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# THE REFLECTOR



Wishing you a  
*Joyous Holiday Season*  
and a New Year filled with  
Peace and Happiness

# THE 12 MONTHS OF



Greetings United Methodist Women Members and Friends,

I have always thought of doing a Christmas letter, where you share the activities of your family during the year. However, I have never done one. As I reflect on the grace of God, during this year, some of my favorite scriptures come to mind thus my first attempted Christmas letter -- sharing my journey. My first year as North Georgia Conference President has been a journey of anxiousness, excitement, faith, hope and love.

**January**- the first month - Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

**February**- the second month- .. Love one another. As I have **loved** you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

**March** - Lent - Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

**April** - Easter-For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**May** – month five- Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the LORD, AND he will give you the desires of your heart.

**June** - Annual Conference- “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power **is** made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

**July**- Mission u - Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

**August**- month eight-Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

**September**- month nine- Love the LORD your **God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

**October**-Annual Meeting- Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

**November** – Leadership Development- But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves.

**December** - Christmas- For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**WISHING YOU THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS AND THE BLESSINGS OF A NEW YEAR!**

*Tryphenia*

North Georgia Conference UMW President

# Treasurer's CORNER



L. Susan Stroup, UMW Conference Treasurer

My name is **L. Susan Stroup** and I am the incoming Conference UMW Treasurer. Lisa Short, our outgoing Treasurer, has done a wonderful job keeping our finances on track. Additionally, she has gotten our financial documents updated and consistent! I am so blessed to be inheriting a position that has been maintained so well!

That being said, I am brand new to the position! Even though I have served as a District Treasurer and have now been to Conference Treasurer Training, I still feel lost! You remember the feeling, you go to training for a new job and wonder how you are ever going to become competent in the new job. That is how I feel! And that is how some of our new District Treasurers and Unit Treasurers feel. We ask for your support and a little time to get our feet under us so that we can best serve you.

## A few end of the year reminders for local units:

- It is time to make end of the year contributions to “empty” out your treasury. Remember to keep enough money to not go below your minimum required deposit at the bank. You can also keep enough for projects to be used in the first couple of months of the year. Remember, we exist to give it away to missions that support women, children, and youth.
- Arrange for an audit of your books. The audit may be performed by the treasurer of another local unit or by a committee in the local organization (not President, VP, Secretary or you), formed for the purpose of this financial review. This may not be the finance committee of your church. Review the following for consistency and good practice:
  - Copies of executive committee minutes.
  - Copy of your budget (if you have one)
  - Checkbook stubs or record.
  - Reconciled bank statements.
  - Canceled checks.
  - Duplicate deposit slips.
  - Records of cash received and cash disbursed.
- Make sure your unit’s bank account is registered under the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women’s EIN (tax) number. If it is not, contact your District Treasurer for the documentation that you need to take to the bank.
- Make a financial plan (budget) for 2018 if you have not already. It is recommended that the local unit’s budget consists of three main categories:
  - Pledge to Mission (60%)
  - Administration and Membership Development (10%) (resources the unit needs: postage, office supplies, materials for mission studies, honorariums for speakers, etc.)
  - Mission Locally (30%)

**Got questions?** Ask me or your District Treasurer. We are here to help you navigate. We are willing to meet with you and/or your unit to provide the information and guidance your unit may need.

***L. Susan Stroup***

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## A NEW YEAR IN COMMUNITY

When the New Year rolls in, we welcome it with people who are a significant part of our lives. Perhaps we dine, dance, hopefully pray or worship with them. After the clock strikes midnight most of us call or text one or several of these significant others. In other words...we want to stay connected to people, places and organizations that have strengthen us through the years, especially with relatives and friends who will stand with us through thick and thin. God created us for one another, He stays in community with us as we enjoy and support each other.

### UMW 2018 NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE "COMMUNITY" OF OFFICERS

*Tryphenia Speed*, President  
*Stephanie Dressler*, Vice President  
*Diane West*, Secretary  
*L. Susan Stroup*, Treasurer  
*Jessica Godfrey*, Social Action  
*Carolyn Wilson*, Spiritual Growth  
*Linda Brown*, Communications  
*Janice Walker*, Education & Interpretation  
*Nadine Lacy*, Membership, Nurture & Outreach  
*Mattie Strozier*, Secretary Program Resources  
*Celestine Jones*, Nominations Chair  
*Sue Raymond*, Parliamentarian  
*Eloise Sykes*, Historian  
*Deloris Carhee*, Limitless Coordinator  
*Haejin Ban*, Korean Coordinator  
*Memoree Emerson*, Registrar

