



KEEPING CURRENT

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Sisters in Christ,
The newsletter deadline always indicates to me how fast time is going. At the end of April, ninety (90) people representing East Ohio Conference joined with ladies from all over the world (6500 in number) in St. Louis for Assembly. There was much to see, hear, and learn about UMW. Meaningful worship on Sunday was the highlight for me. Experience Hall was packed full with displays of mission activities, handmade articles from foreign countries, book displays, and food. There was an area for women under 30!! There were mothers with babies in strollers in attendance! The children's choir and speakers from Women's Division were very memorable. It was exciting to talk with others to hear what is happening in their UMW. United Methodist Women are very friendly and helpful.

Our Mission Team has had an exciting time of growing and meeting new people as we attended Regional School of Christian Mission. Those who were unable to attend this event were attending Annual Conference at Lakeside. We are blessed to be United Methodist Women!

Please read 1 Corinthians 12: 8-10; 28-30. May your spiritual gifts God has given you be at work every day of your life. We are so fortunate to have God's constant love. Let Him be your guide. With our different gifts, let us commit our time and talents to work together for women, children, and youth. The world around us depends on you and me. The focus of our lives should be exercising our spiritual gifts and staying in love with God.

Make sure your calendars are marked for the School of Christian Mission event at Lakeside, Annual Celebration, and your Fall District Meetings. Keep up to date with the online community. Don't miss anything. Spread God's word to one and all!

Blessing to each of you,
Donna Kaye Montemayor

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To Be Appointed

EAST OHIO CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
ANNUAL CELEBRATION

“FAITH, HOPE, LOVE IN ACTION”

WHEN: October 8-9, 2010

WHERE: Church of the Saviour United Methodist Church
2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

FRIDAY: 6:15 P.M. Registration and get acquainted time
7 P.M. Children age 5-12 snacks & crafts Judy Kidder
Jeanette Krause, Mission and Evangelism
Sing Along with Marla Hum; Skits by each District
Snacks and Games
Dismissal to hotel

SATURDAY: SLEEPOVER with talking permitted!!!
9:30 A.M. Registration for those not registered
10:00 AM Processional with District banner
Children gather for their program:
“Hugging the World :Faith, Hope, Love in Action”
“Necessary Business” for adults
Lunch
WORSHIP SERVICE
Dr. Maggie Jackson, Speaker
Women’s Division Director
Installation of Officers
Communion led by Resident Bishop John Hopkins
3 P.M. Closing
Childcare will be available with pre-registration.
It will not be available without advanced notice.

OUR OFFERING

An offering will be taken on Saturday that will help us meet our pledge to Women’s Division. It is important that we continue our support of the everyday needs of women, children and youth. This is a time of economic crunch for everyone. Let us dig deep to help those less fortunate than we are.



How many can you get into your vehicles for Annual Celebration? The trophy goes to the district that has the most people in the fewest vehicles!! Good luck!

CALL TO SERVICE – JOSHUA 24

On Sunday Nov. 9, 2008, I was called to preach. Talk about a call to service. As Spiritual Growth Coordinator, I have been called to give devotions, help with training, be trained and be part of the UMW group. This was a call to speak of God's word to church. The funny thing is the message moved me. Joshua led the people of Israel into the Promised Land and he challenged them to make a choice: Joshua 24: 14-15 "Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve Him, or if you are loath to serve the Lord, choose this day which ones you are going to serve—the gods that your forefathers served, or those of the Amorites in whose land you are settled; but I and my household will serve the Lord."

Our UMW programs have been: "Called by Name" and "Making a Way.. Where there is no Way." We have a powerful choice to make. When called by Name, do we resist and follow the gods of this world? Are we too busy? Do we give excuses like we are too old, we are too young, we work, we are too weak? When we say we will serve the Lord, what do we mean? Is it by going to church on Sunday? Is it because we say we are a Christian? Reading devotions and visiting people are great; however is it with my heart and the Holy Spirit that I do this? Each of us in UMW and church are connected to a cosmic umbilical cord, receiving spiritual nourishment from God each moment. We need to structure our lives so that we do not have to make a choice about serving God every day. The devotions we read, the Bible studies we teach, or the mission we have accepted from God, must be heartfelt. Not just a routine position. The UMW does wonderful things in this world, but we are losing to the gods of fear, greed, jealousy, and those little idols. We need to remember who we serve. Take the spiritual nourishment that God gives us each day and "Make a Way..Where there is No Way."

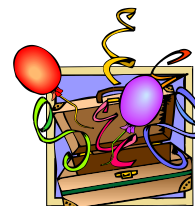
Peace and Love with your new officers and new beginnings in serving our Lord. Sandy Marek, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

??? Remember, if your unit is having problems, please call one of the district or conference officers. They are here to help! Also, if your unit has decided to disband, the proper way to empty your treasury is to make a final check to United Methodist Women. You made that money to support women, children, and youth around the globe. Don't stop the last payment. That would be like not making the final payment on a car loan. However, our preference is that your unit gets help before this final, last choice.

