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





Tryphenia Speed, President

Greetings from the president....

Be Very Bold

Greetings North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women members and friends......

The theme for the United Methodist Women's 2018 Assembly is "The Power of Bold". The North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women will use this theme and the scripture is, II Corinthians 3: 11-12 (NLT): So if the old way, which has been replaced, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new, which remains forever! Since this new way gives us such confidence, we can be very bold.

We have many opportunities to embrace our theme and be very bold. I pray you will join other members in some of this year's events and will be very bold in new ways.

Be very bold - join the North Georgia Conference Executive Team as we welcome the National United Methodist Women's President, Shannon Priddy, for the Faith, Fun Everyone Event on March 10, 2018.

Be very bold – give to the Legacy Fund on March 23, 2018. The Legacy Fund is a forward-thinking permanent endowment with income dedicated to strengthening the future of United Methodist Women.

Be very bold - join the 120 members from the North Georgia Conference who have registered to attend The Assembly, May 17-20, 2018 in Columbus, Ohio. There will be some very bold speakers and women from all over the world coming together to learn, fellowship and act.

Be very bold – prepare and deliver UMCOR hygiene kits at this year's Annual Conference, June 12-13, 2018. The kits will be used to aid during domestic disasters.

Be very bold – attend the 2018 Mission u event, July26-28, Georgia Baptist Conference Center, Toccoa, GA-- "Learning Together for Transformation of the World".

Be very bold - use your voice and listen to your heart. Take time to learn about the four quadrennial social justice issues: Maternal and Child Health, Economic Inequality, Climate Justice and Criminalization of People of Color-Mass Incarceration. Act on one or all the issues through prayer, advocacy and service.

Be very bold - share your United Methodist Women's story with someone as it may inspire another. Share your acts of kindness which you did because of your love and compassion for others and your service with United Methodist Women.

Be Very Bold - have faith that produces action!

Blessings – Tryphenia

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From the Vice President...

Greetings, Sisters in Christ!

I'm **Stephanie Dressler**, and am very honored and humbled to serve as your Conference Vice President. For the past 4 years, I served as the Atlanta-Roswell District President and previously served at the District level as Vice President, Communications Coordinator, Parliamentarian, Nominating Chairperson, Treasurer and Social Action Coordinator. I have also served in various positions at the local unit level totaling more than 25 years. I have been married to my husband Bill for 28 years and have two sons, Evan and Kyle. I am a 5th generation United Methodist and 4th generation United Methodist Woman. I am also currently serving on the NG Housing and Homeless Council and the Atlanta-Roswell District Church Training Task Force.

As I write this article, we are two weeks out from **Faith**, **Fun & Everyone** being held at **Bethany United Methodist Church**, **Smyrna**, **GA**. I am so excited that we have our National President, **Shannon Priddy** joining us! I know she will inspire us all to be bold as we continue our journey as United Methodist Women; working with and for women, youth and children. A thank you in advance to all of the many hands that go into planning such a large event and for your attendance. I pray that everyone who attends comes away feeling blessed, refreshed and rejuvenated.

Following the Faith, Fun & Everyone event is **Assembly** in Columbus, OH, **May 18-20, 2018**. I hope you have already made plans to attend. Should you need hotel information, please feel free to contact me, as we have a few rooms still available.

June 13, 2018 is the **Annual UMW Breakfast** at the Classic Center in Athens and we plan on having our scholarship recipients to Assembly share their experiences with us as well as learning how we can best support our 4 National Mission Institutions beyond our supplemental giving. Hygiene kits for UMCOR will be collected during Annual Conference. A list of supplies is included in this newsletter for your convenience.

I look forward to meeting and working with you this year! Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Stephanie Dressler, Vice President

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What's the Purpose of the Money?

United Methodist Women Have a PURPOSE!



What is a purpose statement? It says who we are and what we intend to do as an organization.

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.

When we know our <u>why</u>, our <u>what</u> becomes much more effective. (Michael Jr., https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZe5y2D6oYU)

Focus on Women, Children & Youth

From its beginning in 1869, United Methodist Women has focused on ministries with women, children, and youth.

We have been empowering **WOMEN** through leadership education and training, mission education (Mission U), the Reading Program, tools for advocacy, and programs that combat abuse of all varieties.

CHILDREN often do not have a voice in this world, so United Methodist Women care for them and advocate on their behalf through community centers, educational opportunities for refugee children, homes for street children, advocacy against sexual exploitation and child labor, educational institutions and much more.

United Methodist Women work with **YOUTH** organizations globally and with programs and projects that support and empower youth such as the US-2 program, the Global Justice Volunteers program and the involvement of young women in ministries and leadership.

