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Issue 2



# The Call

Tennessee Conference United Methodist Women

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Joyce Clark, President

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One of my favorite hymns in our United Methodist Hymnal is, "There is a Balm in Gilead." The refrain states: "There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole." As I sing this song I am reminded of the mission of United Methodist Women, children and youth around the world are wounded in body and spirit. United Methodist Women continue after 139 years ministry to God's people.

There were 31 people from the Tennessee Conference in attendance at the Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting as Kathy Booker was elected President of the Southeastern Leadership Team for the years 2008-2012. As president, Kathy will serve as a Director of Women's Division. Our prayers and support will be with Kathy during this exciting time in her life.

Snow in Nashville on March 8th caused cancellation of the Intergenerational Event at the Bethlehem Centers of Nashville. Since we did not get to work at the Center on that day, the registration fee has been sent as our offering to Bethlehem Centers of Nashville.

Mark your calendars!!! On July 16-19, 2008, the Tennessee Conference Christian Mission Event will be held at Scarritt-Bennett Center. If you cannot attend the day class, remember that the night class is available and begins on Wednesday, 16th. Please invite someone to come with you and, if possible, have your unit give a scholarship to someone in need, a young lady, a child or youth. The studies are:

- \* I Believe in Jesus
- \* Israel and Palestine
- \* Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival
- \* Creator Sang a Welcoming Song: Native American Survival - Children
- \* I'm Living the Faith - Youth

Invite the children and youth of your church to attend the Christian Mission Event to learn more about missions. How exciting it is to watch our United Methodist Women learn and interact with the children and youth who attend.

On the road to becoming a Mission Today Unit, has your unit written to five persons listed in the Prayer Calendar. I hope that you will share the Prayer Calendar with members in your congregation. This is a great way to educate our children and youth.

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## Mission Education Event

Berta Perkins, Editor

We have an exciting event coming up in July. We are so fortunate to have education classes available to us. This year we have a choice of, I Believe in Jesus, Giving Your Heart Away: Native America Survival, and Israel and Palestine. Our leaders are outstanding. We appreciate them for being willing to share their time and knowledge with us. Let's remember to give them our heartfelt "Thank You." The event will be held July 16 -19th at Scarritt Bennett in Nashville.

Our leaders will be Bishop William W. Morris, Rev. James R. Clark, Rev. Daniel M. Hayes, Sr., Mrs. Dorothy C. Cobbett, Elder Kenneth R. Edmondson, Dr. Shirley Corry and Rev. Jesse Boyce for the adults. Esther Sims and Lynda Kilby will lead the children in their study, Creator Sang a Welcome Song: Native America for Children. The youth will enjoy Oniesha Head for their study, I'm Living the Faith. Jerlean Bass will serve as Dean of the event. Gwen Sales will be the Assistant Dean. I ask that you remember all of these faithful servants in your prayers.

If you are traveling some distance, you will want to check in on Wednesday night. There will be a room, dinner and breakfast for you. Registration for the night group will be at 5:30 PM. For the rest of us it will begin at 8:30 Thursday morning. The Book Room will be open. The first plenary will begin at 10:00 AM on Thursday. We will finish around 12:00 noon on Saturday. There will be no lunch on Saturday.

### Tennessee Conference UMW Mission Education Event July 16-19, 2008 Scarritt Bennett Center 1008 19th Ave. So., Nashville, TN

*Thought for the day*

.They say that time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself  
by Andy Warhol

## WHAT'S HAPPENING by: Joyce Clark

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United Methodist Women members across Texas gathered at General Conference April 24th in Ft. Worth. About 100 United Methodist Women members attended the gathering and General Conference as observers, many wearing T-shirts as visible presence. In addition, women participated in a mid-day rally on immigrant rights, civil rights and human rights. United Methodist Women's participation was part of an ongoing initiative on Immigrant Rights grounded in United Methodist Women's historic work on racial justice. This work includes the Charter for Racial Justice Policies, which was developed by United Methodist Women in 1952 and adopted by General Conference as church policy in 1980.