United Methodist Women's online community has a new look and a new website at www.umwonline.net! The new and improved community has all the previous communities for the Reading Program, environment, membership, and more. Take a tour through the communities to see what awaits you!

Check East Ohio's site at www.gbgm-umc.org/eastohioumw at least once a week. Click on the "What's New" link to see the newest additions to the site.

Add United Methodist-related pages to your Facebook feed. Just type "United Methodist" into the search field, and select "Like" to add each page. United Methodist Women, East Ohio United Methodist Church, United Methodist Church, and United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) are a few of the available pages that will keep you up to date on the church and its activities. Check out church-related connections on Twitter too.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
East Ohio Conference UMW
Annual Celebration
October 8-9, 2010
Cleveland Hts., OH
Plan on being a part of this celebration.
Bring a friend.

PLEASE, copy this newsletter and share with others in your district and local units. Don't keep UMW a secret. SPREAD THE WORD!

CONFERENCE TEAM REACHING OUT TO DISTRICT AND LOCAL UNITS

Each district of the East Ohio Conference of UMW has at least two representatives from the conference team available to your district. Feel free to contact them at any time. We will visit with you at your meetings.

- Canal District: Betty Spencer, Charlotte Jeremy
- Firelands District: Alice Luhring, Lillie Merrill
- Mahoning Valley District: Mary Hill, Regina McAlister
- Mid-Ohio District: Sandy Marek, Alice Luhring
- North Coast District: Lillie Merrill, Sandy Marek, Lilloise Talley
- Ohio Valley District: Kathy Kuhn, Ann Miller
- Southern Hills District: Donna Kaye Montemayor, Ann Miller
- Three Rivers District: Elaine Germann, Sandy Marek
- Tuscarawas District: Iris Andrews, Joan Ferris
- Western Reserve District: Lois Sauer, Donna Kaye Montemayor

How Can You Help Save Administrative Costs for United Methodist Women?



This newsletter is available online at East Ohio United Methodist's Women's web site <http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/eastohioumw>. If you are able to read the newsletter online, would you be willing to no longer receive a mailed copy? You will be able to print as many copies as you wish from the link. Just email jferris@neo.rr.com to let her know. Currently we are mailing 665 newsletters, down from 995, which entails the printing cost, paper, and postage. The money saved with your help could be better spent by giving it to missions. We will be practicing good stewardship of our money.

Creative Programming Workshop Assembly 2010

Deep in the heart of membership concerns is the issue of programming. The special interest group that I enjoyed at Assembly, "Creative Programming," developed discussion groups at tables for eight with ladies from many part of the US. During the reading of Psalm 150 we were invited to MOVE and "play" the instruments, we had a diagram to fill out and then discuss to get acquainted with our neighbor. Feeling a little more comfortable with each other, we shared why we were there and our interest in programming. The answer to "What Makes a Good (Creative) Program" can be put to good use.

1. Theme (including decorations and "props")
2. Goal and part of the PURPOSE to which it relates
3. Scripture/Worship
4. Hands on activities/Movement
5. Engage the five (5) senses
6. Use of RESPONSE, NEW WORLD OUTLOOK, PRAYER CALENDAR
7. Inspire to Action (Get something planned and do it!)
8. Closing/Worship

We applied these principles. Opening a large bandanna (pouch) on the table, we found a set of road maps with

the theme of "roads." (Each table had different objects.) We planned a program with this theme. We developed a mission education event with maps to the locations of mission projects around the world and USA. (RESPONSE magazine helped us.) Writing to missionaries in those places and foods from different nations were included. Our goal/purpose was to expand concepts of mission and the scripture was Jesus sending out the disciples to share the good news.

Other pouches included children's games, tea, musical instruments, breads, bandages suggesting the theme of stress fractures, birthday candles, notebook and pens (school days), rhythm instruments, and a flashlight for "Light." Try imagining what you would do with themes such as these. Better yet, get your unit or circle to imagine what they would do and then choose the ones they would like to do.

Assembly 2010 was such a kaleidoscope of music, lights, speeches, dancing, and learning that put these items into action. However, no matter whether the event is large or small, creative programming guidelines help keep us on track.

Lois Sauer,
Membership, Nurture, and Outreach coordinator

How many people are riding in your van to Annual Celebration? Fill those vehicles!! The district with the most people riding in the fewest vehicles will receive the rotating trophy!! Good luck!!

