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THE CALL

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

A Quarterly Newsletter

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A face to a name. To the left of this paragraph>this is what I look like! Ferris and Berta breathed a sigh of relief (I think) when I said yes. I thought, "What did I just do"! This issue is a bit late as Berta and I transition into sharing information and others sending me their lists, etc. *AND then* I got flu like virus and asthmatic bronchitis>and THEN pneumonia with complications! Apologies to Lois.

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2012 is an important year in several areas. General Conference, Jurisdictional Conference, Christian School of Mission, new circles, etc. Please feel free to contact me with news or corrections.



The President's Message

by Joy Lewter

You Are the Flesh on God's Love

I greet you in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. I hope that as you celebrated His birth during the holidays that there was much joy, love, and peace in your home.

During January, I was part of a conference VIM team of 32 that went to UMCOR Depot at Sager Brown. This was my 3rd trip to go to Baldwin, LA and it is exciting to me every time. I am always tired after a days work in the Depot and I always enjoy

the great seafood while I am on the bayou. That was nothing new, but this year I helped with a food distribution that happens once a month for the people of Baldwin. I knew this was a very poor area but visiting with the people during that distribution was such a blessing. They certainly are not poor in spirit. Most every person that came to my table left by saying, "Thank you. May God bless you," I was there to serve them but it ended up with them serving me. Another new experience was my rooming assignment in the lodge. My first thought was how disappointed I was to not



Helping hands at Sager Brown Depot. Working together

be in the main dorm and in the center of everything. But again God surprised me. I spend 5 days with women from Mt. Pleasant, Columbia, and Shelbyville. We all had such a great time sitting around at

night in our PJs, eating popcorn, playing games, watching TV, and talking about UMW and our faith journeys. God provided another place for the Sisterhood of Grace to commune. During one of the worship experiences our host made the comment, "You are the flesh on God's love". I really had not heard that statement before. I had been reminded and often said that we are the hands and feet of God. But being told "I am the flesh on God's love" was very powerful to me, very awesome, but very scary too. God is not just looking to me to be the person that did the work of His Kingdom; He is expecting me to talk about Him to others. He is expecting me to share my faith and plant the seeds that will bring others to Christ.

Do you realize that is what UMW members do for the Kingdom? We bring faith, hope and love into the lives of people that have little hope. We feed them, clothe them, teach them a trade, and then talk to them about Jesus. UMW also brings hope into our personal lives. While being a part of this faith organization we have the opportunity to grow in our faith with bible studies, retreats, and fellowship.

We have opportunities to gain leadership skills and broaden our knowledge about social issues and people's lives around the world. We experience the "connection" in the United Methodist Church. We are part of something that is much bigger than our selves.

I hope you will make plans to be part of this Sisterhood of Grace by attending the upcoming Tennessee Conference UMW events. Come and see how God will bless your life and the life of your church.

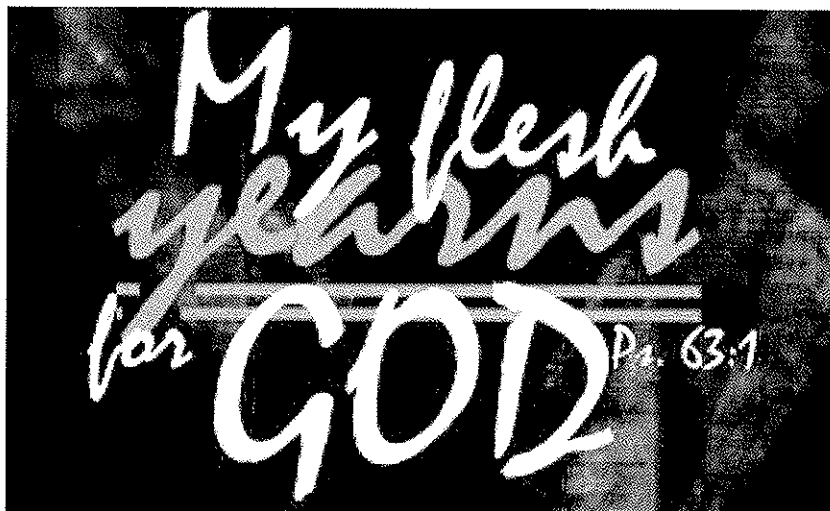
I want to remind you that at church Annual Conference 2012, we will be celebrating the 200th birthday of the Tennessee Conference. I want you to look into the history of the UMW unit in your church and come to Annual Conference in June where 200 years will be remembered. I will talk to you more about this in other newsletters and your church should be receiving information about the celebration.

