

Mike Veal and Barry Thrasher Scheduled to Sing at UMW General Meeting on December 1

Have you ever wished you could stay up late enough on a Thursday night to go listen to Mike Veal and Barry Thrasher play at Napoleon's? Now is your chance. Mike, who is UMW member Becky Veal's husband, has agreed to play for us at our annual UMW General Meeting and dinner on Tuesday, December 1. He is joined by his sidekick Barry, who accompanies and sings with Mike.



Barry Thrasher, Santa, Mike Veal

When Barry told his mom that he wanted to be a musician when he grew up, she said, "You can't do both." Mike has proven her wrong as his voice croons as well as the best of them. Barry and Mike play together in the Mike Veal band, but also as a duo, with a knack for responding to audience "stump the band" requests. You often can find them playing at Napoleon's or Tin Roof Cantina. Check out their website at www.mikevealband.com.

You won't want to miss this special night of fun and fellowship. Alexis Rodriguez will be cooking our meal, and UMW Officers for 2016 will be installed. All UMW members and prospective members, along with their spouses or significant others are encouraged to attend. The cost per person is \$8. Sign up through your Circle Chairwoman.

A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Loving God,



We turn out hearts to you on this day for giving thanks, mindful of your many gifts. For each one, we are grateful. For each one, we are blessed. For each one we are opened to the abundance of your love. May this Thanksgiving Day offer a reminder to be generous with others, as you are with us. We praise you. We rejoice in you. We give you thanks. AMEN

Events

2015

Nov. 18 at 6:15p—UMW Bake Sale. Please bring your baked good by 5:45 p.m.

Dec. 1 at 6:30p—UMW

Christmas Dinner (spouses invited). RSVP to your Circle Chairwoman (\$8 per person).

2016

Sept. 23-25—Women's Retreat at Cohutta Springs

The next Mother/Daughter/Friend banquet will be in 2017.

Last Call for Medical Equipment by November 14

If anyone still has medical equipment to donate, please get in touch with Penny Rose at 770-457-3354 or Mary Lou Dennisson at 770-457-6652.

We will turn it in at the district meeting on Nov. 14th.

Women's Retreat Committee Sponsors Paint Party by Art & Soul



Top row, left to right: Cheryl Atkins, Jennifer Teahan, Liz Williams, Susan Heyward, Paula Daniel, Maureen Atkins, Shirl Baggett, Barbara Roberts, Susan Montgomery, Charlene Easier, Becky Veal
Front row, left to right: Kathryn Rodriguez, Belinda Day-Owenby, Marie Glover, Laurie Harris, Margaret Sanchez, Susan Nichols, Mary Lou Dennison
Center front: Sami Glisson, Owner of Art and Soul

What are we going to paint? Everyone was intrigued by the paint party sponsored by the Women's Retreat Committee as a fundraiser to help cover the cost of the 2015 retreat. On a Sunday afternoon in August, the curious went to the Fellowship Hall to find out what it was all about. Sami Glisson, from Art & Soul, provided the canvas, paint, and step-by-step instruction. The cost per person was \$35.

In about two hours, a room full of artists emerged! Each painting turned out completely different, and even those without previously known artistic ability found themselves in awe of the process and the result. The retreat committee raised \$190 towards the expenses of the retreat. Thanks to everyone who organized and participated in this time of great fellowship and fun!



Becky Veal

Women's Retreat September 25-27, 2015

Cohutta Springs Conference Center



Oh, the Places You'll Go by Dr. Seuss was the theme for the 2015 Women's Retreat at Cohutta Springs Conference Center on September 25 to 27. Led by Rev. Dr. Royeese Stowe, the retreat gave us a chance to reflect on our individual spiritual journeys, while learning more about ourselves and each other.

Royeese led us in several group sessions, which always included something fun but thought provoking. Like when we had to cooperate with everyone in the room to complete four puzzles. Saturday afternoon was spent in fellowship by taking walks, playing games, or chatting while putting together puzzles or enjoying the view. We had fun spending time with two of our friends who have moved, Vicki Foster-Wingerter and Shirl Baggett. And we met some new friends too.

Many thanks to Rev. Dr. Royeese Stowe and Retreat Chairwoman Belinda Day-Owenby and her team for a great weekend!

The 2016 retreat will be at Cohutta Springs Conference Center the weekend of September 23 to 25. Please mark your calendars now so you can join us next year!