DISTRICT FALL MEETINGS

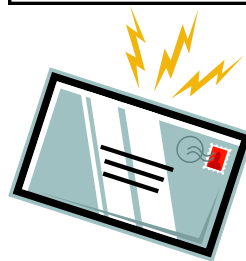
- **CANAL DISTRICT**
Saturday, September 25
Applecreek UMC
8:00 AM-12:30 PM
Maggie Jackson & New Spirit
Lunch on own; 2 PM factory tour
of P Graham Dunn
- **FIRELANDS DISTRICT**
Saturday, October 23
West Salem UMC
9:30 AM-2:00 PM
Mission and Evangelism
- **MAHONING VALLEY**
Thursday, October 21
East Liverpool First UMC
9 AM Registration;
“Three Cups of Tea”
- **MID-OHIO DISTRICT**
Saturday, October 23
Mt. Gilead Trinity UMC
9:30 AM-3:00 PM
Conrad Vaughn-Haiti/ Lunch
Officer Training & Workshop i
- **NORTH COAST DISTRICT**
Saturday, September 25
Cleveland St. Matthew UMC
9:00 AM w. Continental Breakfast
Rev. Jan Yandell “Voices of Hope”
- **OHIO VALLEY DISTRICT**
Thursday, October 21
Mt. Pleasant UMC, Carroll County
10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Theme: Sudan
- **SOUTHERN HILLS DISTRICT**
Sunday, October 17
Chandlersville UMC
1:00 PM Lunch; 2:00 PM Meeting
Anna Scheid, Speaker
- **THREE RIVERS DISTRICT**
Saturday, October 30
Coshocton Grace UMC
9:30 AM-2:30 PM
Jan Walsh, Speaker
- **TUSCARAWAS DISTRICT**
Saturday, October 23
Otterbein UMC
9:30 AM– 2:00 PM
Judy Nutter: The Beauty and
Courage of Sudan
- **WESTERN RESERVE DISTRICT**
Saturday, October 16
Mentor UMC
10:00 AM “Fishing for Women”

ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Proposed SLATE OF OFFICERS for 2011

Officers will be elected or re-affirmed at the Annual Celebration on Oct. 8-9. Nominations may be made from the floor if written consent has been secured from the prospective nominee if she is not present. Reminder: Per Standing Rule I.A. “The voting body of the Annual Meeting and of any special called meeting shall be a designated member from each Local Unit...”

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name, Church, District</u>
President:	Donna Kaye Montemayor , Streetsboro, Canal
Vice President:	Mary Hill , Centenary, Mahoning Valley
Secretary:	Linda Paxton , Sunbury, Mid-Ohio
Treasurer:	Kathy Kuhn , Toronto First, Ohio Valley
Chair, Nominations:	To Be Announced
Program Resources:	Dori Kinkoph , Deerfield, Mahoning Valley
Communication Coordinator:	Joan Ferris , North Canton Faith, Tuscarawas
<i>Mission Coordinators for:</i>	
Spiritual Growth:	Sandy Marek , Pleasant Hills, North Coast
Social Action:	Betty Spencer , Tallmadge, Canal
Education & Interpretation:	Lillie Merrill , Columbia, North Coast
Membership, Nurture & Outreach:	To Be Announced
<i>Committee on Nominations:</i>	
Class of 2011:	Lenora Jefferson , Centenary, Mahoning Valley Ann Miller , Lloydsville, Ohio Valley
Class of 2012:	Iris Andrews , Union Avenue, Tuscarawas Lilloise Talley , Aldersgate, North Coast
Class of 2013:	Cynthia Rose , Werner, North Coast Alice Luhring , Melmore, Firelands
Class of 2014:	To Be Announced
<i>Appointed Positions:</i>	
Webmaster:	Kathy Wilson , Tallmadge, Canal
Historian:	Esther VanDyke , Finley, Ohio Valley
Teen/University Women’s Coordinator	To Be Appointed



All district teams, local unit presidents and treasurers should be receiving this Conference newsletter for UMW. If you know of someone that has not received it either by email or snail mail, please contact Joan Ferris with correct information (718 Wendy Circle, NE North Canton, OH 44720 jferris@neo.rr.com) The post office charges us for each returned newsletter. To be good stewards of our money, if address correction is not received from the district officers, the name is dropped for the next mailing. We want everyone to receive the up to date information. Please help us get the information correctly. Thank you. Joan Ferris, Editor.

DISTRICT OFFICER TRAINING

Officer training for district officers will be held at Wadsworth UMC on October 30, 10-2 P.M. Sandy Marek, UMW Spiritual Growth Coordinator for the conference, will be presenting devotions and a program. Following lunch, we will divide into groups according to our office. This is for all officers-new and experienced- as we share our past year and get ready for the new year. Save the date. More information will be coming to your team.

Hard Workers Help Others

The list below is of items sewn by small but mighty units of Mt. Gilead Trinity and Edison in the Mid-Ohio District.