As I end this message I hope you will allow a moment of personal privilege. Some of you know that my brother-in-law and boss at Martin Methodist College died on November 30 after several weeks of illness.

Thank you for all the cards, prayers and visits during that time. Needless to say this Christmas was different for my family but not bad. My family had much to celebrate. Wayne Hobbs' life was an example of a person who thought more of others than himself and his generosity was always overwhelming. Wayne shared his love and compassion all year, not just at Christmas. He was the "flesh on God's love". He made me be a better person and taught me much about the importance of giving.

As some of you know, being a grandmother is always special and being with my new grandchild, Mitchell, as he experienced his first Christmas brought many smiles to our faces. It has been almost 12 years since my family has had a baby with all the new toys on Christmas. It was so much fun to see his little eyes light up with his new things. Even my big grandsons, Andrew 12 and Tommy 15, had a good time. Those three grandsons are a blessing for me!! God is so good and continues to bring surprises and blessings into my life.

I wish blessings to you, Sisters of Grace. May faith, hope, and love always be a part of your life every day. **You are the flesh on God's love. Wear it well.**



Walking Together in Wholeness

Conference United Methodist Women Sponsor Intergeneration Event

"The LORD most High is the one who gives life to every heart, who gives life to the spirit! Look, he indeed exchanged my bitterness for wholeness." Isaiah 38:16-17a CEB

Women, children and youth can Experience Faith, Hope, Love in Action at the Intergeneration Event scheduled for Saturday, April 21, at Bellevue UMC in Nashville. The theme for this year's event is "Walking together in Wholeness." Pre-register by April 13 for this conference-wide event.

The speaker during opening session will be Ingrid McIntyre, Executive Director, Open Table Nashville. As a hands-on mission opportunity, you can collect and bring items for Open Table Nashville. A list of things that are needed is included in the registration flyer.

Workshop options are:

- God Calling...Listen: A Journey toward Wholeness
- Handle with Care: Hug Therapy
- Flower Arranging and the Significance of Flowers
- Understanding Patient Rights & Responsibilities

- CHILDREN'S workshop: Thank You God for What We Have
- YOUTH workshop: So...Just What IS Appropriate?

The day will conclude with lunch and reflections of the morning. The meal is included in the cost of registration.

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 21	Conference Intergenerational Meeting
May 5	Conference Executive Team Meeting, Chapel Hill UMC
June 1-2	SEJ Quadrennial Meeting, Birmingham, AL
June 3-6	South Atlantic Regional School of Christian Mission (Conference Officers and Mission Study Leaders), Birmingham, AL
July 18-21	Conference Mission Study, Murfreesboro First
August 11	Conference Executive Team Meeting, Lebanon First
September 7-9	Conference Spiritual Life Retreat, Beersheba Springs Assembly Grounds
October 13-20	Conference Annual Meeting, Lebanon First

UPDATE

Tennessee Conference United Methodist Women
Christian Mission Education Event

JULY 18-21, 2012

At

First United Methodist Church
Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Studies are:

Spiritual Growth: *IMMIGRATION and THE BIBLE*

Social Issues: *POVERTY*

Geographic: *HAITI*

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Many Thanks to Kay Martin of the Clarksville District. She shared her beautiful home during the January Conference wide meeting. How wonderful to hear someone say her home was built to share and glorify God.

The Bible is full of passages about the power of prayer, the value of prayer, of prayer without ceasing. As we travel into the new year, let us carry with us the power of prayer, calling upon our great and almighty God to hear our prayers. Around the world we have women standing in the gap, setting standards, leading a cause, mothering, teaching and learning. I know there are young adult women who want and need prayer. There are adult and older adult women who can share their wisdom and mentor our children and youth.

I don't want to presume too much, but I would like to cover women in the news. If you would send me your stories and pictures (as you see below), I will include them in future newsletters.

Women in the National News



Congratulations to Phyllis John Anderson, a United Methodist woman of Mississippi. She is the newly elected chief for the Mississippi Band of Choctaws. At the time of election, Ms. Anderson was the chair of the Conference Episcopal Committee. Ms. Anderson faces a lot of challenges.

The election was hard fought with a second ballot. There are a lot of issues facing the tribe right now and her schedule is full. Ladies, keep Chief Anderson in your prayers!