Marcia McFee, co-director of music at General Conference made the following statement: "Worship helps form us. The question is what are we being formed into? It's not enough to sing the word. It's not enough to talk the word. Something happens when we act." United Methodist Women are acting on the word of God through our involvement with our local units. In fulfilling our purpose, we are called to be a supportive community within our units and churches. In fulfilling our Purpose, we are called to participate in the Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. Let us continue in our efforts to respond to our love of God by helping to bring healing to God's wounded.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN WILL CONTINUE TO BRING JUSTICE

In the 5th Chapter of Amos, we find the words, “But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!” Reading this 24th verse made me think of United Methodist Women, because for 139 years, women of our church have tried to bring justice to our world. Our work has made a difference in the lives of women, children and youth. I must say also that through this work, we have grown as women and as Christians because of the supportive fellowship that our group experiences.

An example of UMW working for justice, can be found in the UMW-sponsored resolutions at the 2008 General Conference. There were quite a number of them, but let me share just a few. One resolution concerned the rights of the girl child and protecting all children from the mercury-containing drugs. Children, and especially girls, are the most vulnerable in society. The resolution called on local churches, conferences, general agencies, and church-related organizations to prioritize the empowerment of girls through education, financial and literacy programs and development of strategies to build girls’ stakes in their societies. The other part of this resolution calls for the United Methodist Church to support all efforts to protect children and the public from mercury-containing drugs. Mercury is still used in some childhood vaccines and the flu shot. This can cause birth defects, biological dysfunctions, and behavioral problems as the child grows. The General Conference delegates approved this resolution with an 839 to 34 vote.

Other resolutions concerned “Crimes Against Humanity, Genocide, and War Crimes”, “Resisting Hate, Fear and Scapegoating, and Transforming the Context of Hate in the United States”, and “Abolition of Torture.” Among other actions, these resolutions called for the church to study about, reflect on, pray about, and live out the Biblical mandate to **love our neighbor**. These resolutions were approved with a large vote.

There has been much concern about the future of United Methodist Women. There has been a resolution presented by another group of United Methodist that placed the UMW unit in each church under governance of the local church council. This would have changed the focus of United Methodist Women. If this passed, our focus would change from our funds and resources helping a large number of missions globally and within the United States, to helping in whatever way the local church ask us to help. Many missions would change or even be closed because the funds would not be available. United Methodist Women world wide have prayed that God would allow us to continue our work for women, children and youth. And God has blessed our work. The resolution, changing the focus of United Methodist Women, was rejected in committee by a vote of 71 to 4 and never came up before the Delegates of General Conference. God is allowing us to continue His work. I am so proud to be a United Methodist Woman. We must not take this lightly. It is up to us to take action and continue our mission work. We must, “Let justice roll on like a river, (with) righteousness like a never-failing stream!” There is much work to be done. **GO TO WORK.**

## Membership, Nurture and Outreach

by A. Rachel Pace

What a wonderful time we're having! We are beginning a new year with our "Shining Stars" in our local units. One of my favorite songs as a child was, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." Oh, how bright we have been shining in our service to women, youth and children. Our mission giving has increased and we are striving to serve locally, nationally and internationally. As our United Methodist Women continue to increase their units with bright stars in 2008, we ask God's blessings on our efforts. God's guidance, with his brilliant light and stars, continues to shine on our path.

We now have two new units organized and chartered. Several other units are in the planning stage. Please stay in contact with new members and new units as they grow in faith and service in the United Methodist Women. As we continue to reach for "New Stars" in our Tennessee Conference U. M. W., God blesses our hearts and we share the love of giving to others. Many will be blessed by our sharing

Please pray for our Military Men and Women. God bless each of you.

## Greetings from the Murfreesboro District

by Margaret Hicks

The Murfreesboro District is off to a good start this year with good attendance at the Conference Officer Training and the following week, January 26th, we had excellent attendance at our District Officer Training at Murfreesboro First United Methodist Church.

We held the first of our two studies on February 20th, God's Mission - God's Song, at Lynchburg United Methodist Church with 68 members attending. It was an excellent study led by Holly Neal and Tammy Halliburton. Our second study, which is on Israel - Palestine, will be held on May 17th at Lock's UMC with Lock's/Kedron Units hosting this event. We are looking forward to Carol Butler leading this study.

Our Day Apart was an inspiration to all who attended. Rev. Gayle Watson was our guest speaker. We had 98 members, representing 20 units in attendance. We received 414 health kits, 59 school kits, 4 bedding kits and 6 flood buckets for UMCOR that day.

We were excited that three of our officers, Nita Wright, Eileen Horton and Karen Wilder attended the Southeastern Jurisdictional Event in Hampton, Virginia.