These items were taken to June Annual Conference

- 205 hospital gowns for little girls 2-6
- 107 pairs of shorts
- 41 tank tops
- 28 receiving blankets
- 109 book bags
- 12 matched sets of shorts and tank tops
- 8 small blankets
- 6 pillowcase dresses
- 4 shift dresses
- 3 little boy's shirts

Since the earthquake hit Haiti, they have sent a total of:

- 325 hospital gowns
- 139 pairs of boy's shorts
- 48 tank tops
- 8 small blankets
- 5 baby hats

Much of the fabric they used was brought back from Midwest Mission Distribution Center where they volunteered last year. They meet the second Tuesday morning of each month.

PLANNING FOR ANNUAL CELEBRATION

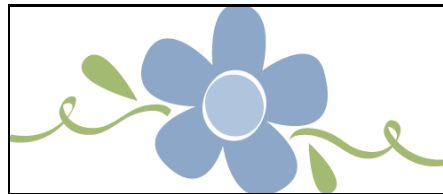
All districts are being asked to present a 3-5 minute **SKIT** on Friday evening. Please include all people that are willing from your district.

Each district is to bring a **BANNER** for the Saturday morning processional. Someone from your district is needed to carry the banner in the processional.

Each district is to bring items to **DECORATE THE ALTAR** that depicts our theme as follows:

Western Reserve and Southern Hills	FAITH
Firelands and Ohio Valley	HOPE
Canal and Mid Ohio	LOVE
Three Rivers, Tuscarawas,	ACTION
Mahoning Valley	ACTION

These items should represent Social Action or Racial Justice.



We are pleased to welcome back the Bloomingdale United Methodist unit of the Ohio Valley District. It is great to have you back in the fold. If any of the conference or district officers can be of help, please do not hesitate to call. We are willing to do programs, answer questions, and cheer you on as you work with God's spiritual gifts to improve our world.

PLEASE remember to keep your district and conference officers updated as to changes in mailing and email addresses. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. The editor has received about 5 changes recently. It is a big savings in money and time. Thank you!!

OUR PURPOSE

The organized unit of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN shall be 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.



How did we get here
so fast? There are still
more stories to tell!

THIRD ANNUAL OVERNIGHT CELEBRATION!!!

The tradition of an overnight for Annual Celebration will continue. The celebration will take place in Cleveland Heights. An overnight gives us opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones. We will meet Friday, October 8, at Church of the Saviour UMC in Cleveland Hts. for fellowship, message from Jeanette Kraus, and more fellowship.

Rooms can be obtained at The Clarion at 26300 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood, OH 216- 831-5150 (Exit 131 on I-71). There is a block of rooms being held for us. Tell them you are with the East Ohio Conference UMW and you will get the rate of \$69 plus tax of about 15% for four in a room per night (about \$18-20 per person). There will be two queen beds. A continental breakfast will be provided at the hotel on Saturday. Make hotel reservations early.

For those coming on Saturday, there will be a continental breakfast served at the church.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION REGISTRATION FORM

Must be postmarked by September 27, 2010

Please send your Unit's reservations together in one mailing. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Tickets and travel directions will be mailed to the contact person. In case you do not receive your tickets, they will be at the registration table. Please include a list of all persons attending..

CONTACT

PERSON'S NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS (Street, City, Zip) _____

Email _____ Church Unit _____

Name of Unit Voting Delegate _____ District _____

Indicate Special Dietary Needs (Who has what need?) _____

- No. of Adult Reservations @ \$16 each _____ (This includes Friday snack and Saturday lunch.)
Please include youth age 13 and older attending.
- Number of Reservations @ \$10 each for children age 5-12 _____ (This includes snack with Friday movie, Saturday study, craft and pizza lunch.)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

_____ CHILDCARE for children under 5 years of age. (Please check if needed) Circle: Friday Saturday Both; Bring a sack lunch and beverage for each child in childcare for Saturday's meal. (Ages of children _____)
Young children **MUST** be preregistered.

Send completed registration form and check payable to East Ohio Conference UMW to:
Janet Sutton, 4195 Cherokee Trail Brunswick, OH 44212 Ph: 330-225-0392

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IMPORTANT UMW DATES 2010

**August 10: Registration Deadline for
Lakeside School of Christian Mission**

**Sept. 10-11: Lakeside School of Christian
Mission Event**

**October 8-9: Annual Celebration at
Church of the Saviour, Cleveland Hts.**

**October 30: District Officer Training
Wadsworth UMC**

**School of Christian Missions
2011 TENTATIVE dates**

July 17 Mount Union One Day

July 17-19 Mount Union Event

Sept. 9-10 Lakeside Event

Mark these dates on your calendars!!