#### Members of Committee on Nominations

<i>Cassie Ruger</i>	<i>Esther Porter</i>
<i>Anne Thigpen</i>	<i>Hafmoon Cho</i>
<i>Dorothy Cameron</i>	<i>Vanessa Warner</i>

The Committee on Nominations will be tasked again in 2018 to connect with women who are willing to join God in His work through their participation in the global ministries of the church. We have lots to do to carry out the mission and purpose of UMW as we acknowledge the presence and power of the Creator through it all. It is my prayer that the Holy Spirit will strengthen our hearts and hands for this work. Thanks to all who have volunteered to serve. *Let's get started!!*



*Celestine Jones*  
 Chair, Committee on Nominations





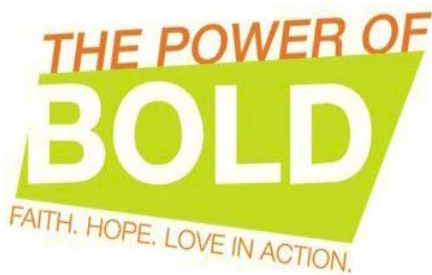
## GREETINGS FROM YOUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH COORDINATOR

*Carolyn Lee Wilson*

*Hello Dear Friends,*

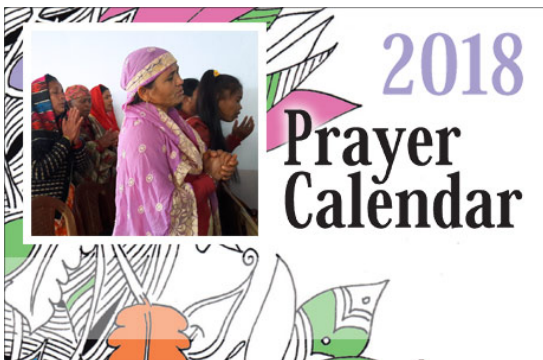
I hope that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with good times and good food with your family and your friends! Now it is time to prepare for the beautiful Christmas season as we get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

*Our theme for United Methodist Women in 2018 is:*



**“So if the old way, which has been replaced, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new, which remains forever! Since his new way gives us such confidence, we can be very bold.” 2 Corinthians 3:11-12.**

As we work together as United Methodist Women, we can be very bold and courageous as we work together in mission for women, children, and youth all around the world putting our ***FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE IN ACTION!***



As we continue to serve God in mission, I want to encourage all of you to use our ***Prayer Calendar for United Methodist Women***. The Prayer Calendar emphasizes the work of our United Methodist Women's staff, missionaries, deaconesses and home missionaries in the United States and around the world. We share God's love to others through mission service in education, leadership, community development, medical aid, disaster relief, food security, pastoral training, women's empowerment, youth and children's work, Bible studies, and spiritual formation. All of this work would not be possible without your fervent prayers and your financial support of our organization. Remember that your faithful prayers and your continued financial support extend God's love throughout the world. So, dear friends, please continue to use your Prayer Calendar, and encourage others to do the same. The Prayer Calendar is a reflection of our mission service as we spread God's love and His grace to everyone! I thank God for each one of you as you serve Him through the work of United Methodist Women.

*May God bless each one of you.*

*Carolyn Lee Wilson*

Spiritual Growth Coordinator

North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women

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# Together WE CAN! Make a DIFFERENCE ■



Janice Walker,  
Social Action Coordinator

## Together, We Have the Power

**Choose an issue.** Look in your community, neighborhood, or even the world. Find an issue that interests you. United Methodist Women is always involved in social issues and can be a source of support for you. Examples are: economic justice, racial justice, child advocacy, women's concerns, human trafficking, climate justice, maternal health care and global concerns (such as child labor, human rights violations, self-determination and criminalization of community of color/mass incarceration, economics inequality, domestic violence, global justice and peace. Develop a list and ask why these conditions exist. Develop a list of ways you can work to alleviate the reason for the problem in the area of public policy at the institution level and at the individual level.

Narrow your focus, social problems can be very complex.

Contact the Social Action Network: [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/act/network](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/act/network)

The more you know about the problem, the better equipped you are to deal with it. Read *Response*, *New World Outlook* and *Interpreter Magazines*. Join a book club or a reading group regarding social concerns.

