



The Call

Tennessee Conference United Methodist Women

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Called to Mission Singing God's Song

Joyce Clark, President

The Tennessee Conference United Methodist Women's Annual Meeting will be held October 6, 2007 at Madison Street United Methodist Church in Clarksville. You are invited to come and bring your unit or at least a friend. Jane Bucher, a former Women's Division Director will be our guest speaker. Bethlehem Centers of Nashville will be the recipient of our offering. Come prepared to sing, to pray, to see old friends and to hear about the mission involvement of the Tennessee Conference United Methodist Women.

More than 200 United Methodist Women members from around the country were involved with the National Seminar: "For Christ's Sake, Turn the World Upside Down," at Nashville's Scarritt-Bennett Center, August 11-16. The following statement from one of the participants spoke to me:

"It rocked my world," said participant Donna Moore, United Methodist Women Memphis Conference and secretary of program resources of Brownsville District, after a day of visits with immigrants and refugees. Ms. Moore met with Turkish women at a mosque who came to the United States as refugees and spoke with Hispanic women at a local immigrant advocacy program. Ms. Moore said she had passed immigrant workers in her local community, but didn't know much about them. "The Hispanic women had an awesome fear of being separated from their families," Ms. Moore said. "The thing that struck me was their patience, their stories and how they need advocates. The things I take for granted in my life are not afforded to everybody. How could we not know? I didn't know. As a United Methodist and a United Methodist Women member, as a Christian, we need to know. It's our responsibility to know. Maybe it's been out there all along. Maybe this was my time to listen."

Has your unit had a mission study for 2007 in order to complete one of the criteria's to be a "Mission Today" unit? The 2007 Christian Mission Event was a wonderful time of learning and fellowship with 154 people in attendance. The Tennessee Conference United Methodist Women's Executive Team wants to thank all those who attended. If your unit had someone attend the event another criteria for "Mission Today" was completed.

The Spiritual Growth Study, "God's Mission, God's Song" is a wonderful study of our mission hymns and the people who wrote the hymns. "Rescue the Perishing" is a hymn that I grew up singing. During the study this was one of the hymns lifted up. It was written in the year 1869. The following is a quote from Fanny Crosby: "Many of my hymns were written after experiences in New York mission work. This one was thus written. I was addressing a large company of working men one hot summer evening, when the thought kept forcing itself on my mind that some mother's boy must be rescued that night or not at all. So I made a pressing plea that if there was a boy present who had wandered from his mother's home and teaching, he should come to me at the end of the service. A young man of eighteen came forward and said, "Did you mean me? I promised my mother to meet her in heaven, but as I am now living that will be impossible." We prayed for him and he finally arose with a new light in his eyes and

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Conference Web Site Has Room to Grow

Need to print a copy of the Annual Meeting registration form, but don't have a copier? You have a new option. The conference web site is now a reality, and registration forms for all conference events will be available online. If you have internet service, you can print the form with your computer printer. We are in the process of linking information to our site for easy access. Add our web address in your Favorites list, and you'll have a quick reference for useful information.

What is available on the web site besides registration forms?

- Current and past issues of *The Call*
- Link to Women's Division/UMW web site
- Link to UMW Online Community
- Link to downloadable Treasurer's forms
- Link to Mission Resource Center for ordering books and materials
- Link to subscription page for Response Magazine
- Link to Reading Program Catalog
- Link to tools for programs and ideas for implementing the Charter for Racial Justice
- Link to the Tennessee Conference United Methodist Church web site
- Links to Mission Agencies: Miriam's Promise,

UMCOR, Bethlehem Centers of Nashville, and Red Bird Mission

- Links to District UMW web sites (currently Cumberland District is the only district with a web site)
- A map showing Tennessee Conference boundaries
- A link to the webmaster for emailing suggestions and information to pass on to conference officers.

The web site is a work in progress, and items will be updated or added as available.

<http://www.gbgm-umc.org/tnconfumw/>

We have space to include pictures from events, and in the upcoming weeks, a complete list

of tapes and videos that are available for loan from the Conference A/V Library will be added.

The conference webmaster is Theo Wellington, who also created the Cumberland District web site. Theo has given her time at no cost to set up and maintain our web site. We are grateful for her selfless contributions.

If your unit or district is interested in setting up a web site, you can contact The General Board of Global Ministries to receive approval for five megabytes of web space free-of-charge.