Vicki Foster-Wingerter and Belinda Day-Owenby



Lisa Clarke



Jennifer Teahan and Margaret Sanchez



Marcia Myers and Mary Lou Dennisson



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

Alma North ladies stay busy! We continue to have “social” gatherings during the months of June, July and August. We meet at a restaurant for dinner on our regular meeting night. We are happy to welcome three new members – Mary Ruth Kearney, Shirley Brooks, and Eleanor Heyward. They all three are certainly assets to our local Circle as well as the entire UMW.

September found us back in the groove with supper and a great speaker provided by Carol Mims and Ann Logan. October found us in the serving area at church, with supper provided by Debbie Healy and Fran Dickey. The program was presented by our own Rev. Jeff Rogers.

November will find us meeting at the home of Betty Robinson with Susan Matlick and Eleanor Heyward serving as co-hostesses. A pledge program and a surprise program will be presented. In December, we will be at Becky Craven’s home for a festive dinner. (You will find we have an underlying theme of eating, for anyone interested!!!)

Alma North has helped financially with \$100 for Youth Back Packs and \$50 to feed the Chamblee football team. Our Circle’s current project, headed by Debbie Healy, is selling Christmas wreaths and swags. The orders were due November 1, with proceeds going to Restore II and gifts for children of women prisoners at Lee Arrendale prison. We will help in many other areas before the end of 2015.

We would love to have you visit with us and/or become a member. Our #1 goal is to serve God with our capabilities, offering fun, fellowship and faith. Our meetings are the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. We either meet at a member’s home, at the church, or at a restaurant. For more information, contact Becky Craven at 770-457-3834 or rmcraven@bellsouth.net.

2015 Chamblee UMW Board

President	Leslie Mottern
Vice President	Jennifer Teahan
Secretary	Becky Veal
Treasurer	Debbie Healy
Nominating Committee	Marie Glover & Belinda Day-Owenby
Historian	Liz Williams
Newsletter	Susan Montgomery
Education & Interpretation	Susan Matlick
Social Action	Mary Lou Dennisson & Penny Rose

Circle Highlights *(continued)*

Circle of Friendship

Friendship Circle was busy over the summer with mission projects. In June, we packed 200 lunches for Action Ministries. In July, we hosted a birthday party for the children at Murphy-Harpst Home who had July birthdays. We provided cakes, ice cream, drinks, candy and party favors for 90. Five children (all boys) had a July birthday and received a gift of his choice plus his favorite candy. Each gift was worth \$30 and Alma North Circle provided the \$150 for the birthday gifts. We played bingo with them and gave prizes to the winners. They seemed to really enjoy the game. We were impressed by the staff and the relationships we saw between the children and their caretakers.



Our August meeting was held at the home of Paula Daniel. Margaret Sanchez led the devotional on staying focused on the important things in life. Charlene Easler's niece, Kelly Burge, brought us the program about her service dog, Millie. She showed us several tricks that Millie could do and told us how Millie provides companionship and comfort to shut-ins and people in hospice care. She shared some touching stories about the impact that the program has had on families.

Our September meeting was held at the home of Jennifer Teahan. We were pleased to have Patti Sheffield as our guest. Jennifer combined the Devotional and Program about the power of expectations in our lives and in the lives of others. It centered around the story of "Batman," a blind man who navigates by echo location (like a bat). The way he lives his life – using his abilities to travel unaided through unfamiliar areas and to even ride a bike – challenges our expectations of what a blind person can do.

Our October meeting was held at the home of Susan Montgomery. We were pleased to welcome Lee Turner as our newest member. Bob and Adair Maller, neighbors of Cheryl Atkins, spoke to us about Bob's experiences with Meals on Wheels, including meal preparation, number of volunteers needed, and building relationships with the recipients. Marie Glover gave the Devotional called the Layman's Ten Commandments, one of which says Prayer is not a "Spare wheel" but rather a "Steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout our journey. We donated \$150 to the Chamblee Charter High School football team for Chick-Fil-A after their games. We also donated \$100 for gifts for children of prisoners at Lee Arendal Women's Prison.

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.

Circle Highlights (continued)

Fannie Tapp

September found our Circle meeting at the church with Linda Mattingly as hostess. The program, given by Ann Hammond, was "Going Out to Welcome" from our UMW program book.

