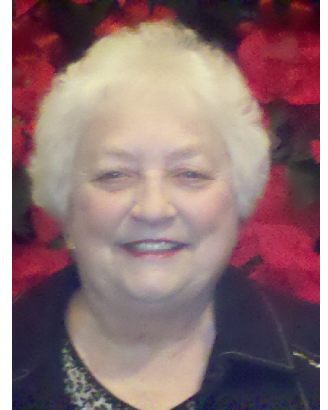
Ladies it is the last year for the Statesville District let's make it a great year. As vice-president you can help your unit do this by planning Great programs. This is an exciting time to plan for the upcoming year. While planning, don't forget our Program Resources. Those resources include the Response magazine, Prayer Calendar, Books from the Reading Program, Program Book and your District Officers. Whether a circle meeting or General meeting, our programs need to stay focused on our purpose. All of these resources can assist your unit in becoming a Mission Today Unit which is a great goal to achieve for this final year. The District Team has planned the year with our purpose in mind. I hope to see you at our meetings this year.

Visit our Website!!

www.wnccumw.org

Forms, Flyers, Information and Registration for Conference Events

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Secretary Program Resources– Sandra Stewart

For 140 years, members of UMW and predecessor organizations have been involved in mission that includes prayer, study and action. The 2012 Reading Program includes a few new changes to continue that opportunity.

Last year we introduced a new category, Leadership Development. A few program changes adopted this year will make it easier to fit titles from that category into the reading plans.



Selections from 2008-2012 all count towards your plan

Plan I- 5 books a year-one from each category including youth titles.

Plan II- 10 books a year-two from each category including youth titles.

Plan III-15 books a year-two from each category, plus five additional books including youth & children's titles

Plan IV-20 books a year -plus 10 additional books from any category including youth & children titles.

Regular reading of Response & New World Outlook.

Bonus Books

A "Bonus Book" it means the book counts as two books:

For example, Because He Lives counts as two books under Education for Mission, and Moral Ground and The New Jim Crow count as two books in Social Action.

The Reading Program is a study opportunity, but it should also lead to action.

As you read the books, pray. Books often raise concerns about people, countries and issues. Bring these concerns to God during your prayer time at home and at unit or circle meetings.

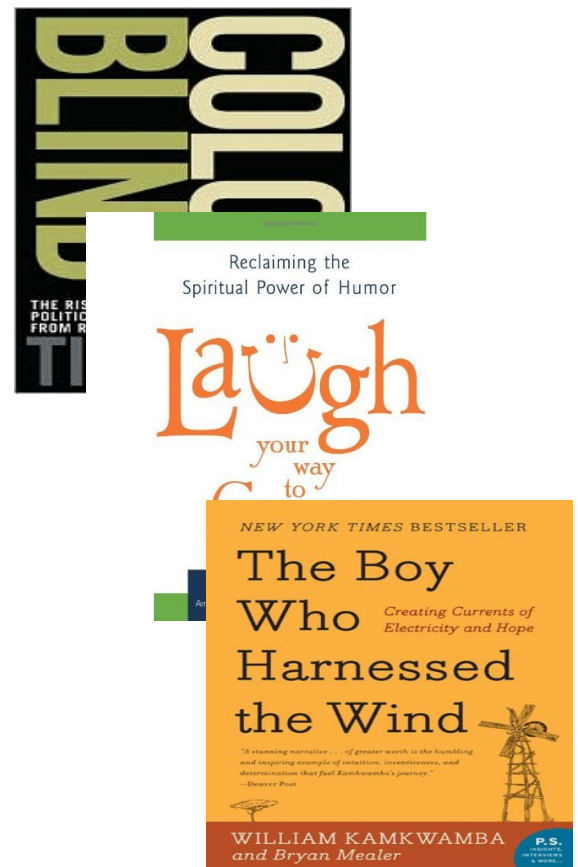
If you have any questions please let me know.

Missed seeing all of you at our Officer's Training.

Thanks so much for all your prayers, cards & calls.