We have around 95 National Mission Institutions and the majority of these properties are OWNED by United Methodist Women. Internationally, Mission Giving (including Pledges) support approximately 121 programs carried out by 107 organizations in more than 110 countries.

Over the years, your giving has been on the front lines advocating for those in our society who do not have a voice. And when those challenges were completed, **BOLD** United Methodist Women started new advocacy work. Voting rights granted? Check! Racial Equality? Not quite yet! Keep going! Orphanages needing to change focus to children and youth damaged by their life circumstances? We are flexible! Human Trafficking? We are on it!

United Methodist Women are committed to seeing that about 70 percent of Mission Giving from members go to the projects and programs we support. Around 20-30 percent stays with the local, district, and conference organizations of United Methodist Women to support local mission. Only 9 percent covers administrative costs!

There is a lot more in this conversation about money that needs to be said. Stay tuned and watch that video for inspiration.

L. Susan Stroup, Treasurer North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women



At the United Methodist Women's website you will find these words from Luke 4:18 which serve as both a model and a mandate for Christian social action and advocacy:

"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO LET THE OPPRESSED GO FREE, TO PROCLAIM THE YEAR OF THE LORD'S FAVOR."

The four United Methodist Women priority issues for 2016 - 2020 are:

- Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration Goal - Interrupt School to Prison Pipeline
- There is an increase in mass incarceration in the United States that disproportionately impacts people of color due to institutionalized racism, racial profiling, and mandatory sentencing.
- Each year more than three million students are suspended from school often for vague and subjective infractions
- An estimated 200,000 youth are tried, sentenced, or incarcerated as adults every year across the United States.
- 2. Economic Inequality
 - Goal Adopt legislation in states/localities that build the base for a living wage
- SUPPORT MEASURES THAT WOULD REDUCE THE CONCENTRATION OF WEALTH IN THE HANDS OF A FEW.
- At the federal level we face potential efforts to further erode healthcare coverage for millions while cutting taxes for corporations and the wealthy.
- 3. Climate Justice
 - Goal Reduce carbon footprint emissions of corporations and individuals
- While climate change affects everyone, it does not affect everyone equally.
- Over the next several years, UMW will press upon leading carbon emitters to reduce their carbon footprint by 25%.
- 4. Maternal and Child Health
 - Goals Decrease Maternal Mortality; Develop a Network of Women's Health Advocates for access to health care and education
- Women are still dying in childbirth, children continue to die from preventable diseases and many communities have no access to health care.
- Build a network through outreach to our members and partnering with Healthy Families, Healthy Planet (GBCS).
- Train UMW members, young women at United Methodist schools, and women in communities around the world to advocate for themselves and their sisters with the goal of helping women to have healthy pregnancies and healthy outcomes of those pregnancies

Learn more by visiting https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/issues

Other great resources: The United Methodist Women **Action Network** sends alerts on key congressional legislation and public policies. https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/actionalerts

Interfaith Children's Movement – LEARN. PRAY.ACT http://www.interfaithchildrensmovement.org/get-engaged-1/

I suggest that you *Go Long and Deep* by choosing the priority which you are most passionate and stick with it through the quadrennium. Learn as much as you can through *Bible Study*, *Mission U*, and *The Reading Program*. Determine what action you will take and do it. Do Something towards one of these priorities.

And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

Are you meeting His requirements?

Peace, love, joy!

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Janice Walker, Coordinator Education and Interpretation North Georgia Conference UMW

United Methodist Women is a faith organization for women that support women, children and youth by offering various opportunities for spiritual growth through educational programs, unlimited resources and leadership training. Mission Giving is the primary purpose of United Methodist Women as we aim to uplift, support and transform lives. Below are key points to help better understand why we pledge.

- a. Promote and interpret the need for Mission Giving to fund the program of collective mission outreach of United Methodist Women with women, children and youth.
- b. Work with district mission coordinators for education and interpretation, provide resources and conduct training at least annually.
- c. Develop and promote strategies for engaging in and growing Mission Giving at all levels of United Methodist Women.
- d. Understand and interpret United Methodist Women mission projects and concepts of mission including the changing roles of mission personnel in The United Methodist Church.
- e. Inform United Methodist Women members of transformative educational opportunities including Mission u and Leadership Development Days.
- f. Promote mission studies, local mission opportunities, Mission u, Leadership Development Days, United Methodist Seminars on National and International Affairs, mission encounters/ Ubuntu Journeys and supply material resources for mission programs and projects.
- g. Promote and utilize United Methodist Women print, online and audiovisual resources to tell the mission story.
- h. Serve on the conference Board of Global Ministries and work with the conference secretary of Global Ministries on mission education and interpretation (The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2016, ¶633.2)
- i. Serve on the following committees: Leadership Team, Program, Finance, Membership and Mission u.