It is encouraging that our Membership Counting Form reflects a net increase of 25 members for 2007. We encourage all units to be a Shining Star by increasing their membership in 2008.

We are looking forward to the Christian Mission Event and Spiritual Growth Retreat at Beersheba Springs. See you there.

**Conference Web Site**

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

## LET US KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING!!

by Joy Lewter

Reports! Reports! Time for Reports! August 15 is the magic date for local units to report to district officers. I know that completing reports is not anyone's favorite activity. I also know that our work as United Methodist Women is not done to "get credit" or "get recognition". We are part of this organization because we want to be in mission with others. But any data we collect is used to make our programs better and to show to the Church that our work is important and making a difference.

Reports make us accountable. They help us record the work each unit is doing. We conference officers cannot be in every unit and we need for you to help us know what is going on in each unit. The "Mission Today" form records most of the activities of each unit. Some units only can check one thing, some can record 5,6 or 7 and some units do everything. The "Mission Study" form records a unit has had a 4-hour mission study or studies. "The Reading Program" form records the number of members who have read and studied approved books. All of these forms report work done from January 1st to December 31st. The reports will tell us what the units have done or plan to do from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008. Some work will be accomplished by reporting time of August 15th, but some work will be not be completed but have been planned and will be accomplished by the end of the year. Everything should be reported.

Local units, PLEASE, PLEASE send your reports to the district officer so a record will be made of your work. Don't ever say we are small and don't do much. When I hear someone say that, and I ask, "Do you send in pledges for mission giving?" They always say, well of course. When I say did you have at least one program in the program book, they say, "Yes." Did you pray for missionaries? Yes. Every unit has something to report. Please send in those reports. Everything you do, all your work, is important. Let us know.

These forms can be found online. The address is [www.gbqm-umc.org/tnconfumw](http://www.gbqm-umc.org/tnconfumw). Mail "Mission Today" and "Mission Study" to your district E and I coordinator and your "Reading Report" to the district Secretary of Program Resources. You will find their names and addresses listed below.

	<b>E &amp; I</b>	<b>Program Resources</b>
Clarksville	Emily Edwards 124 Scenic Shore Dr. Dover, TN 37058	Betty Mills 451 Fentress Lane Clarksville, TN 37040
Columbia	Bernice Fitzgerald 2806 Dudley Dr. Thompson Station, TN 37129	Vivian Kimball 2754 Bristow Rd. Columbia, TN 38401
Cookeville	Betty Ann Thompson 4618 Village Rd. Cookeville, TN 38506	Tammy Halliburton 955 Old Jamestown Hwy. Crossville, TN 38555
Cumberland	Gloria Scott 9914 Stewarts Ferry Pike Lebanon, TN 37090	Ramon Wright 2715 Big Spring Rd. Lebanon, TN 37087

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## A Note From Your Secretary or Program Resources

by Mary Ellen Knott

Well, we finally have a new Service Center Catalog, now it is called Mission Resource Catalog, and it is in newspaper form. It has many of the same things we are used to ordering, although I did hear at a recent meeting that some things are being reprinted and may not be available. There is also a Reading Program Resource Supplement, also in newspaper form. These are free for shipping, which I am sad to say, has gone up. So you say, "What else is new?" The catalog number is (M5011-2008-01). I will have some at Scarritt, hope everyone is planning to attend the school of mission event.

Speaking of Scarritt, I also plan to have the book, Jesus' Parables of the Lost and Found by James W. Moore. This will be our basis for study at the retreat in September. They are \$10.00. You may want to get copies for your group.

There are some new items for you to add to your Video list:

"Youth Mission Chorale" - Asia Tour - 2001, 21 minutes

New DVD's:

"An Inconvenient Truth - A Global Warning" - 96 minutes

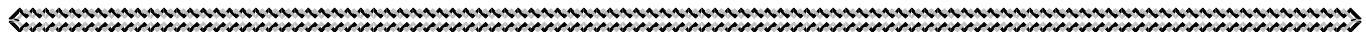
"The West Bank, Life on Both Sides" - 14 minutes

"Iraq for Sale - The War Profiteers" - 20 minutes

"Children of the Nakba - About Palestine" - 26 minutes It has a study guide.