May God Bless all of you

Sandra Stewart





Treasurer– Linda Greer

Dear Ladies of the Statesville District,

What a blessing it was to serve as your treasurer again in 2011 and to be a part of ensuring that our Mission Money went to help relieve the suffering of women and children throughout our nation and the world! The good news is that our Statesville District gave over **fifty-four** thousand dollars to total Missions, almost **fifty thousand dollars** in undesignated monies and over **four thousand dollars** in designated mission money. The GREAT news is that we DID meet our pledge of \$45,000.00 in undesignated mission money again in 2011. The disappointing news is that although we did well by surpassing our pledge, our total giving was over \$1,000.00 less than it was in 2010. Let's celebrate our success and try our best to meet our pledge again in 2012! Our pledge for 2012 has increased to \$48,000.00, but I know that we can meet it if we all work together!

I challenge each one of you to make an effort to give all you can, and lets reach over \$50,000.00 in the five channels of Mission Giving in 2012! Our Conference Financial Goal is for each member to increase her pledge by \$1.00, that's right, just \$1.00. Surely we can do that! I have received pledges from many units and if your unit decided to decrease your pledge for 2012, please revisit that issue and try to increase your pledge by \$1.00 per member. Just have your president or treasurer send me the change.

Challenge #2: The five channels of Mission Giving are 1. **Pledges**, 2. **Special Mission Recognition Pins**, 3. **Gift to Mission Cards**, 4. **Gift in Memory Cards**, and 5. **World Thank Offering**. I celebrate your decisions to give in all five channels and was extremely pleased to report that 76% of our units did give in all five channels in 2010! We even received an award at Conference Annual Meeting for our increase in this area. Just ask me if I was proud of us! In 2011, we did even better with 91% of our units giving in all 5 channels. There were only four units in 2012 that did not give in all Five Channels of Mission Giving! Our Conference goal was to increase this by 10% and we did!
Thank YOU! Thank YOU! Thank YOU! Thank YOU! Thank YOU! Let's strive for 100% in 2012!

Challenge #3: Again, I challenge each lady who is a United Methodist woman to send at least 1 card to someone this year. It can be a Gift in Memory card or a Gift to Mission card. We have over 1700 ladies in our district and if each one gave a minimum gift of \$5.00 per card, we would have over \$8,500.00 to give to missions. Remember that all your gifts to United Methodist Women are tax deductible if you write a check or get a receipt. It is so easy to send these cards and a gift to missions in honor of a person rather than to buy a person some little \$5.00 dust collector.

Please be advised that UMW funds are only used for missions that are in accordance with the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church.

Sadly, this is the final year of our Statesville District. Let's end it in a HUGE way with unprecedented MISSION GIVING!

If I can help you in any way, please call, email, or text me and let me know! I am happy and pleased to come and share with your unit information about Mission Giving through the 5 Channels and/or lead your pledge program. Just give me a call!

"Do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." (Hebrews 13:16 NIV)

Love, joy, trust, peace, hope,

Linda

2011 Annual Meeting Program Corrections/ Recognitions:

Bethlehem UMC Statesville, First UMC– Hickory and Hartzell Memorial UMC were all Mission Today Units for 2010

Hartzell Memorial UMC, Westview UMC, and Wesley Memorial UMC gave in all 5 channels of giving in 2010

We apologize for this oversight.

Western
North Carolina
Conference
United Methodist Women

**Scholarship
Program**

The Scholarship Program assists members of the United Methodist Church who live within the bounds of the West North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church pursue an academic course leading to a church-related education other than ordained ministry. Scholarships have been helping deserving students called to be spiritual leaders of the United Methodist Church since the 1940s. Recipients must attend one of these five colleges or universities:

Bennett College

Brevard College

Greensboro College

High Point University

Pfeiffer University

The Scholarship Program is funded by the General Scholarship Fund and seven endowed scholarships: Fannie Mitt Case, Carrie Forbis Ferguson, Ronda Robbins Memorial, Weaver Memorial, Ethylene Shelley, Herbin-Motley and Ernest R. Ellis and Lithie Phillips Ellis.

Contributions to the General Scholarship Fund are encouraged. Scholarships can be endowed at any time. This is a wonderful way to assist in perpetuity those called into ministry in the United Methodist Church. As United Methodist Women, we emphasize the importance of Mission Giving. It provides ministries with women, children and youth that are funded by Women's Division.