Local Unit Education and Interpretation

- Promotes participation in District sponsored Mission Studies.
- Helps plan Mission Studies for local unit.
- Encourages members of local unit to attend Mission u.
- Promotes and Challenges unit and members to become 7-star unit and 7-star members.
- Promotes and Challenges unit to complete items on Mission Today.
- Encourages and challenges the unit and members to correspond with at least 3 mission personnel listed in the Prayer Calendar.
- Encourages and challenges the unit to have "response" moment at every meeting by uplifting an article from *Response*
- Coordinates with the local treasurer to promote candle burning within the unit.
- Sends the Mission Study report to the District Education and Interpretation Coordinator by the due date.
- Explains and Promotes and encourages use of the Gift to Mission Cards and Gift in Memory Cards by the unit and its members.

20th 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 for a wealth of information and resources regarding the upcoming event. Registration has begun!

I was able to secure an additional block of rooms at the <u>LaQuinta Inn</u> in Columbus, OH for Assembly. Here are the details: LaQuinta Inn - 3962 Jackpot Rd Grove City, OH, <u>telephone: 1-614-539-6200</u>. 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 <u>"North Georgia UMW".</u> The cut off date to reserve rooms is <u>April 17, 2018</u>. 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

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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 Gods 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,

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Shannon Priddy, President

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Harriett Olson , General Secretary

North Georgia Conference UMW Calendar 2018-2019

Event	2018	Location	2019
Program/CON/Executive	Jan 13	Cascade UMC	Jan 12
		Atlanta GA	
Finance/ E & I	Feb 3	Elizabeth Lee UMC	Feb 2
		Chickamauga GA	
Faith, Fun, Everyone	Mar 10	Bethany UMC	N/A
		Marietta GA	
Program/CON	Apr 14	Rome 1st UMC	April 13
Executive		Rome GA	
Spiritual Growth Event/Social Action	N/A	N/A	May 3 - 4
The Assembly	May 18-20	Columbus OH	N/A
NICC Assessed Conferences	I 12 14	Classic Center	T
NGC Annual Conference	Jun 12-14		Jun
UMW Breakfast	Jun 13	Athens GA	T 142
CON/ Program Executive	Jul 14	Clark Atlanta University	Jul 13
Executive		(tbc) Atlanta GA	
Mission u	Jul 27-28	GA Baptist Conf. Ctr.	Jul
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Annual Meeting	Oct 6	Rome 1st UMC	Oct 5
		Rome GA	
Program Committee	Oct 19	Teleconference	Oct 18
Leadership Development/	Nov. 3	Johns Creek UMC	Nov 2
Executive Meeting		Johns Creek GA	
District President's Annual Reports	Aug. 1		Aug 1
2019 District Officers & Dates	Nov. 1		Nov 1





Hygiene Kit (Value: \$12.00 per kit)

Hygiene Kit Materials

- 1 Hand towel
 - 15 x25 inches to 17 x 27 inches
 - Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable
- 1 Washcloth
- 1 Toothbrush
 - Adult size only
 - Do not remove from original packaging
- 6 Adhesive bandages
 - ¾ inch to 1 inch-size
 - Common household Band-Aids
- 1 Bath-size soap
 - 3 oz. and larger sizes only
 - No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content
 - Do not remove from original packaging
- 1 Comb
 - Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long
 - No pocket combs or picks, please
 - · Rattail combs and combs without handle are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth
- 1 Metal nail file or nail clippers
 - No emery boards, please
- 1 plastic bag
 - One-gallon size sealable bag only
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

Assembly Directions

Set the \$1.00 for toothpaste aside to be included in a separate envelope. Lay out the hand towel flat on a table. Lay the washcloth flat in the center of the hand towel. Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth. Fold over the sides of the hand towel to cover all of the items. Fold over one end of the hand towel so that it covers all of the items. Grasp the bundle of items tightly and roll over the remainder of the hand towel tightly. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag. Remove as much air as possible and seal the bag.

Important Notice

- All items must be new.
- Do not wash any of the items as they will be considered used.
- Please remove all packaging, unless otherwise specified above.
- All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Due to the fact that strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the request items-NOTHING MORE.
- DO NOT include any personal notes, money, or additional material in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.
- UMCOR is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent. Do not put single dollar bills in each kit. Collect all monies for toothpaste and shipping place it in a separate envelope and send along with the kit donations.