The internet is intended to provide a convenience for persons who like to search online. If this does not describe you, that is okay. You are not alone.

A Note from Joyce

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exclaimed in triumph, "Now I can meet my mother in heaven, for I have found God." The words that I have sung through the years took on a different meaning. It could have been my son or your son that Fanny Crosby was trying to save. The stories that I hear over and over again about the work that United Methodist Women are doing remind me of Fanny Crosby and her uplifting words. Those in our society that are dying in poverty, sin and loneliness are living around us. United Methodist Women are working with women, children and youth as we weep with them, lift up the fallen, show kindness in our words and deeds and love those whom God puts in our paths.

Mission and song have long been a tradition of the United Methodist Church. John Wesley gave instructions on how to sing. Therein he directs, "Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength." As I was leaving the Christian Mission Event one participant told me that instead of learning about mission, they felt "a call to mission". As a United Methodist Woman, do you have "a call to mission"? Are you passionate about God's mission? Are you singing God's song?

Watch Out

Devona Dunn, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

It is almost retreat time and I get excited all over again when I talk to our speaker or our special music guests. The rooms are assigned and it has been so nice to be able to email confirmations to so many women. We will initiate the new building the UMW way for the retreat. We have a few surprises I think you will like and remember to "Rise, Shine, Glorify God."

The devotion theme for this time is "Watch Out." We can put several slants on this. For example, watch out what happens if..... or watch out what happens when.....?

The following devotion is about what happens when.....

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to a boil. In the first, she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil, without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners.

She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me, what do you see?" "Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied. She brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. She then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, she asked her to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma. The daughter then asked. "What does it mean, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity--boiling water--but each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior. But, after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean? "Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity, do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength? Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and hardened heart? Or am I like the coffee bean?"

The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you.

When the hour is the darkest and trials are their greatest do you elevate to another level? How do you handle adversity?

Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?

Count your blessings...not your problems.

From Your Treasurer: How Do We Stand?

Enclosed is the proposed budget for 2008. Please review it carefully. You will notice that the total budget has been reduced. Mission Giving was down, so we did NOT make our 2006 budget. Consequently, our pledge to Women's Division was \$20,000 short. The pledges for 2007 seem to be a little slow being paid, but we trust they will be received as budgeted.

As in 2007, the following special offerings will be collected in 2008:

- ◆ Christian Mission Education Event - Mission Giving
- ◆ Spiritual Life Retreat - Miriam's Promise
- ◆ Conference Annual Meeting - Bethlehem Centers of Nashville

Additionally, we encourage you to give to the Sadie Tillman Scholarship Fund at Martin Methodist College and to the Sisterhood of Support for the United Methodist Women hit by Hurricane Katrina.

United Methodist Women support many worthy causes with our time and money. When we work together, we accomplish miracles. Let us continue to participate together in Christ's work.

PURPOSE-ly, Judy Vecchione

“Called By Name”

Isaiah 43: 1-7

I bring Greetings to each of you on behalf of the SEJ Core Planning Group!

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Southeastern Jurisdiction Core Planning Group Quadrennial Meeting of United Methodist Women on April 4-6, 2008 in Hampton, VA. There will be Worship, Bible Study, Focus Groups, Election of the Core Planning Group and Women's Division Directors, Great Music, Banquet, and one of the best parts will be greeting old friends and making new friends.

The 2008 Quadrennial meeting will be the last one “**AS WE KNOW IT**”. I know you will want to be a part of this history! The deadline for registration is **February 15, 2008**. The time will pass quickly.

Each conference will be provided a scholarship for \$500.00 to select someone who has never attended this meeting. Contact **Joyce Clark**, Conference President, or myself if you have questions or need a registration packet.

Be part of the history, represent the Tennessee Conference, and support those that have been nominated for the Core Planning Group and Women's Division. Those ladies nominated from the Tennessee Conference for Women's Division are: Carolyn Binford, Opal Ransom, and Nellie Settle.

Pack your bags. If you can't beat me there, meet me there! 😊

In Christ,

*Kathy Booker, Vice-President
SEJ Core Planning Group*

Note: Kathy Booker is the Nominee for President of the SEJ Core Planning Group.