Women in the Local News ~from the Columbia District



Our unit presented a reading certificate to Louise Crowe our oldest member at her 100th Birthday party on February 11th at the church Annex building. Louise completed Plan 2 last year. She is not able to attend her circle in the last two years, but stays in contact with our unit's activities through visits from her UMW friends and newsletters. Marion Sengstacke last year's president presented Louise with her certificate for completing Plan 2 of the UMW reading program.

We are CONNECTIONAL. Let me introduce conference staff who may be helpful.

As Joy mentioned in the President's Message, Annual Conference this year will have a focus on our bicentennial. Check out your church history. Conference staff, Bill Freeman relates to Archives and History and would be the person to send information to. His contact is wfreeman@tnumc.com.

News, announcements and calendar events need to be directed to Kevin Sparkman, Director of Communications. His contact is ksparkman@tnumc.com.

Ministries for children and families is covered by Patty Smith. psmith@tnumc.com.

Brad Fiscus is the Director of Young People's Ministries. He also is spearheading new direction for Young Adults. His contact is bfiscus@tnumc.com.

"The Call to Action" is the buzz phrase for the general church and certainly Bishop Chamness. Jason Brock covers Congregational Vitality. The Call to Action also has an emphasis on children and youth. Jason's contact is jbrock@tnumc.com.

And per the recent disasters: Jason Brock shares that blankets, tarps (20 X30) and bedding kits are needed. You can check out UMCOR.org for the list of supplies needed to make up kits. Jullie Meyer is Jason's assistant and she can be reached at jullie.meyer@tnumc.com or 615-329-1177 for any other details.

****Due to the shortness of the turn around of this newsletter, the chosen mission project for flood victims will be a rescheduled effort.**

Workshops for adults will not be assigned. There will be a workshop for children and one for youth.

Lunch is included in the cost of registration.

Prior to the Event, collect items from your unit and others in your church to bring for the hands-on mission activity. These will be given to Open Table Nashville.

Thank your workshop leaders.

Please complete the evaluation form before you leave the Event and make suggestions for future topics and/or locations.

The Intergeneration Event is held every other year. The next event will be in 2014.

Experience
faith,
hope,
love in action.



Driving Directions

To Bellevue UMC
7501 Old Harding Pike, Nashville, TN 37221

From I-65 (South of Nashville)

At exit 74B, take ramp for TN-254 W / Old Hickory Blvd toward Brentwood 7.6 mi
Turn left onto TN-100 / Highway 100 0.6 mi
Slight right onto Old Hickory Blvd 0.2 mi
Take 2nd left onto Bellevue Rd 1.3 mi
Turn left onto Old Harding Pike 0.2

From I-40 (West of Nashville)

At exit 196, take ramp for US-70S toward Bellevue / Newsom Station 0.2 mi
Turn left onto US-70S East / TN-1 East 1.0 mi
Turn right onto Bellevue Rd 0.8 mi
Turn right onto Old Harding Pike 0.2 mi

NEED A READING PROGRAM BOOK?

Check out the Resource Room
while you are at the Event.

INTERGENERATION EVENT

Saturday, April 21, 2012



Bellevue United Methodist
Church
7501 Old Harding Pike
Nashville, Tennessee 37221

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 United Methodist Women
INTERGENERATION EVENT

April 21, 2012

SCHEDULE

- 9:25 a.m. Registration
- 9:55 a.m. Gathering and Music
- 10:00 a.m. Opening Session
- 10:50 a.m. Workshop I
- 11:20 a.m. Break
- 11:30 a.m. Workshop II
- 12:05 p.m. Blessing, Lunch, Reflections & Sending Forth

Keynote speaker for the opening session is
 Ingrid McIntyre, Executive Director of Open
 Table Nashville

Adult Workshops (choose 2)

- God Calling ... Listen Up: A Journey toward Wholeness
- Handle with Care: Hug Therapy
- Flower Arranging and the Significance of Flowers
- Understanding Patient Rights & Responsibilities

Youth Workshop

So ... Just What IS Appropriate?

Children's Workshop

Thank You God for What We Have



Pre-registration Deadline

April 13, 2012

By pre-registering, you will help us to prepare for a successful event.

Hands-on Mission Activity

OPEN TABLE NASHVILLE

Collect and bring any of the following specific items that are needed for the day-to-day ministry at Open Table Nashville.