Participate in the Reading Program: [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/programs/readingprogram](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/programs/readingprogram)

**Design a plan of action.** Plan ahead. Have a clear way to achieve your goals. Identify the source within United Methodist Women Organization, a point of contact for social action, spiritual growth, education, interpretation, and membership nurture and outreach. Check with your district and conference resources and also identify other sources in your community, church and local United Methodist Women's unit. Always look and see what other local units are working on.

**We should be on purpose.** Reach out to your legislator and other elected officials. The best way to reach out to our legislators is to know when they're in session and show up on that day in groups. Write hand written notes, personal letters or hand written postcards.

Visit the website of our Legislators:

[www.house.ga.gov/mediaServices/enUS/FindYourLawmaker](http://www.house.ga.gov/mediaServices/enUS/FindYourLawmaker)

It's time for the Holidays. Share your concerns with friends and family on how to improve our stand on our community and the world.

It's been a great joy and pleasure serving the last 4 years as North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women: Social Action Coordinator. It gives me great joy to know so many people are really living their life purpose and serving to help one another to make this world a better place. I've met a lot of women and men with kind and generous hearts, great ideas just ready and waiting to lend a helping hand and to do the good works we're here on earth to do. Let us all standup for justice for all.



*Janice Walker, North Georgia Conference*  
*United Methodist Women Social Actions Coordinator*



# PARLIAMENTARIAN TRAINING

Submitted by: Sue Raymond

North Georgia Conference UMW Parliamentarian

(Information received from Leadership Development Day held at Ousley UMC)

- P** Pray for the organization, the meeting, the persons on the committee
- A** Attend -- You are not “just” the Parliamentarian; you are an important part of the committee!
- R** Robert’s Rules of Order -- Copies are available on line. You don’t have to carry around the book.
- L** Listen -- You are responsible for maintaining order in the meetings, so you have to know what is going on. Don’t get pulled into side conversations.
- I** Insist that comments be polite and respectful. Even difficult topics can be discussed in a civil manner.
- A** Agenda -- Make sure that the agenda is followed. Point out to the chair when items are being considered that are not on the agenda.
- M** Maintain order -- Don’t let voices rise or personalities interfere with the business at hand.
- E** Educate the committee members, when necessary, concerning parliamentary procedure.
- N** No member can speak twice to the same issue until everyone else wishing to speak has spoken to it once!
- T** Time -- Help keep track of the time so issues don’t take longer than necessary.
- A** Ask for clarification if a statement or proposal is not clear.
- R** Reread the *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules* periodically to make sure they are being observed.
- I** Inform committee members of actions that are inconsistent with the *Bylaws* or *Standing Rules*.
- A** Advocate for United Methodist Women whenever possible.
- N** Necessary questions that haven’t been answered?

synonyms for parliamentarian:  
parliamentary, lawmaker, member of parliament,  
legislator, lawgiver, representative, senator, leader,  
administrator, deputy



# NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE –UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CALENDAR 2018-2019

Event	2018	Location	2019
Program/CON Executive	Jan 13	Cascade UMC Atlanta GA	Jan 12
Finance/ E & I	Feb 3	Elizabeth Lee UMC Chickamauga GA	Feb 2
Faith, Fun, Everyone	Mar 10	Bethany UMC Marietta GA	N/A
Program/CON Executive	Apr 14	Rome 1 <sup>st</sup> UMC Rome GA	April 13
Spiritual Growth Event/Social Action	N/A	N/A	May 3 - 4
The Assembly	May 18-20	Columbus OH	N/A
NGC Annual Conference	Jun 12-14	Classic Center Athens GA	Jun
UMW Breakfast	Jun 13	Classic Center	Jun
CON/ Program Executive	Jul 14	Clark Atlanta University (tbc) Atlanta GA	Jul 13
Mission u	Jul 27-28	GA Baptist Conf. Ctr. Toccoa, GA	Jul
Annual Meeting	Oct 6	Rome 1 <sup>st</sup> UMC Rome GA	Oct 5
Program Committee	Oct 19	Teleconference	Oct 18
Leadership Development/ Executive Meeting	Nov. 3	Johns Creek UMC Johns Creek GA	Nov 2
<b>District President's Annual Reports</b>	Aug. 1		Aug 1
<b>2019 District Officers &amp; Dates</b>	Nov. 1		Nov 1

## Ubuntu Day of Service

Date and Time: To be determined by each District



**FOR A NEW FAITH, FUN & EVERYONE**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018**

AT

**BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

760 Hurt Rd SW  
Smyrna, GA 30082



# It's not too early to start planning for the 20<sup>th</sup> Assembly of United Methodist Women May 18-20, 2018

We hope that you are planning to be among the thousands of members attending this great celebration of United Methodist Women's 150th Anniversary in Columbus, Ohio. Visit the Assembly website at [umwassembly.org](http://umwassembly.org) for a wealth of information and resources regarding the upcoming event. Registration has begun and has been extended through December 31, 2017!