RESOURCES: What's Available (and What's Not)

2008 Reading Program Books

We have received word from the Mission Resource Center that one copy of each 2008 Reading Program Book will be available for purchase at Beersheba. Check out the Resource Table early for the best selection.

2008 UMW Program Book

We do not expect to have the 2008 UMW Program Books at the Retreat, but we are hopeful they will be available for the Annual Meeting October 6. The 2008 Program Book is entitled, *Publish Glad Tidings*. This will be the Tennessee Conference UMW **theme for 2008**.

2007 Children's Sabbath Book

My Boat Is So Small: Creating a Harbor of Hope and Health Care for All Children - National Observance of Children's Sabbaths[®] Manual, Vol. 16 from the Children's Defense Fund is available at the **Conference Council Office**. This manual guides you in developing worship services, education programs, direct service activities, and social justice initiatives for your congregation, organization or community. It focuses on how we can create a safe harbor of hope and health care for all our nation's children, including the 9 million children in America without health insurance and the poor and minority children facing risks and disadvantages that often pull them into a "Cradle to Prison Pipeline." It also offers bulletin inserts, ideas for hands-on service and advocacy efforts, guidance for strengthening your efforts for children throughout the year, and much more.

A/V Library Resource Additions

The following audio visuals can be added to the conference A/V Library Resource List:

Youth Mission Chorale Asia Tour 2001 (21 min.) VHS format—Twenty-three United Methodist college students set off from Newark, NJ, to perform music and drama in six countries. The group shared their faith experience as Christians in the Indonesian capital Jakarta, and then in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing and the Mongolian capital of Ulaanbaatar. The 23 young men and women also met United Methodist youth in emerging congregations in Cambodia and elsewhere to take part in launching a new mission initiative in Mongolia.

The West Bank Wall: Life on Both Sides (14 min.) DVD—A 600-kilometer wall of concrete and barbed wire—Israel's official answer to Palestinian attacks. Visiting the West Bank town of Abu Dis, located on the route of the barrier, this program explains how Israel's solution is a Palestinian problem. Abu Dis business owners, leaders, and everyday citizens communicate a painful reality: the finished wall will bar thousands from their lands and livelihoods, and from nearby Jerusalem. The program balances its perspective by interviewing fearful Israelis as well, and provides a historical outline of modern Israel's origins, the intifadas, and the Oslo accords. A viewable/printable instructor's guide is available online.

Children of the Nakba (26 min) DVD—For Palestinians, the events between 1947 and 1949 are remembered as a time when Israeli military forces destroyed over 500 Palestinian villages and expelled between 700,000 and 900,000 Palestinians from their lands -- about 85 percent of the Palestinian population at that time. These refugees have lived exiled from their land since then. Today Palestinians represent one-third of the global refugee and internally displaced population. Learn about the Palestinians, who call these events the Nakba, an Arabic word meaning catastrophe. (On order—Will be available in 2 weeks)

Contact Mary Ellen Knott, Conference Secretary of Program Resources, (931) 359-5158, to schedule your loan request.

Annual Meeting Is Opportunity to Rise, Shine and Glorify God

Margaret Boyd, Vice President

Come to the annual meeting on October 6, 2007 at **Madison Street United Methodist Church, 319 Madison Street, Clarksville, TN** (931) 647-0221 to help us celebrate and look at the many ways each unit and district has fulfilled our theme during 2007.

This year we are continuing the Women's Division proclamation, "Rise, Shine, and Glorify God", as the theme for our Annual Meeting. Throughout the year we have been joining our hearts and clasping our hands together to **rise** to our common purpose to do the work of our Lord Jesus Christ in this world by enabling bonds of injustice to be loosened, the oppressed to be freed, the hungry to be fed, the homeless to be welcomed, and the good news to be proclaimed to the poor. As United Methodist Women, we have let our light **shine** so that we reflect Christ's love throughout the world. Come and see how Tennessee Conference United Methodist Women have joyfully lived out our Purpose this year, **glorifying God**, remembering God's wonderful works, and making God's deeds known.

We are excited to have Jane Bucher, former director of the General Board of Global Ministries and the Women's Division from Kentucky as the featured speaker at our annual meeting. Awards will be presented for "new units organized" in the conference and for units achieving Mission Today "platinum" status. We will hear reports from conference coordinators on Five-star units, the Reading Program, and Mission Today. We will share in a service of communion, and there will be a memorial service honoring members who have gone to their heavenly home since last August. Prayer shawls made by units in our conference can be displayed, so bring your prayer shawls if you are participating in the prayer shawl ministry. Other units may be interested in starting a prayer shawl ministry.

