

## ***Medical Items to Benefit Friends of Disabled Adults and Children***

“The Church and People with Disabilities” is the theme for this year’s district-wide Social Action Project. The purpose of this project is to make us aware of people with disabilities and how we can make our church more accessible and welcoming to them.

The first part of this project was attendance at a disability study presented at the AROS Lenten Time Apart. Several of our ladies attended and our unit will be given credit for doing this study.

The second part of the project was to conduct an accessibility audit of our church. A team of women have completed this survey. The part of the church campus that was involved in Restore I meets all requirements. Any issues not up to standard will be upgraded during Restore II.

The latest part of the project was the collection of used, but still useful, medical equipment. The entire church was asked to participate. On Saturday, May 16, we collected 75 items, including 3 walkers, 3 porta-potties, 4 pair of crutches, 1 new wheelchair, 5 wrist braces, 1 transfer board, 41 pairs of glasses and many other smaller items.

These items will be taken to FODAC (Friends of Disabled Adults and Children). FODAC’s mission is to provide medical equipment, at little or no cost, to the disabled and their families.

Our goal is that we all will be more aware of disabled persons who are in our church family and those who visit with us. As we go about our way, let us be helpful and welcoming to the disabled we meet. We also need to be aware of ways to improve accessibility of our church campus.

Penny Rose and Mary Lou Dennisson

### ***2015 Chamblee UMW Executive Committee***

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### ***Women’s Retreat Sept. 25—27***

Space is limited at the 2015 Women’s Retreat at Cohutta Springs Conference Center. If you haven’t already signed up and wish to do so, please contact Lee Turner right away so we can secure a room. The cost is \$225 due by August 9. Lee’s email is





*Circles*  
Women in Christ

## **Circle Highlights**

**Chamblee First offers five active circles for women of all ages and stages of life. The goal is to connect women with other believers that can grow together spiritually and support one another in their walks through life.**

### **Alma North**

The Alma North Circle welcomes new member Mary Ruth Russell. We continue to support many mission projects. This year we donated \$150 to UMCOR, \$100 to homeless (through the church), \$50 to Stop Malaria Now, \$150 to Heartbound Ministries for their reading program, \$86 for the Oreo cookie project, and \$150 to prevent human trafficking. For the Social Action Project benefitting Friends of Disabled Adults and Children, we purchased 34 pairs of eye glasses, a folding porta potty, a walker, and a cane.

Our April meeting was hosted by Becky Veal with a pot luck dinner. The guest speaker was Susan Montgomery, who shared about her volunteer work with a human trafficking victim. Our May meeting and cookout was hosted by Becky Craven. To celebrate our “unbirthday”, each person brought a \$10 donation for a total of \$160 that will go to buy birthday gifts for children at Murphy-Harpst that have birthdays in July.

Our meetings are the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. We either meet at a member’s home or at a restaurant. For more information, contact Becky Craven at 770-457-3834 or [rmcraven@bellsouth.net](mailto:rmcraven@bellsouth.net).

### **Jessie Wallace**

In April the Jessie Wallace ladies had the privilege of having George and Debbie Hall “show and tell” us about their trip to the Holy Land. We left the meeting feeling like we had been on the journey with them. Thanks to George and Debbie and also to Mary Lou Dennisson for arranging this program.

Our May meeting was our annual unbirthday party where we celebrate the birthdays of all our members. This was a covered dish dinner hosted by Marsha Jones. These ladies surely know how to cook! We do not meet during the months of June, July, and August, but will return in September feeling fresh and ready to learn, serve, and fellowship. The September meeting is our organizational meeting. We make our plans for the next year and discuss ways that we will serve during the year. In October a program will be presented by Norm Plunkett and in November Fran Scott will be our program leader. December will be our Christmas dinner.

We have been busy gathering our no longer needed medical equipment that will be taken to FODAC to be distributed to disabled adults and children. This is the Social Action Project for 2015.

## **Circle Highlights** *(continued)*

### **Fannie Tapp**

The last few months have provided us with three interesting programs from the UMW program book plus a special guest program leader. February found our Circle at the home of Ann Hammond. The program, entitled “Welcoming Women in All Stages of Life,” was led by Teri McCann. In March we met at the home of Betty Jean Spann with a program on the new “Perimeter North Villages” presented by the Villages Director, Mary Louise Connor. The Villages is not a residence but an organization that offers members vetted services and volunteers for senior citizens in our area. Then in April, we met at the home of Donna Fessenden with Marcia Myers as our hostess. The program, “Welcoming People of All Abilities,” was led by Ann Hammond. Finally, our May meeting was hosted by our ladies at Brookdale of Dunwoody on Johnson Ferry Road. They provided us with a delicious array of food and a warm welcome. Ann Hammond led the program on “Women of Welcome.”