I was able to secure an additional block of rooms at the LaQuinta Inn in Columbus, OH for Assembly. Here are the details: LaQuinta Inn - 3962 Jackpot Rd Grove City, OH, telephone: 1-614-539-6200. There are 15 rooms blocked each containing 2 Queen beds. The cost per night is \$149 plus tax. The rooms are blocked from **May 17-20** and guests need to contact the hotel at the number listed above. The block is **"North Georgia UMW"**. The cut off date to reserve rooms is **April 17, 2018**. Shuttle service between the hotel and convention center will be provided.

If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me. As other information is available, we will make sure to communicate it to you.

*We look forward to seeing you in Columbus, OH in 2018!*

**Stephanie Dressler**

*Conference Assembly Liaison*

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Can you believe it has almost been four years since you attended Assembly? Are you excited about coming back in 2018? We are certainly looking forward to welcoming you again as we celebrate The Power of Bold! Since registration is now open, I wanted to take a minute to share five reasons why you should attend:

## **Reason 5: Speakers**

We are excited to announce that Michelle Alexander, author of the book *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, and Leymah Gbowee, Nobel Peace Prize winner, will be our featured keynote speakers. These women will be taking the main stage to share their stories and offer insights on ways you can continue to fight injustice in the world and in your community.

## **Reason 4: Workshops**

Assembly 2018 will feature pre-registered workshops. When you register for Assembly you can sign up for one workshop, town hall or film on Friday and one workshop, town hall or film on Saturday. The list of workshops is posted on the Assembly website if you would like to review the options before you start your registration.

## **Reason 3: BOLD Talks**

At Assembly 2018, you can lead! A special space will be provided for individual members to offer their own BOLD Talk that leads with great ideas for involvement at the local level. A BOLD Talk can be a great idea or program that you've done successfully, a local engagement idea for the future, a wonderful story that shares The Power of BOLD that United Methodist Women offers many women, a transformative BOLD spiritual experience that we all could learn from, a BOLD justice experience--all ideas that lead! BOLD Talks range from 2 to 10 minutes. Topics should focus on the four social justice priorities, folks with knowledge or a personal testimony. Beginning on January 1, we will be asking you to submit a short (2 minutes maximum) video for the review process.

## Reason 2: Mobile App

Are you getting ready to use our first Assembly Mobile App? We encourage you to bring your smart phone or tablet to our on-site Tech Bar to learn how to change your user experience using our Assembly Mobile App. The free app will be available on the Apple and Android markets.

## Reason 1: United Methodist Women!

The number-one reason to come to Assembly is that United Methodist Women will be there! There is nothing like being with United Methodist Women sisters from across the globe and feeling the joy, the love, the faith, the hope, the power of 8,000 women committed to God's mission! Assembly 2018 is a time for fellowship and revived focus on our special calling to the needs of women, children and youth. It is preparation for greater service and stronger leadership as disciples of Christ in our churches and communities. Moving worship, inspiring speakers, immersion experience exhibits, riveting workshops and town hall-style meetings will equip members with the knowledge, courage and determination to change the world as part of a daring and compassionate 150-year-old movement. And meeting face to face with the sisterhood just makes us happy!

Register now to be with us in Columbus, Ohio, at the United Methodist Women Assembly, May 18-20, 2018, as we continue to be a unique movement for transformation in our church and world.

**When women unite, bold and courageous actions happen!**

Sincerely,



**Harriett Olson, General Secretary**



**Shannon Priddy, President**



**Pre-order Your  
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Checks should be made payable to NGCUMW. Complete order form can be found on page 14 of this publication.