We are hoping for a big turn out this year of at least 300. Who can attend? All members of UMW, including pastors, district superintendents, and guests. Two members from each unit will be entitled to represent the unit as voting delegates. Determine before you register who will represent your unit, and indicate on the registration form if you are a voting delegate. Delegates will vote on the 2008 budget, amendments to the Conference Accepted Policies, and 2008 Conference officers and members of the Committee on Nominations. It is a wonderful time to celebrate new units, make and renew friendships, and give **GOD** the praise for enabling us to carry on the legacy of our sisters who labored many years before us.

The registration fee of \$15 covers lunch and a day filled with the Glory of God. Child care will be provided, so bring the children along. Send in your registration forms by September 18 so we can get an accurate count for printed programs and lunch meals, and to prevent long registration lines. Indicate if you need wheelchair assistance. Parking is available on Hiter and Commerce Streets and across the street in the bank lot and the Baptist Church parking lot. Look for signs and persons offering assistance. We will be entering on the lower level of Madison Street United Methodist Church, and the registration area will be in the gym. Coffee and light refreshments will be available after you register.

Scrapbooks or displays/posters for Mission Today platinum awards must be checked in with Joy Lewter in the display area located in one of the Sunday School rooms behind fellowship hall before the meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. District banners will be displayed in the sanctuary following the banner processional at the opening. The Resource Room will be set up in a Sunday School room behind the fellowship hall adjacent to the Mission Today room and the prayer shawl display room.

A special offering will be taken for Bethlehem Centers of Nashville. Another way we can support the Bethlehem Centers of Nashville is by bringing items from the Wish List included at the bottom of the registration form.

We hope all of you will Rise, Shine, and Glorify God by continuing with your support, prayers, and participation. Send your registration form in today.

REGISTRATION FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Madison Street United Methodist Church
319 Madison Street, Clarksville, TN
(931) 647-0221

Saturday, October 6, 2006 - 9:00 a.m.

Registration 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

(Must mail prior to September 18 2006.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

District _____

Church _____

Are you a VOTING DELEGATE? () Yes () No

Do you need a wheelchair? () Yes () No

CHILD CARE NEEDED?

() YES () NO

Names/Ages of Children attending

I am enclosing:

() \$15.00 Adult Registration Fee

() \$ 5.00 Child Registration Fee

Please make check payable to:

Tennessee Conference UMW

Mail registration form with money to:

Judy Vecchione

503 Brick Church Pike

Goodlettsville, TN 37072

(Copy and Distribute in Local Units)

Bethlehem Center Wish List

Children (ages 6 wk—12 yr)

Age appropriate books
Computers with software for Children
Children's play furniture
Colorful learning rugs
Child-size table and chairs
Table games
Flash Cards for Math and ABC's
Music tapes
Play instruments
Supplies for Pre-school Children

Senior's Program

Card stock (get well wish, sympathy, birthday, thank you)
Games (checkers, playing cards, bingo)
Yearly Calendars (Pocket book size)
Writing paper/tablets
Decorated paper
Picture frames
Canned goods (vegetables, fruits, juices)
Dry soup, crackers
Plastic ware (cups, forks, spoons, knives)
Paper plates

Youth (ages 9 - 17)

Notebook paper
Pencils, Markers, Crayons
Construction Paper, Tissue Paper
Glue, glitter, scissors, rulers
Paint (for art)
Dictionaries

Snacks
Games: Monopoly, Connect Four, Twister, simple puzzles,
Checkers, Chess, dominoes, jacks, UNO cards
Storage bins
Cotton balls, cotton swabs, Band-aids, Latex gloves
Hydrogen peroxide, Neosporin