On September 25, we provided food and served about 70 less fortunate and homeless women and children at the Community Kitchen in the Grace UMC Fellowship Hall. We served chicken and dressing casserole, green beans, cranberry sauce, grapes, cucumber slices, bread, cookies, sweet tea, milk, and orange juice. Circle members who provided food were: Ann Hammond, Teri McCann, Glenn Todd, Rose Ann Mitchell, Marcia Myers, Betty Jean Spann, Joyce Hunt, Lee Turner, and Leslie Mottern. A special thanks to our friends who are not part of our Circle who provided food: Tammy Arnold, Marie Glover, Linda King, and Debbie Hall. An additional thanks to other friends who are not in our Circle who went to serve: Sandra Fancher, Debbie Hall, Debbie Calvert, Anna Hammer, and Phyllis Hyne. We could not have done it without you. The Community Kitchen is one part of Action Ministries of Atlanta. A special gift to the After School Care Program of Action Ministries was a donation of \$130 worth of snacks and drinks.

Our October meeting was held on October 20 at the church. Teri McCann was our hostess. The program from our UMW program book presented by Ann Hammond was "Acting for Racial Justice: A United Methodist Women Tradition of Welcome."

Our November 10th meeting will be held either at the home of Rose Ann Mitchell. In December, we will enjoy a Christmas luncheon on December 8th at Mimi's Café. Our Christmas Dinner Party, which includes spouses, has not yet been scheduled.

The Fannie Tapp Circle meets on the second Tuesday of each month, excluding the summer months, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. When possible, we meet in a member's home to enjoy fellowship, to support each other through praises and prayer concerns, and to have a devotional and program. We welcome new members. If you are interested in joining the Fannie Tapp Circle or for more information, contact Ann Hammond, at 770-452-7259 or LHH3@aol.com.

Action Ministries

Action Ministries started as a grassroots effort to directly address the economic problems of many in the area, and has evolved into a family of programs spanning across Georgia. Action Ministries Atlanta has had its offices at Grace United Methodist Church in Midtown since 1984.



Action Ministries
Atlanta Women's
Community Kitchen

One of the programs is the **Atlanta Women's Community Kitchen**. A nutritious weekday meal provides hunger relief and fellowship to homeless women and children in a safe, nurturing environment. More than 20,000 meals are served a year.

Chamblee UMW Hosts District Leadership Development Day

We will be hosting a district UMW Leadership Development Day on Saturday, November 7, with 100 participants. Our UMW will provide Breakfast, Lunch, set up and clean up. Thanks to Leslie Mottern and Jennifer Teahan who are organizing this event and to those who brought food or helped set or clean up.

Chamblee UMW Sponsors Gifts to Children of Women Prisoners at Lee Arrendale

This holiday season, we are purchasing approximately 60 gifts for women at Lee Arrendale prison to give to their children. If you are interested in going to the prison in Gainesville in December to wrap gifts, please contact Leslie Mottern at lesliemottern@comcast.net or 770-454-8514.

Circle Highlights (continued)

Jessie Wallace

After a summer hiatus, we had our September meeting at Jean Lingle's home. This was our organizational meeting where we made plans for our 2016 year.

Our October meeting was at Joanne Lawson's new home. Of course, everyone wanted a tour! It is a beautiful home. Our program was "Memories of Chamblee First United Methodist Church." Each lady told something that they remember happening at Chamblee over the years. Some stories were funny, some were more serious, and some brought tears. After hearing the stories, we realize that Chamblee First is a great church and we love her.



Fran Scott will present a pledge program in November. We will be meeting at Debbie Hall's home.

We have declared that November is "Diaper Month" in the Jessie Wallace Circle. All the ladies will bring disposable diapers to the meeting. These diapers will be taken to the Malachi House. At a recent program, we learned that the Malachi House never has enough diapers to give to their clientele. We hope our donations will help.

In December we will have a Christmas dinner. Crystal Dunahoo will be our host. This is a covered dish meal.

Jessie Wallace Circle meets the second Tuesday at 7 p.m. in a member's home. For more information, contact Fran Scott at 770-457-3344 or franscott@mindspring.com.

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 provided. For more information, contact Kathryn Rodriguez at 678-546-1428 or mamakatrodz@gmail.com.

United Methodist Women **Faith, Hope, Love in Action**

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.