Giving to our Western North Carolina Conference

Application Deadline:

March 1, 2012

If you have questions, wish to contribute to or endow a scholarship, or need an application, contact the Scholarship Committee Chair:

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Mission Education and Interpretation

Alice Williams



Greetings,

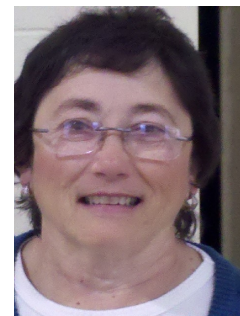
I wish each of you a happy New Year! I would like to encourage each unit to become a Mission Today unit. Some of the things that can help you accomplish this goal are listed below.

Don't forget our goal for this year is for each member to increase their pledge by \$1. Our District Mission Study this year is on Haiti- April 29th! I hope to see you all there!!!

I will be glad to help in any way I can.

God Bless in the New Year!

Alice



1. ****Make and Meet your Pledge to Mission**
2. **Use the Prayer Calendar at Meetings**
3. **Use at least 2 programs from the Program book**
4. **Participate in a Mission Study**
5. **Have 2 members read Response Magazine**
6. **Be a Charter Club Unit**
7. **Implement the Charter for Racial Justice**
8. **Add two new members**
9. **Have a program from the UMC Social Principles**
10. Attend School of Christian Mission
11. Attend district or Annual Meeting
12. Join the UMW Action Network
13. Correspond with people in the Prayer Calendar
14. Co-Sponsor a Children's Sabbath
15. Contribute to all 5 Channel of Undesignated Giving
16. Include a "response Moment at Meetings
17. Sponsor a Teen to attend a Conference Event
18. Attend a Prayer Breakfast/ Spiritual Growth Retreat
19. Have members participate in the reading program
20. Invite a District/ conference officer to your meeting
21. Add one teen or young Adult Member < 40 years old
22. Participate in one local Mission project and one conference hands on mission opportunity

Complete #1 plus 5 others in **Bold** and 6 others of your choosing to be a Mission Today UNIT!!!!

Conference/ District Calendar of Events

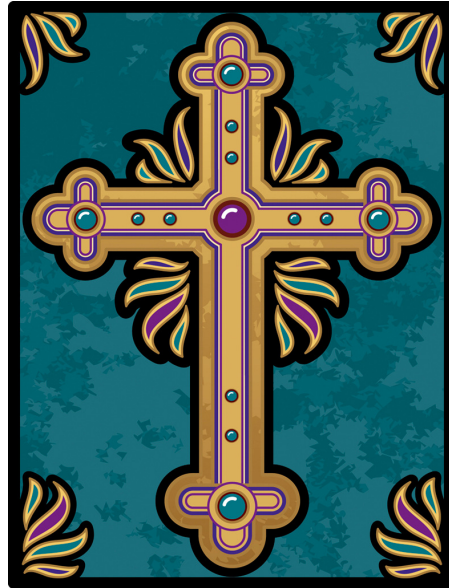
1/22/12	President's Day	Wesley Memorial	2-4 p.m.
3/17/12	Prayer Breakfast	Bethlehem Statesville	9 a.m.
4/29/12	District Mission Study: Haiti	Mt. Bethel-	2-6 p.m.
5/19/11	Walk for Missions Event	Mathison Park- Taylorsville	TBD
6/15-16/12	Spiritual Growth Retreat	Lake Junaluska	
7/26-29/12	School of Christian Mission	Pfeiffer University	
9/7-9/12	Conference Annual Meeting	Lake Junaluska	
9/18/12	District Annual Meeting	First UMC Conover	6:00 p.m.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S DAY

JANUARY 22, 2012 2:00-4:00 PM

WESLEY MEMORIAL UMC

STATESVILLE, NC



Directions: Coming from the East on I- 40 take exit 150. Turn left at end of ramp onto North Center St/ Hwy 115. Coming from the West take I-40 Exit 150. Turn right at end of ramp onto North Center St./ Hwy 115.

Travel .8 miles turn Left onto Hartness Road (there will be a stoplight at this turn). Travel another .6 miles- The Church will be on the left, turn onto Wesley and park in the back.

Changes are a Comming!



Help us Celebrate the Accomplishments of the Statesville District Before the New District Lines Change....

Take Lots of Pictures this year of your local Mission activities and help us Celebrate Missions during our last District Annual Meeting as the Current Statesville District- More info to come!

Sept 18th 2012!!!!!!

Social Action– Barbara Lippard



Greetings,

I hope you all were able to observe Domestic Violence Day in October. On October 9th we lit a candle for the ones that have died due to domestic violence and the ones that have survived. Don't just remember them once a year- Keep them in your prayers all year long.