Our Circle also has participated in service activities. Some of our members donated medical items to the Social Action project. In April, we once again prepared and served a meal at Action Ministries’ Women’s Community Kitchen, located at Grace UMC. The homemade chicken and dressing casseroles and other side dishes are always appreciated by the women and children. In April we served about 65 women and children.

When we went to Grace UMC in April, Circle member Donna Fessenden sent a special surprise donation for the After School Program that serves 35 to 40 children each day. Plenty of box drinks, individual packages of crackers, and boxes of chocolate moon pies were received by After School Program Director Ginger Cashin with great joy and appreciation. We hope to take additional donations of similar items the next time we serve at the Community Kitchen in September.

If you are looking for a daytime Circle, we might be just the one for you. For more information, contact Chairperson Ann Hammond at 770-452-7259. We usually meet on the second Tuesday of each month (except summer) at a member’s home at 9:30 a.m. and end our meeting by noon. All are welcome.

### **Action Ministries**

Did you know that the Grace UMW Community Kitchen serves more than 20,000 meals annually? Chamblee UMW has been active in this ministry for many years.

Action Ministries also sponsors the Smart Lunch, Smart Kid program to feed vulnerable children in the summer, and served over 210,000 lunches in 2014.

This year, Chamblee VBS is collecting offering to support Action Ministries. The children will be asked to bring in school supplies for children in need.

To learn more about this ministry, visit their website at:



[www.actionministries.net](http://www.actionministries.net)

# Circle Highlights *(continued)*

## Circle of Friendship



Our February Meeting was held at the home of Lesley Mooney. Sara White showed a video from Murphy-Harpst Children's Home. We decided to take on the home as one of our mission projects. We scheduled a Wednesday night Supper on April 15 to raise money for the home. Circle members donated \$270 in food items and we raised \$525, which was donated directly to the Murphy-Harpst Home.

We decided to sponsor a birthday party on Saturday, July 18, at Murphy-Harpst for the children whose birthdays are in July. We will provide cake, ice cream, games and a gift of \$35-\$40 for each child. We estimate there will be 5 or 6 children with July birthdays. We will use some of our joy jar money for this along with other donations from Alma North and the Youth.

As a result of working with Hightower Elementary for the Food Drive, they reached out to our Circle requesting help with a children's clothing drive. Our newest member, Cathy Newbill, was able to use her employee discount at Carter's and Osh Kosh to purchase needed items. We were able to provide the school with \$610 worth of clothes, which only cost \$450 after Cathy's discount.

In March our Meeting was held at the home of Belinda Owenby. Rev. Dr. Royeese Stowe presented out program and shared pictures about her trip to Ruwanda to learn about reconciliation. Her team of ministers talked with orphans who had lost their parents to genocide and men who had committed genocide. It was a very interesting and thought provoking presentation.

Our April Meeting was held at the home of Margaret Sanchez. Rev. Josh Roberts shared with us some of the highlights of his trip to Israel. On April 20 we served a taco dinner at Hope Lodge for cancer patients and their caregivers. As a result of feedback last quarter by one of the residents, we added baked potatoes for those who needed a more bland diet.

Our May Meeting was held at the home of Katherine Rodriguez. Kathryn also gave the devotional and had the program on Yoking. We decided to pack lunches for Action Ministries in June. Jennifer arranged for us to do this on June 23 at 7 p.m. at the church.

We will miss our dear friend Shirl Baggett, who is moving to Woodstock. While she will not be able to attend meetings, we hope to continue to see her at some of our special events.

Circle of Friendship meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in a member's home. If you would like more information about our Circle, please contact Susan Montgomery at 404-680-6156 or [shmonty@comcast.net](mailto:shmonty@comcast.net).

## Whole Hearted

We invite women who are seeking daytime fun, faith, and fellowship to come join us. We begin our meetings at 10 a.m. the third Monday of every month in Room 204 during the school year, with childcare

### United Methodist Women—Faith, Hope, Love in Action

We are women with a purpose! 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