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***\*\*The next wave of orders will not be requested until February 10, 2018\*\****

## FROM AROUND THE CONFERENCE.....

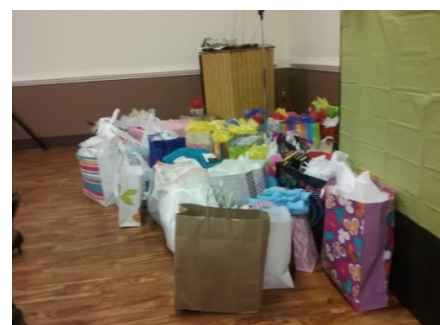
### Atlanta Decatur Oxford District

We had a very blessed and busy *District Annual meeting* at *St. Timothy United Methodist Church* on October 14, 2017. The Hispanic dancers of Snellville UMC Hispanic Ministry participated in our worship, and Dr. Mark Fiddle, Choir Director of St. Timothy, along with Organist Barbara Sherrill provided our praise & worship music. The 2017 Memorial service was conducted by our Spiritual Growth Chair Cherie Richardson, as we remembered our women who have finished their earthly task and have moved on to a higher calling. A beautiful red rose was placed in their honor as each name was called, and then the vase of roses was presented to our president Kathy Cook. It was a great honor to have *Jennifer Cheely*, President of the Augusta District, conduct the Installation and Dedication of the 2018 District Officers. Certificates of membership recognition were awarded to two Units.

During our Brunch, we hosted a Linen Shower to benefit the *Murphy-Harpst Children's Home*. The ladies of St. Timothy decorated beautifully with teddy bears, toys and many accessories to be given to the youth at Murphy-Harpst. *Thanks to ADOX ladies* for their great contributions! We collected 125 new bath towels, 241 washcloths, 72 new twin sheet sets, and 3 blankets to take to Murphy-Harpst with all the decorations.

After the Linen Shower, we ended our day with training sessions held by each of the officers on the District Executive Team. We believe it is important to serve our local churches by providing training for each of their Executive Team members, so they will be better prepared and able to serve their local units well.

1 Cor.10:30: "*Whatever you do, do all to the Glory of God.*"



(Photos courtesy of Iris Green, ADOX District Communications Coordinator)

*Iris Green*, Atlanta-Decatur-Oxford District Communications Coordinator



### Through UMW I am Called To ...

Visit Elder Shut Ins • Support Others In Love  
• Stay Encouraged And Be Encouraging  
• Be A Teacher • **Share My Artistic Talents**  
• Bring Young Women To UMW • **Continue**  
**To Help The Less Fortunate** • **Reconcile** • **Do Work With**  
**God's Children Who Are On Drugs** • Be God's Hands And  
Feet • **Count Money** • Help Other UMW Groups • **Know**  
**God And Experience Freedom** • **Serve Wherever Needed**  
• **Love** • Evangelize • **Fundraise** • Teach Others • **Continue**  
**In Church Leadership And Always Encourage Others**  
• Help In Programming • **Pray, Love, And Do For Others**  
• Encourage Others • **Pass On God's Blessings** • Promote The  
150th Legacy Fund • **Serve** • **Pray And To Serve** • **Encourage**  
**Others To Reach Their Potential - Those Starting Or**  
**Re-Starting** • Help In Whatever And Whenever I'm Needed •  
**Provide Program Resources For Our Spiritual Growth**  
**Nurtured Leadership** • **Raise Money** • **Be A Prayer Warrior**  
• Register Folks • **Help Our Children** • Allow The Holy Spirit To  
Be My Guide • **Blessings To All Who Wish To Do "Greater**  
**Works"** • Mission Work • **Make This And Around A Better**  
**Place** • Invite Others To Be A Part Of UMW • **Be A Servant**  
**Leader In All Sectors** • Be Humble And Walk With Others •  
**Serve God Through UMW** • Help Shut Ins And Senior Citizens  
• **Be In Mission To Women, Youth, And Children** • Work  
Behind The Scene In Silence • **Advocate For Women And**  
**Children** • UMW Advocate • **Be Secretary** • **Serve Locally And**  
**Abroad** • **Do Mission Work** • Minister With My Voice In Song  
And Prayer • **Teach And Spread God's Word** • Lead In His  
Name • **Help Where I Am Needed** • Mentor Elementary  
Students • **Serve Those In Our Community Through**  
**Minor Home Repair** • Work Closely With Others And To Show  
God's Love Through My Actions • **Be A Teacher** • Love My  
Neighbors And Act For Justice • **Go Where God Sends Me** •  
Work With Younger Women • **Be A Peacemaker** • Lead Sing •  
**A Call to Community - to Do Greater Works**  
- John 14:12



**Sandra Slider**

You are a super United  
Methodist Woman!

Thank you and the UMW of  
Griffin First UMC for hosting  
our Annual Meeting, composing  
the UMW post-it notes (great  
idea and end presentation), the  
delicious meal and just a great  
weekend of fun and fellowship!