I hope you are ready to start working on the Charter for Racial Justice. It needs to be renewed each year and remember to make nominations for the Social Action Award.

Remember to recycle, reuse, reduce, To Go Green, the schools in our communities, food pantries.

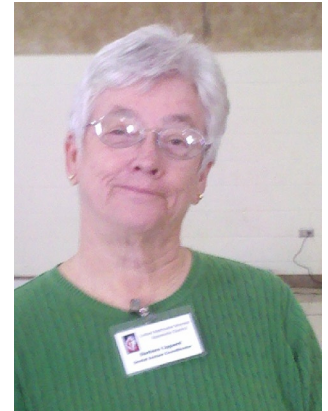
I have the DVD of Dr. Aleese Moore-Orbih who spoke at workshop at our annual conference on Domestic Violence to use in your unit or church.

Social Action topics of focus this year include:

Domestic Violence, Drug & Human Trafficking, Children and Elder Abuse, and Sexual Molestation Although they are difficult to talk about the silence needs to stop. Something needs to be done as it is not normal or acceptable.

If you have questions or need help, please call me. I am available for programs and I would love to visit with you.

Barbara Lippard



Katie Barker– Spiritual Growth

Ladies,

Hope you had Happy Holidays My how time flies. It seems that the New Year come quicker and quicker. Your district committee is busy planning your meetings for this year. We hope we will have lots of interesting things for you to attend and get your spiritual batteries charged, Our first meeting of the new year will be the Presidents Day meeting at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in Statesville at 825 Wesley Drive (so you can set your GPS). Our next meeting will be the biggest of the year and you will most definitely want to attend and bring a large group with you. It is our Prayer Breakfast on March 17, 2012. Our speaker will be Sandy Hieronymus from Mint Hill. She is great. Some of you have heard her at conference.

It seems at this time of year, we need to think even more of others. The best way I know is to share. It helps me to hug others. Some do not appreciate this or do not realize how warm and appreciated it makes you feel. Some people are just not huggers, so do not push yourself. 2 John 1:6 tells me to: "Love one another." We need to remember the homeless and abused. Our actions show just how much we love others.

Yours Truly,
Katie K. Barker

Traci Snyder - St. Luke's, Mount Bethel, Bethlehem, Marvin

Anita Boston - Hiddenite, Pisgah

Linda Greer - Rocky Springs/ Carson's Chapel, St. John's, Wesley Chapel- Hamptonville

Katie Barker - Harmony, Monticello, Mt. Bethel- Iredell

Mary Wiggs - Abernethy Memorial, Wesley Chapel -Newton, Highland, Plateau

Barbara Lippard - Broad Street, Christ Boulevard, Wesley Memorial

Vermel Moore - Center, Rose Chapel

Mary Green - Cool Springs, Snow Creek, Chapel Hill

Alice Williams - First Conover, Mountain View-Catawba,

Nan Campbell - Bethlehem-Claremont, Union Grove

Aryn Williams - Clarksbury, Mays Chapel, Ebenezer

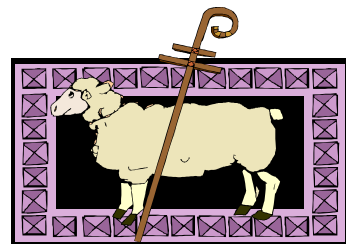
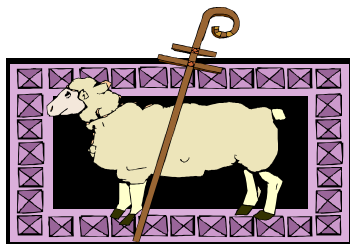
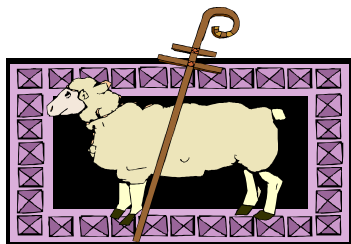
Cindy Sellers - Providence, New Salem

Sandra Stewart & Anne Snowball - Bethlehem-Statesville, First- Taylorsville, Philadelphia,
Scotts Chapel, Stony Point

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The Purpose Of Untied Methodist Women

United Methodist Women is a community of women, whose **PURPOSE** is:

- to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ;
- to develop a creative, supportive fellowship;
- and to expand concepts of mission through participation
- in the global ministries of the church.