These and many others are available to you just for the asking. Please call me, (931) 359-5158. I am NOT internet connected at this time. This list can also be found at [www.qbqm-umc.org/tnconfumw/](http://www.qbqm-umc.org/tnconfumw/) which is our website. See you in July.

**2008 mission Resource Catalog**  
**visit [www.missionresourcecenter.org](http://www.missionresourcecenter.org)**  
**Call 1-800-305-9857**



## Let us Know What is Happening

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	<b>E &amp; I</b>	<b>Program Resources</b>
Murfreesboro	Virginia Yeargins 4901 Hickory Woods East Antioch, TN 37013	Lila Beasley 140 Virgil Beasley Rd. Chapel Hill, TN 37034
Nashville	Nancy Ezell 5300 Brentview Hills Ct. Nashville, TN 37211	Jean Packard Gray 600 Ferringdon Ct. Nashville, TN 37221
Pulaski	Ferris Christian 1940 Christian Rd. Pulaski, TN 38478	Charlotte Langley 46 Willowbrook Waynesboro, TN 38485

## LIVING THE SACRED

Jerlean Bass, Dean, School of Mission Event

“Living the Sacred” is the Theme of the 2008 School of Christian Mission Event. In order for us to fulfill that mission, we as individuals are called to make Christ like choices everyday. Our lives are often stressful and problematic but as followers of Christ we can rest assured knowing we are not alone. We will present three studies:

- \* I Believe in Jesus
- \* Israel and Palestine
- \* Giving Our Hearts Away, Native American Survival.

The study, “I Believe in Jesus,” deals with four key components, namely (a) the gift of faith in Jesus Christ, (b) the meaning of faith in Jesus, (c) whose faith counts and (d) faith in Jesus in a post-modern world. The community of faith calls on one to choose, to let others know your faith, to nurture ones faith and to live faithful lives. Also, a belief in Jesus is to have a personal intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. At this time, we have Rev. Jim Clark, Rev. Daniel M. Hayes, Sr., Rev. Jesse Boyce and Mrs. Dorothy C. Cobbett as Study Leaders.

“Israel and Palestine” is a study which will help the participants learn about the history and complexities of relationships between Israel and Palestine. The study will challenge us to move through tolerance and respect to achieve a just peace. The Study Leader will be Bishop William Morris.

The third study is “Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival.” The purpose of this study is to learn the inter-relatedness between the indigenous people and their land, to identify selected key issues affecting the Native Americans in the United States and to examine the root causes of these issues. The Study Leaders will be Rev. Kenneth Edmondson, Dr. Shirley Corry and others.

“I’m Living the Faith” is the Youth study. It will be lead by Miss Oniesha Head. The Children’s study is “Creator Sang a Welcoming Song: Native America.” Mrs. Esther Sims and Ms. Lynda Kilby will be their leader.

Knowing Jesus is not the task of a select few, but rather the work of the people of God. As members of the Christian Community, we are called to be faithful to Christ Jesus, to witness and to share. I invite you to attend the mission event and participate in exploring how God can use you to farther His kingdom.

I look forward to seeing you at the Christian Mission Event July 16-19th, 2008 on the Scarritt Bennett campus.

## REMEMBER SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

**THEME:** Publish Glad Tidings  
**DATE:** September 12 - 14th, 2008  
**WHERE:** Beersheba Springs, Tennessee  
**STUDY BOOK:** Jesus’ Parables of the Lost and Found  
 by James W. Moore

This book is listed in the Spiritual Growth section of our Reading Program.

## Mission Education Event

July 16-19, 2008  
Scarritt Bennett Center  
Nashville, Tennessee

### Studies Offered

Adult Studies  
"I Believe in Jesus"  
"Native American Survival"  
"Israel-Palestine"

### Youth Study

Ages 12-17  
"I'm Living the Faith"

### Children's Study

Ages 6-11  
"Creator Sang a Welcoming Song"