## A tremendous day of service in the Griffin District

Submitted by Alice Smith, Griffin District President



On a glorious Saturday in August, some 168 volunteers from 20 churches gathered at Wesley Chapel UMC in McDonough to participate in **Rise Against Hunger**, a district-wide mission project sponsored by Griffin District United Methodist Women.

In less than an hour and a half, we had assembled 10,000 pre-packaged, dehydrated meals for Rise Against Hunger. The volunteers included not only United Methodist Women from across the district but also children, youth and men, who arrived early to help unload the supplies and then helped assemble the meals.

The sponsoring of a district mission project

was a first for the Griffin District United Methodist Women, at least in recent years, and we were stepping out in faith when we signed a contract that obligated us to prepare 10,000 meals at a cost of \$3,000. But our units responded generously and we exceeded our goal. The full amount that was contributed - \$3,339.68 - was given to Rise Against Hunger. This was money that was above and beyond our Pledge to Mission.



Teresa Wynn, past president of the Griffin District UMW, headed the project, and Chelsea Wood was our contact with Rise Against Hunger and oversaw the activities for the day. The women at Wesley Chapel, along with pastor, the Rev. Bert Neal, were magnificent hosts.

Chelsea told us that 21,000 people die each day from hunger and that the goal of Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now) is to end world hunger by 2030. What we all know is that, with God's help, we have the resources and the ability to do this. What we need is the commitment and the will.

According to Chelsea, the meals we assembled were part of a huge shipment of almost 2.9 million meals that was sent in September to Malawi, Africa. These meals are helping feed 3,600 students in three schools in the Southern District, specifically the Machinga Region. As a school attendance incentive, students who attend at least 18 days a month are eligible to receive take-home meals for their families. Each meal contains rice, soy and a packet of vitamins and minerals. When water is added to these dry ingredients, and they are cooked, you have a nutritious and tasty meal.

In addition to Malawi, Rise Against Hunger works with four other countries in southern African in school-feeding programs. They are Mozambique, Madagascar, Swaziland and Zimbabwe.

*(Photos courtesy of Alice Smith – left to right: Volunteers assemble meals afterwards pose with the truck after prepared meals were loaded; last photo from left to right Teresa Wynn, project coordinator; Alice Smith, Griffin District president; Barbara Thomas, Wesley Chapel UMW; Chelsea Wood, Rise Against Hunger; Wilma Dennis, Jennifer Johnson and Melissa Browne, Wesley Chapel UMW local unit officers)*



Thank you Rev. McAllister Hollins, the  
United Methodist Women of Ousley  
United Methodist Church and the Ousley  
Church Family for the hospitality and use  
of your facilities for the Conference Annual  
Leadership Development Day!





## Wesley Woods

is offering an opportunity for churches or individuals to "be a blessing" to low-income seniors this Christmas.

They are collecting **"Blessing Bags"** stuffed with donated items that are critical household items and healthy snacks for low-income residents. Items should be delivered by **December 20, 2017**. Find instructions and what to pack below:

### Helpful Ideas and Instructions

- Where possible, purchase travel sized items.
- Have youth decorate each bag.
- Include a personal handwritten note.
- Use small brown paper gift bags with handle.

### What to Pack

#### Household Items

- Trash bags
- 3-piece bath towel sets
- Depends (Men + Women)
- First aid kits
- Rubbing alcohol
- Peroxide
- Band aids
- Antibiotic ointment
- Hydrocortisone cream
- Liquid laundry detergent
- Dish washing liquid
- Bleach
- Paper towels
- Gift Cards (Family Dollar, Wal-Mart, Kroger)

#### Healthy Snacks

- Granola bars
- Fruit
- Trail mix
- Raisins
- Apple sauce
- Bottled water
- Sugar free candy

### Delivery Instructions

After collecting the items listed above, please coordinate delivery with Kelly Harris at [kelly.harris@wesleywoods.org](mailto:kelly.harris@wesleywoods.org) or (404) 728-6204.

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ARIEL MURPHY at (678) 314-1344  
or send your completed order form(s) to  
4224 CASCADE RD, SW, Atlanta, GA 30331.

**\*\*Deadline for pre-ordered shirts that will be available for pickup prior to February, 2018 is December 17, 2017.**

If other arrangements are needed, please contact me with written arrangements or contact your District President.

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### SHIRT TYPE AND SIZE

LONG SLEEVED DENIM (SHIRT SIZE) \_\_\_\_\_ BUTTON POLO (SHIRT SIZE) \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT SUBMITTED \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF SHIRTS ORDERED \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK OR MONEY ORDER NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

# PURPOSE

## OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



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.

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