



The Heritage Crier



Heritage District UMW Newsletter

August 2018

The 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.

President's Message



Faye Dunn

District President

Greetings,

I've just returned home from Mission U. What great facilitators we had this year! The studies were great and the fellowship was awesome. I attended Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living and What About our Money: A Faith Response. The first focused on our challenge to build healthier relationships with creation, our communities, ourselves, and with God. The second study was about how to live closer to God's people, even in our culture that is so deeply defined by money. It was a very eye-opening study, and very interesting. I hope you'll get to attend at least one of this.

I hope each of you have marked your calendars for the **Conference Legislative Day Event** and plan to bring a carload. Many of our state representative have been invited to attend and plan to be there.

Edenton Street United Methodist Church, 228 West Edenton Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603 (919) 832-7535

Saturday, August 25, 2018

10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

**Continental Breakfast and Fellowship starts at 9:15 AM

Theme: Excellence in Equitable Education (E3)

Focus: Vouchers in private schools, Special Needs funding and Remediation in Year-Round Schools Funding.

Who should attend?

- United Methodist Women of the North Carolina Conference
- State Partners and Interfaith groups
- All Methodists in the State Legislature
- Chairs of the Education Committees
- Principals of all local schools
- Local and State Government officials
- Local Chapters of Future Teachers of America
- Black Methodist Church Renewal
- North Carolina Council of Churches
- Chairs of Education Departments at area Colleges

The conference **Annual Meeting** will be held on October 13th at Methodist University. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. The registration form is included in this newsletter.

Our **District Annual Meeting** will be held on October 27th at Creedmoor UMC. I hope each of you will join us this year as we celebrate all that we've accomplished in our district.

Just a reminder that reports are due to district officers by August 15th. Mission Today and Mission Study reports should come to me. **The Deceased Member report should be sent to our new Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Mary Eleanor Pulver.** Her address is: 208 Briarcliff Road, Rocky Mount, NC 27804. Her phone number is: 252-452-0619 and her email address is: raggy831@yahoo.com. If you are not sure who to send something to, you can contact me or just sent it to me.

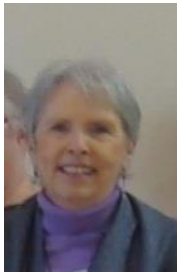
As many of you are starting back after a summer break, let us know if there is anything we can do. We would love to come and visit with your unit.

Thank you for all you do!

Blessings,

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Treasurer's Message



Brenda Connelly

District UMW Treasurer

CANDLE BURNING DUE SEPTEMBER 1

Many of you have already sent your candle burning list to me. It's not too late to still honor or remember someone with candle burning. They will also be remembered at our annual meeting.

SEND:

- NAME
- SECONDS/MINUTES
- IF HONORED OR MEMORIALIZED

DUE NOVEMBER 30:

1. SEVEN STAR UNIT AND MEMBER FORMS...

Please fill out and send form(s) with remittance. If you have individual(s) in your unit who give in all 7 lanes, be sure to fill out 7 Star Member form for them as well.

2. FOURTH QUARTER/END OF YEAR REMITTANCE

One of the ways our mission money is used is to sponsor the upcoming *Education First Legislative Event* Saturday, August 25 at Edenton Street UMC. Even if we do not have children at home, we all are concerned about excellence in equitable education for ALL our children. We will hear from educators, administrators and political leaders. There will be time for questions and breakout groups to gain understanding and ways to respond. Our children's future and education is important to us.

NEW! GIFT TO MISSIONS & GIFT IN MEMORY CARDS

I have new Birthday, Christmas, Thoughts and Prayers, and In Memory cards. You may order them from me now or get a supply at our district annual meeting in October. I think

you are really going to like the new designs as well as several of those we have continued to enjoy sending. Remember...these are part of becoming a 7 Star Unit or Member.

Brenda Connelly

Heritage District UMW Treasurer

Martha Kulaga,

Secretary for Program Resources

Good day ladies! I pray that those of you who have participated in the 2018 Reading Program in any way have been informed, uplifted, challenged and/or inspired. A reminder to unit Resource Chairwomen:

Please send me the names of members who have completed one of the reading programs along with the number of the program completed by August 15. My contact information is:

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(443-690-0591)
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Thank you. May you always feel surrounded by God's loving presence.

Message from Social Action
Submitted by Kathey Miller-Patton

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is Lord Christ you are serving. Colossians 3:23-24

I watch the news and observe the actions of those in my community. We live in a time were the Lord is calling us to live out his mission. Love one another and make disciple of Jesus Christ. The United Methodist Women's mission focuses on the woman and child. This summer's news has included separating children from their family, mother's right to breastfeed their babies in public places, access to affordable health care for women and children, the right to vote for minorities, clean air and water, loss for free meals in our schools, the funding of our public schools and many other issues that continue to be in the news.

What can one person do?

Become active! You can make phone calls to your state and federal representatives. Set up an email account for just the purpose of signing petitions. Sign the petitions and share with friends. Write letters to the various organizations that have the power to make changes to these injustice practices. Donate to causes that focus on fighting injustices in a way that would please Jesus Christ. Go to events that are supported by the UMW, WMM, UMC, and the NC United Methodist Conference. You need to get involved for indecision is the same as supporting the violators.

If you are on Facebook, join these pages: North Carolina Conference Of the United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, and United Methodist News.

Let's get started!

C4C summit will be held at Edenton Street UMC on Aug. 11. Churches are encouraged to send at least one representative.