SMALL tubes of sunscreen

Insect repellent

Socks (for men and women)

Underwear (for men and women)

Toenail or fingernail Clippers

Disposable Razors

Washcloths

SMALL bottle of bath wash

Gift Cards: Subway, McDonalds,

Kroger or WalMart

MTA bus passes (can order online)

Camping tarps

SMALL flashlights (w/batteries)

Can openers

Backpacks

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REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

ZIP _____ PHONE () _____

EMAIL _____

CHURCH/UNIT _____

DISTRICT _____

YOUTH Attending: Names and Ages _____

CHILDREN Attending: Names and Ages _____

I am Enclosing: \$ _____

() \$10.00 Adult Registration Fee

() \$5.00 Youth Registration Fee

() \$3.00 Children Registration Fee

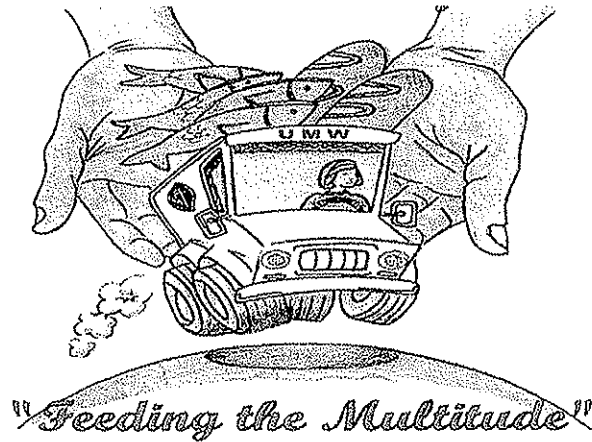
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Tennessee Conference UMW

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM WITH MONEY TO:

Eileen Horton
 366 Duckbranch Road
 Fayetteville, TN 37334

10th Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting



When: June 1-2, 2012
Where: Sheraton Birmingham Hotel, Birmingham, AL
Scripture: John 6: 1-14
Bible Study Leader: Retired Bishop Violet Fisher

What will happen at this meeting?

The SEJ team and Women's Division Directors will be elected.

Why should I attend this meeting?

Bible Study	Banquet – Speakers/Triumphant Quartet
Music – We want your voice for the choir	Meet new friends
Find out what other UMW units are doing	Exhibits and mission opportunities
Be informed about the proposed new structure of United Methodist Women	

Can I bring my family? Yes, make this a family vacation. Hotel rates will be available prior to and after this meeting.

Will scholarships be offered? Yes, 1 per conference (\$350). **What's the registration fee?** \$150 by April 16, 2012; \$175 after April 16, 2012; Registration will be provided online. Paper registrations will be available if needed.

What time will the meeting start? June 1, 2012 @ 6pm and will conclude June 2 @ 4pm
Training for Voting delegates and Rehearsals for others will be held prior to the banquet.
Nominee's reception will be held after the banquet on June 1, 2012.

*May 29th
Cancellation*

Hotel Information: Information forthcoming regarding hotel reservations. See back of this page for additional information regarding the hotel.

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Meet us in Birmingham, Alabama 2012



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Self check-in Kiosk
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Complimentary fitness facility which includes indoor, heated pool
High-speed internet service in all guestrooms
Wireless high speed internet service in our 2nd level atrium area, hotel lobby and in the Business /Postal Support Center
Sheraton Link – our very own Internet Café
Caffe Tazza co-sponsored by Starbucks, Inc.
Room Service: 6am – 12:00 midnight
3 restaurants: Atrium Café, Casey's Sports Bar, Moretti's Lounge

Hotel & Meeting Accommodations

All in one location

What does Birmingham have to offer?

Alabama Historical Radio Museum	Jazz Hall of Fame
Birmingham Civil Rights Institute	Museum of Health and Science
Veterans Memorial	Botanical and Japanese Gardens
Barber Motorsports Park	Birmingham Zoo
McWane Service Center	Birmingham Museum of Art
Riverchase Galleria Mall	Shopping and many restaurants

Transportation

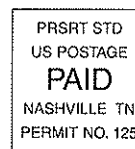
Complimentary airport shuttle (Sunday – Saturday, 6:00 am – 11:00 pm)
Birmingham Airport is 10 minutes from the hotel.
Easy access to I-65 and I-20/59

The Call is mailed four times a year to the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and circle leaders in each unit. Please make sure a list of these current officers has been sent to the editor. Please copy and distribute.

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