Packing and Shipping Kits Instructions

- Box weight: Each packed box cannot exceed 66 pounds.
- Complete 2 packing lists: One for your records and one to put on the shippingbox.
- Paste the shipping label / packing list on the outside of each box you send. The shipping list helps the depot to quickly process kits.
- **Processing & Shipping Costs:** Please enclose an envelope containing at least \$1 for each kit you send. This donation enables kits to be sent to areas in need.



News From Around the Conference Augusta District

Submitted by Jennifer Cheely, Augusta District UMW President

The *New Bethlehem Community Center 2018 Souper Bowl Annual Fundraiser* was held January 27th at the Foundry at Rae's Creek. The event raised over \$5,000 for the community center, more money was raised than in the past. The event was a success in many different ways. The attendance was fantastic and many people were honored for their part in supporting the center.

The entire event is sponsored by an anonymous contributor who has been a great blessing to the center.

I was honored to receive an award for being the Augusta District United Methodist Women President. I was also honored to receive an embellished portfolio for being part of the executive board for New Bethlehem Community Center. The Community Center is a blessing to so many and a huge thanks goes out to Executive Director, *Sheridan Glaze*, and the rest of the Board of Directors for the center.



Pictured L-R: Amanda Heath, (New Bethlehem Community Center Executive Board Member), Jennifer Cheely, (Augusta District United Methodist Women president), and Joseph Guillory, (Jim Hudson Lexus)





The Bonaventures Band, (volunteer entertainment for the Souper Bowl)



Amanda Heath (NBCC executive board member) and Dennis Williams, (Commissioner Augusta/Richmond County)

ATLANTA COLLEGE PARK DISTRICT

UMW STANDING IN THE RED ZONE

Taking a stand as advocates in the fight against human trafficking

BEN HILL

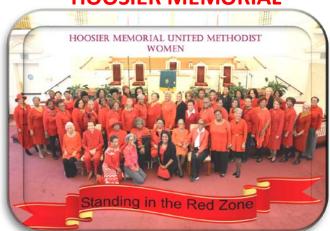




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Athens District

Submitted by Esther Porter, President Princeton United Methodist Church United Methodist Women



Princeton UMW and church members celebrated the Souper Bowl at our church by bringing about 2000 cans of food for the Food Banks in our area. The congregation was asked to wear RED that Sunday for awareness of Human Trafficking.

A bowl of soup was enjoyed by all after service.



Pictured are a few of our United Methodist Women and church members. Our pastor (in red) on the front row participated in our Awareness Sunday.



Atlanta / Marietta District



The Pumpkin Church



The Pumpkin Church in the RED Zone to Intercept Human Trafficking



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Marietta First United Methodist Church

Submitted by Judy Davis, President

The United Methodist Women Unit at Marietta First United Methodist Church hosted a dinner on February8, 2018, benefiting Wellspring Living, an organization that provides support for victims of sex trafficking. We are "Standing in the Red Zone to Intercept the Traffickers."

Wellspring Living's Mary Frances Bowley headlined the event, and the Georgia Tech Glee Club provided entertainment. Among the other highlights were the table decor contest as well as the church's men lending a hand as waiters.

Marietta First United Methodist Women



Wellspring Living's Mary Frances Bowley stood front and center to impress upon those gathered the scope of the problem of women who are exploited.



UMW president Judy Davis provided introductory remarks.



The Georgia Tech Glee Club sang some oldies, an original arrangement of "Amazing Grace," and, yes, a rousing rendition of "Ramblin' Wreck."



Marietta First UMC Director of Music Mark Ridings traded his baton for a serving tray.



About two dozen of the church's men donned red bow ties to serve



The Gumdrop Tree table took top honors in the table decor contest, which was voted on by the events attendees.



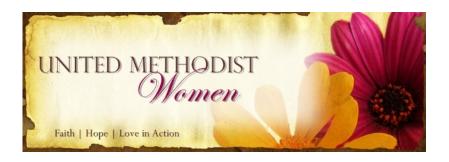
1st Place Honor Lisa Majeski strikes a pose with Dr. Sam.



Karen Edris' Paris themed table décor took 2nd Place Honors.



3rd Place went to Beverly McCary's nautical table. She is joined by Janet Bradley Cronwell, one of UMW Presents cochairs.





GIVE:

- Online at: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund
- By phone: 800-278-7771
 (8 am 6 pm EST, Monday Friday).
- **Text:** 41444 and enter Legacy150 in the message area.
- By check to:

United Methodist Women Attn: Development, Legacy Fund 475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor New York, NY 10115 Write "The Legacy Fund" in the memo section. We are pleased to announce that generous donors have committed funds to leverage and grow the gifts received on **Day of Giving, March 23, 2018**.
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