Legislative Affairs Forum – August 25th

Edenton Street UMC, Raleigh

This will be our first legislative event in several years. More information in Faye Dunn's message at the beginning of this newsletter.

Pray, Pray, Pray

I have attached an open letter that appeared on nccums.org

An Open Letter, Calling for Prayer and Care of Our Immigrant Neighbors



Immigrant children, separated from their families, being held in Texas.

To all those who will listen, a call to prayer and care for our immigrant neighbors:

June 19, 2018

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On the day I write this, the heat index is 107 degrees, a sweltering temperature so high that none of us want to be outside of the air conditioning. I know of a relatively young person who today went on a walk across the town and had to get help going back home, because the heat was too intense. In the summer here, we don't go outside unless we have to. And yet, in the extreme heat of the desert, thousands of asylum seekers have walked across the so-called Devil's Highway (named this because so many people are robbed, killed, raped, forced into modern day slavery, and die of the elements along the way) along our Southern border, trying to enter the United States by any means necessary, many of them not even knowing the legal process. The only reason they attempt this, oftentimes with their children, is because the road is safer than what they left. And yet, when many of them reach the US Border, the parents are separated from their children, because of our current policy.

Tonight, when I put my children to sleep in their respective rooms, I will kiss them and pray that they would love God and neighbor, telling them that the love of God in their hearts will change them and change the world. And then I will leave, with a pretty good knowledge they will be there when I return in the morning. Imagine a world where you have braved a fierce heat and a devilish road, only to come to your place of hope where your children were then forcibly taken away from you. For those who don't get their children back, this may cause death from a broken heart. For those who do get their children back, this may cause outrage and anger. For the next generation of immigrants, who knows what it may cause.

In the midst of this crisis, Attorney General Jeff Sessions, a fellow United Methodist lay person, has quoted Romans 13, which says that we should obey the laws of the land and that the authorities have been ordained by God. The context of Romans 13 is in a book governed mainly by love. Romans 12 says, "Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home." Later on in Romans 13 Paul writes, "Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law." Romans does not say anything about separating children from parents, and no proof-texting can make this a moral action. As Martin Luther King Jr. said, in opposing our Jim Crow era laws, "We have a moral obligation to oppose an unjust law."

As Wesleyan Christians, we discern through Scripture, yes, but we also use Tradition, Experience, and Reason. Any loving parent's experience and reason will tell her our separation policy is not Godly. And our Tradition speaks for itself (See Social Principles ¶ 165A, D. and Resolution #6028). Furthermore, on the basis of our Tradition, several clergy have filed charges against Sessions on the basis of his "dissemination of doctrines contrary to the established standards of doctrines." (¶ 2702.3) All partisan politics aside, here is an easy opportunity for us to point at what it means to be Christian, at this time. I won't belabor the current laws or talk more about our presidential Administration. Both of these are a symptom of a much larger issue

– that we have forgotten to see love as the fulfillment of the Law. We have not heard the cry of the needy, and we have not loved our neighbor as our self.

Using the attached litany, written by the NCCUMC Congregational and Family Task Force on Immigration, I encourage you to be in prayer with us, for our immigrant neighbors, especially for the 2,000 children who have been taken from their parents. In perspective, our whole Conference received 2,378 new members by Profession of Faith in 2016. And while we may never meet one of the 2,000 children who have been separated from an equally large community of parents, we must recognize their sacredness as children of God. Let us remember them, lament for them, and begin an inner transformation which can overflow into our communities. Let us be transformed by God's Love and welcome, which have gone before us, go with us, and will be here after us.

In Christ,

Jason Villegas and the NCCUMC Congregational and Family Task Force on Immigration
<https://nccumc.org/immigration/2018/06/an-open-letter-calling-for-prayer-and-care-of-our-immigrant-neighbors/>

Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a Liar. 1 John 4:20-21 NIV God Bless You

A Message from the Nominating Committee

Have you been looking for a new way to live out your discipleship of Jesus Christ? Have you been searching for a way to serve that will truly make a difference in the world? Do you long to be a part of a caring group of women who work together as a team to glorify God? If so, then we have a great opportunity for you!

In 2019, the following Heritage District UMW Officer positions will become available:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Education and Interpretation, Membership Nurture and Outreach, Chair of Nominations, and Nominations Committee Member.

We sincerely invite you to prayerfully consider if God is calling you to serve in one of these exciting leadership roles. Please remember, God doesn't call the equipped—God equips the called! If you or someone you know would like to begin a time of discernment with the nominating committee, please email or call Emily Innes at: emilyinnes@nccumc.org 919-435-0531 or Carolyn Swanson at: llsunc@gloryroad.net 252-492-5186. Either of us will be eager to speak with you.

Emily Innes on behalf of the Nominating Committee

Membership, Nurture & Outreach

Members of United Methodist Women are invited to complete the following fields; when finished you will be able to print a personalized membership card.

United Methodist Women is an organization dedicated to missions with women, children and youth. All mission-minded women within and beyond the United Methodist Church are welcome. We are an open, Christian organization with ecumenical ties and connections around the world. United Methodist Women will never share your contact information without your permission. Here are the instructions for your individual registration:

GO TO: unitedmethodistwomen.org

Click on **blue box** – “My UMW member”

*Type in conference name-a list of districts and churches will drop.

*Scroll down to your church-click on it

*Unit Name

*District Name-will fill in automatically or enter it

*Conference-will fill in automatically or enter (WV) Unit President.

*Your email – someone’s email address must be entered- so that info and updates can be sent.

*Your address; your phone #

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Deadline for articles for the next newsletter is November 30, 2018.