### Evening Study

I Believe in Jesus

**Samplers - Get an overview of the two studies you are not taking.**

## Evening Schedule

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

5:30 - 6:00 REGISTRATION  
6:00 - 8:15 CLASS SESSION E-1

### THURSDAY, JULY 17

6:00 - 8:15 CLASS SESSION E-2

### FRIDAY, JULY 18

6:00 - 8:15 CLASS SESSION E3

### SATURDAY, JULY 19

8:30 - 10:45 CLASS SESSION E4  
10:45 - 12:00 CLOSING PLENARY

## Traditional Schedule

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

Afternoon Study Leader Arrival and Room Set-up

### THURSDAY, JULY 17

7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast for Wed. arrivals  
8:30-9:30 REGISTRATION,  
Book Room open  
9:30-10:00 Welcome, Orientation, Intro  
Study Leaders, conference team  
Harambee Auditorium  
10:00-11:30 Opening Plenary  
Conference Moments  
11:30-12:00 Late Registration  
Book Room open  
11:45-12:45 Lunch  
1:00-3:15 Session 1  
adults, youth and children  
4:00-5:00 Sampler 1  
5:30-6:30 Dinner  
6:45-9:00 Video Room / Book Room  
6:45-9:00 Plenary Practice

### FRIDAY, JULY 18

7:15-7:30 Morning Praise  
(Harambee Auditorium)  
7:30-8:30 Breakfast  
8:45-11:00 Session 2 (adults, youth, children)  
11:00-11:45 Video room / Book room open  
11:45-12:45 Lunch  
1:00-2:00 Sampler 2  
2:15-4:30 Session 3 (adult, youth, children)  
4:30-5:30 Children's Time  
5:30-6:30 Dinner  
8:15-9:15 Event Team Meeting and  
Study Leader Evaluation

### SATURDAY, JULY 19

7:15-7:30 Morning Praise  
(Harambee Aud.)  
7:30-8:30 Breakfast  
8:30-10:45 Class Session 4 (All Classes)  
10:45-12:00 Closing Plenary

**TENNESSEE CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
CHRISTIAN MISSION EDUCATION EVENT  
LIVING THE SACRED**

Fill out Completely - Please Print

**JULY 16 - 19, 2008**

**Scarritt Bennett Center, Nashville, TN**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ Conference: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Male \_\_\_\_\_ Laity \_\_\_\_\_ Missionary \_\_\_\_\_ **Do you need CEU credit?** \_\_\_\_\_ Attending a college/university? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Female \_\_\_\_\_ Clergy \_\_\_\_\_ Deaconess \_\_\_\_\_ Employed outside the home? \_\_\_\_\_ Newly retired? \_\_\_\_\_  
 First time to attend a Mission Education Event? \_\_\_\_\_ Attend 2007? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a member of United Methodist Women? \_\_\_\_\_

UMW Office(s) you currently hold: Local Unit \_\_\_\_\_ District / Conference \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age Group: 6-11(**specify age**) \_\_\_\_\_ 12-17(**specify age**) \_\_\_\_\_ 18-35) \_\_\_\_\_ 36-50 \_\_\_\_\_ 51-70 \_\_\_\_\_ 70+ \_\_\_\_\_

**FEES:** (check all that apply)  
 EARLY ARRIVALS.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wed. night room (\$45.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Wed. dinner (\$12.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Thur. breakfast (\$8.00) \_\_\_\_\_  
 FULL TIME (Includes room Thur/Friday, all meals Thursday lunch thru Saturday breakfast).....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adults (\$160.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Youth (\$115.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Child (\$75.00) \_\_\_\_\_  
 COMMUTERS.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Registration Fee: Adults (\$85.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Youth (\$60.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Child (\$45.00) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Add Meals: Thursday - lunch (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_ dinner (\$12.00) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Friday - breakfast (\$8.00) \_\_\_\_\_ lunch (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_ dinner (\$12.00) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday breakfast (\$8.00) \_\_\_\_\_  
 EVENING CLASS.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Registration Fee: Adult (\$85.00)

**EARLY REGISTRATION BONUS:** (Deduct **\$15.00** for registrations POSTMARKED by June 20, 2008..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL COST**.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of Suite Mate: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allergy, Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_ Physical Disability Housing Needs: \_\_\_\_\_  
 IMPORTANT: In case of emergency notify: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact# \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDIES:** Choose either Regular Schedule - **or**- Evening Schedule. All classes are limited to 30 per teacher.