Proposed 2008 Budget

INCOME	2008
DISTRICT PLEDGE TO CONFERENCE	
Clarksville District	35,000
Columbia District	19,500
Cookeville District	20,000
Cumberland District	30,000
Murfreesboro District	29,000
Nashville District	60,000
Pulaski District	15,500
Total Pledges	209,000
LEAP OF FAITH	13,907
(Combination of Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, World Thank Offering & Special Mission Recognition)	
TOTAL INCOME	\$222,907
 EXPENSES	
Audit	3,900
The Call	5,000
Christian Mission Event	21,000
Church Women United	100
Conference Annual Meeting	3,000
Conference Directory	500
District A&MD	25,457
Executive Meetings & Travel	4,500
General Expenses & Miscellaneous	2,000
Legislative Event/Intergeneration Event	1,000
Conference Hands-on Mission	-
Jurisdictional Meeting/Assembly	2,100
South Atlantic Regional School	7,000
Southeastern Jurisdiction A&MD	1,600
Training for District Officers	4,500
Service Center Mailing	700
Handbooks	-
New & Reactivated Units	300
National Seminar	200
Conference Pledge to Women's Division	140,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$222,907

Responding to the Survey

United Methodist Women Is Important to Me Because ...

It has enriched my life with Biblical studies/prayer; caring and sharing for others, working as a team, making new friends for life, exchanging ideas on planning programs. I look forward to my UMW meetings. We are a loving and caring group. This is a faith building block for my granddaughter. She will remember the UMW meetings.
- Rachel Pace

UMW does help me to realize that life is not all about me and my family, but others a whole lot less fortunate than myself.

...The next thing I knew I was elected President (only in America). I had no idea how large an organization the UMW is. I knew nothing about the district and conference UMW. I have learned a lot in the past 20 or so years. I have served .. and made friends on the district level. It is that little band of Christian women from my church that has meant so much to me. They have supported me, tolerated me, nurtured and loved me through some tough times. I feel that I am a much stronger person and better Christian because of the United Methodist Women. I thank God for them.
- Jane Hamby

It gives me the chance or opportunity to put into practice what I learned as a child growing up in a church which believed and emphasized missions—local and foreign missions, tithing.
- Ruth Martin, Lambuth

I am so thankful to be a part of a group of God-loving women. I feel inspired every time we get together.

They help so many missions projects, and each time my family has moved the first thing I wanted to do (and did) was join the UMW. That was such a wonderful way to meet ladies in the church and get involved in missions.
- Marilyn Butchie Stainton

It helps keep me more centered on living according to God's will. It provides many opportunities to learn how I can help others. It allows me to be a part of a small group within the church. I feel closer to the women in our UMW than to many of the other women in our church.

Women can make a difference in bringing people to the Lord. Also, living away from my family, my sisters in Christ are my family.

Focus on ministry/mission in the world.
- Pastor

The sharing of goals and outreach which this group has had through the years. The relationship of present and members who are no longer with us has been an enriching experience for me.

THANK YOU to those of you who took the time to complete and return the survey. A special recognition to the Cornerstone Circle of Smyrna First UMW and the Chapel Hill (Columbia District) unit who returned several surveys. You must have filled them out during your meeting. Great idea. The conference team did that also.

As editor, when I started thinking about including a survey in the newsletter, I was hoping it would start us thinking about why we belong to UMW. Why **IS** it important? Sometimes it seems as though we just keep on keeping on. Why do we want our organization to grow? **WHY?** Here are some reasons that finished strongly in the survey:

- 91 % - Letting God use me; opportunities to serve
- 91 % - Fellowship opportunities with other Christian women
- 82 % - Develop friendships
- 70 % - Learn avenues to reach out to others
- 70 % - Participate in mission activities
- 66 % - To grow in discipleship and learn about my spiritual self
- 66 % - Education through challenging mission studies and/or Reading Program
- 64 % - Can accomplish more with others than I can do on my own
- 59 % - Nurturing support system
- 55 % - To become more informed on social issues

Keep thinking about it. Use the survey as a starting point to tell others what UMW means to you. That's one way to start Making the Most for Mission through Membership.