**\*REGULAR SCHEDULE:** (Registration is Thursday 8:30 to 9:30 AM; Opening Thursday 9:30 AM; Concluding noon Saturday)  
 Adult participants **indicate 1st and 2nd choice** for regular schedule class/leader.  
I BELIEVE IN JESUS                      NATIVE AMERICAN SURVIVAL                      ISRAEL - PALESTINE  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Any leader this study                      \_\_\_\_\_ Any leader this study                      \_\_\_\_\_ Bishop William W. Morris  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. James Clark                      \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Kenneth Edmondson  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Daniel W. Hayes                      \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Shirley Correy                      Did you take the Israel-Palestine study  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy C. Cobbett                      in 2007? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Youth and Children participants  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **Youth Study: I'm Living the Faith** (Oneisha Head)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **Children's Study: Creator Sang a Welcoming Song** (Esther Sims and Linda Kilby)

**\* EVENING SCHEDULE:** (Check in Wednesday 5:30 to 6:00 PM; Classes Wednesday-Thursday-Friday 6:00 to 8:15 PM and Saturday 8:30 to 10:45 AM; Event concludes Noon Saturday)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I BELIEVE IN JESUS (Rev. Jesse Boyce)

**Registration DEADLINE,** to guarantee a room and pay 50% deposit, is **June 20th.** After this date, rooms will be booked on an "if available" basis and **full fees** will apply. All registrations are to be received by **June 30th.** Cancellations after **June 30th,** will be refunded one-half the fee. Mail your registration early to get the study you want and the discount.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TN CONFERENCE UMW** Total paid\$ \_\_\_\_\_ ck # \_\_\_\_\_ Balance \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount paid by scholarship \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship provided by \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL TO:** Judy Vecchione Registrar, 503 Brick Church Pike, Goodlettsville, TN 37072  
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 Additional Contact: Gwen Sales, Assistant Dean, (615)452-6670  
 For Conference Use: Dorm/Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

## District Events in 2008

### Clarksville District

- Aug. 17 Intergenerational Event at Ft. Donelson UMC in Dover from 2-4pm  
 Oct. 25 District Annual Meeting at Dickson UMC in Dickson from 9am-12pm

### Columbia District

- Sept. 20 District Annual Meeting and Leadership Training at Hohenwald

### Cookeville District

- Oct. 25 District Annual Meeting 9:30am Location to be announced

### Cumberland District

- Oct. 25 District Annual Meeting at Old Hickory UMC & Executive Team Meeting

### Murfreesboro District

- May 17 Mission Study - Israel and Palestine, Lock's Kedron UMC  
 Nov. 1 District Annual Meeting, Winchester UMC

### Nashville District

- June 21 District Mission Study - East End UMC (**notice change**)  
 Sept. 27 District Fall Meeting - Forest Hills UMC

### Pulaski District

- Aug. 16 Mission Education Event - Coleman Memorial UMC 9:00 a m  
 Oct. 18 District Fall Meeting - Waynesboro First UMC - 9:00a m

## News from Cumberland District

by Barbara Lampley, President

The Cumberland District has gotten off to a GREAT start for the year! Training for local unit officers was February 2nd with 103 ladies attending. They represented 21 units from the district. If you weren't there, we did miss you. A "thank you" to the ladies at Cook's for being our hostess unit

The district is sponsoring two mission studies this year at Hermitage UMC. The studies are Israel-Palestine, taught by Carol Butler and Gloria Scott, and Music in Mission taught by Sharon Burchfield. Each lady is responsible for bringing a sack lunch. Drinks will be furnished by the district.

I would encourage each of you to attend the district and conference events. Going to an event will broaden your knowledge of United Methodist Women and help you grow as you minister in missions.

### SAVE THE DATE

Your conference executive mission team is sponsoring a mission event, May 31-June 5, 2009 at Sager Brown UMCOR site in Louisiana. If interested, save the date. The cost will be approximately \$300.00. More details to follow.

## The Conference Calendar

- June 21-24 South Atlantic Regional School  
KY Wesleyan College Owensboro, KY
- July 16-19\* Christian Mission Education Event  
Scarritt Bennett
- Sept. 12-14\* Spiritual Enrichment Retreat  
United Methodist Assembly Grounds  
Beersheba Springs, TN
- October 11\* Annual Meeting - Columbia First
- Nov. 21-23 Conference Elected Officer Leadership  
Training - St. Louis, MO

**\*Registration Required-Conference-wide event**



**The Call** is mailed four times a year to the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer & Circle Leaders in each local unit. Please make sure a list of these current officers has been sent to the editor. **Please copy and distribute.**

*Tennessee Conference United Methodist Women*

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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Register Now!!**

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Mission Education Event  
Scarritt Bennett Center  
July 16-19, 2008**