List of Potential Mission Study Leaders for Districts and Local Units			
Name	District	Phone	E-mail
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Carol Butler		615-874-8253	dacabutler@hotmail.com
Debator Troupe	Cumberland	615-230-2935	dtroupe@comcast.net
Velma Bradley	Columbia	615-790-1120	vbdpoppie1938@aol.com
Ann Overton	Pulaski	931-722-5525	
Margaret Boyd	Clarksville	931-338-5537	mboyd@clarksville.net
Gloria Scott	Cumberland	615-453-8988	glo.ten@comcast.net
Linda Fisher	Murfreesboro	931-668-0775	linfisher@earthlink.net
Rosella DeReimer	Nashville	615-662-6504	
Barbara Lampley	Cumberland	615-288-4439	
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Terri Kannon	Nashville	615-781-0946	jimandterri1@comcast.net
Betty M. Alexander		615-822-4932	
Verna Dexter	Clarksville	931-647-7810	
Jo Booth	Columbia	615-599-4685	josebo@bellsouth.net
Libby Pettigrew	Murfreesboro	615-890-9941	praymond@bellsouth.net
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Mary Ellen Knott	Columbia	931-359-5158	
Holly Neal	Cookeville	931-359-6337	
Betty Ann Ogilvie	Columbia	931-359-4474	
Sharon Burchfield (needs transport - does not drive)	Columbia	931-797-3129	snwburchfield@msn.com
Nellie Settle	Clarksville	931-232-6667	
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Note: If you will lead a study on **Globalization**, contact Joy Lewter, Conference Coordinator for Education and Interpretation.

Scarritt-Bennett Center: Reflections from a First-Timer

By Beth K. Chunn
Chapel Hill UMW, Columbia District

Nestled between 18th and 19th Avenue and within sight of the skyline of Vanderbilt Hospital lies an oasis devoid of the hustle and bustle of metropolitan Nashville. Gothic style buildings constructed of colored Crab Orchard stone mined in East Tennessee dot the ten acre campus that today is known as Scarritt-Bennett Center.

Initially established in Kansas City, Missouri for the purpose of training young women missionaries, the school moved to Nashville in 1924 where it became the Scarritt College for Christian Workers. Between 1924-1927 the Women's Missionary Societies and the Methodist Episcopal Church South raised funds to construct Scarritt Hall, Bennett Hall, the Tower and the Wightman Chapel. During that same time Nashville architect Henry Hibbs designed and built Susie Gray Dining Hall using funds collected locally. In 1988 Scarritt-Bennett College closed and was purchased by the Women's Division of the United Methodist Church. Since that time Scarritt-Bennett Center, under the direction of the SBC Board, has remained rooted in mission and committed to the eradication of racism, the empowerment of women, the education of laity, and spiritual formation.

On July 20th Brenda Brown from Caney Springs UMW and I arrived on campus for a two and a half-day mission study event. "Music and Mission," "Israel and Palestine," and "Globalization" were the three topics from which each participant was to choose. During designated times we were also able to "sample" the other topics.

Knowing almost nothing about the subject, I chose the "Israel and Palestine" study. During four intensive class sessions we studied the fundamental causes of that conflict in the Middle East, attempts by the United States and the United Nations to bring a settlement to the conflict, and how the hostilities effect women and children in the area. We also explored ways that United Methodist women around the world can help.

Topics for next year's event include "I Believe in Jesus," "Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival," and "Israel and Palestine." I urge each UMW member to consider attending next year's event. Not only will you become more informed about the social missions of the church, but you will also be able to spend time on the beautiful Scarritt-Bennett campus.

[Beth Chunn wrote this article for her church newsletter, *The Methodist Pen*.]

Across the Districts

Looking Ahead at District Events

Clarksville District

Oct 27 District Annual Meeting, Salem, 9:00-12:00
Nov 3 Executive Team Meeting, Antioch, 9:00-12:00

Columbia District

Sept 22 District Annual Mtg/Training, Lewisburg 1st

Cookeville District

Oct 27 District Annual Meeting, Crossville First
Dec 8 Executive team Meeting

Cumberland District

Sept 22 District Annual meeting, Key-Stewart, Gallatin
Nov 3 Executive Team Meeting, Hendersonville 1st

Murfreesboro District

Oct 20 District Annual Meeting, TBA

Nashville District

Sept 29 District Annual Fall Meeting, Crieviewood
Nov 10 Executive Team Meeting, Scarritt-Bennett Center

Pulaski District

Oct 20 District Fall Meeting, TBA

The Conference Calendar

- September 7-9* **TN Conference UMW Spiritual Life Retreat**
Beersheba Springs Assembly Grounds
- October 6* **TN Conference UMW Annual Meeting**
Madison Street UMC, 319 Madison St.
Clarksville
- November 16-18 **Conference Elected Officer Leadership Training**
St. Louis, MO

** Registration Required—Conference-wide event*



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 * **Registration** *
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 * **Registration Deadline** *
 * **September 18** *
