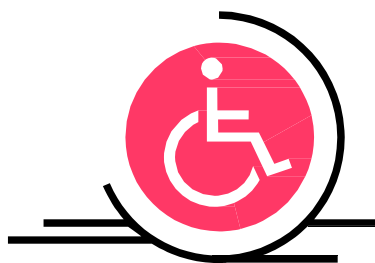


## ***March Lenten Time Apart Celebrates Diversity and Builds Awareness around Disabilities***

All Chamblee United Methodist Women are invited to attend the Atlanta-Roswell District (AROS) Lenten Time Apart Day at Sandy Springs UMC (SSUMC) on Saturday, March 14, 2015. The program will be to celebrate the diversity of abilities in the body of Christ and to build awareness regarding issues around disabilities.

The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. with registration and fellowship in the parlor of SSUMC located in the lower building of the campus at 85 Mt. Vernon Hwy. Worship at 10 a.m. will be led by Deborah Halstead, AROS Spiritual Growth Coordinator, and Alyssa Green, Special Needs Coordinator, Alpharetta First UMC. The study beginning at 11 a.m. will be led by Cindy Campbell, Minister to the Community, East Cobb UMC. Lunch will be provided and the program will conclude by 1:30 p.m.

If you are interested in attending, please let Leslie Mottern know at [lesliemottern@comcast.net](mailto:lesliemottern@comcast.net) or 678-516-3008.



## ***Social Action Project***

The Atlanta-Roswell District's Social Action project for 2015 is "The Church and People with Disabilities." We will learn more about this project at the Lenten Time Apart on March 14th. After the meeting, when we have more information, we will decide how our unit will carry out this project. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information.

*Mary Lou Dennisson and Penny Rose*

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

President	Leslie Mottern
Vice President	Jennifer Teahan
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Treasurer	Debbie Healy
Nominating Committee	Becky Craven
Historian	Liz Williams
Newsletter & Yearbook	Susan Montgomery
Education & Interpretation	Susan Matlick
Social Action	Mary Lou Dennisson & Penny Rose

### ***Welcome New UMW Members!***

We are excited to welcome three new members who recently have joined a UMW circle.

**Fannie Tapp—Lynn Yandura**

**Friendship—Cathy Newbill**

**Whole Hearted—Ann Marie Castenfelt**

If you are interested in finding out more about our Circles, please contact any of the Executive Committee members or Susan Montgomery at 404-680-6156 or [shmonty@comcast.net](mailto:shmonty@comcast.net).

## ***UMW Bake Sale Nets \$3,572***

Thanks to our Chamblee UMW women, who donated over 40 baked goods for our annual bake sale fundraiser, we raised \$3,572 to be split between Restore II and the Belize mission trip. Expert auctioneer Spencer Scarbrough, assisted by Mike Veal and Ray Manus, facilitated the bidding process. Ann Hammond was the highest bidder of \$155 for an Olaf inspired sheet cake. A Caramel Cake was the next highest bid at \$120, while an Italian Crème Cake and Carrot Cake each netted \$100 for the cause. A great time was had by all!



**Spencer Scarbrough Gets Help from His Daughters while Mike Veal Identifies Bidders**

## ***Alma North Circle Wreath Sale Benefits Murphy-Harpst and Restore II***

The Alma North Circle took on a big project this year to raise money for Murphy-Harpst Children's Center for Abused Children and the church's Restore II campaign by selling Christmas wreaths. The circle was able to donate their profits of \$2,000, with \$1,000 each going to Murphy-Harpst and Restore II. Big thanks to the Alma North Circle members who managed this project.

An agency of the United Methodist Church, Murphy-Harpst is an independent not-for-profit organization committed to meeting the needs of abused and neglected young people through residential treatment, placements in specialized foster care, and community programs that serve at-risk children and their families.



**Debbie Healy**



## ***Disney Delights Mothers, Daughters and Friends***

Young and old alike stepped into a fantasy world of Disney during the Mother/Daughter/Friend banquet held on Friday, February 6, 2015. Exclaimed one three-year old as she saw Marie Glover, the banquet Chairperson, "There is the real Snow White!" The men, led by chief chef Alexis Rodriguez and assistants Ron Rankin and Jessica Price, outdid themselves with a delicious meal of Mexican dip, Caesar salad, pork tenderloin with pineapple salsa, green beans, yellow rice and cake. Children 10 and under enjoyed a meal of chicken alfredo with penne pasta.

The room was decorated with beautiful Disney artifacts, under loan from choir director Allen Barbee and Marie's friend Corinne Sbaratta, which sat on top of pink silk ruffled material hand made by UMW member Charlene Easler. Our hard working men were very busy filling drinks and serving the three course meal. They were rewarded, as per Chamblee FUMC custom, with dollar bills in their arm bands to go towards the Methodist Men's funds. The evening featured Disney video clips. The highlight was watching each girl 10 and under introduce herself as she received a goodie bag. A door prize for one person from each table was awarded based on matching birthdays to the date on the door prize tag. Thanks to Emily Jameson for coordinating children's goodie bags and Ann Hammond for coordinating adult door prizes.



Special thanks to Marie and her team of volunteers for coordinating this amazing and fun event!



Deanna Hamilton, Cheryl Atkins, Shirl Baggett, Belinda Owenby, Patti Avary, Marie Glover, Liz Williams



## ***Disney Delights Mothers, Daughters and Friends (continued)***



Georgia Ann Moore, Joan Moore, Marcia Myers



Olaf, Alexis Rodriguez



Deanna Hamilton



## ***Disney Delights Mothers, Daughters and Friends (continued)***



Kendall McEntyre Crye



Beth Scarbrough



Mary Sallach



Holly Swing, Becky Mitchell



Ray Dunahoo



## 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.**

### Fannie Tapp

As we look forward to 2015 and welcoming a new member, Lynn Yandura, into our Circle, we also think back to the last few months of 2014. In October we met at the home of Teri McCann and enjoyed a program on "Calling to Work for Children." We discussed ways that we work for children through our UMW pledges and activities and also discussed ways that children have been in ministry to us. Then in November we met at the home of Rose Ann Mitchell and had our World Thank Offering program. At the end of the program we rolled coins and counted the change we saved during the year. Our donation for the World Thank Offering was \$215 this year!

In December, a few of us enjoyed the General UMW dinner and program on "A Revolutionary Christmas." Most of us enjoyed a Christmas luncheon together at Mimi's Café instead of a December meeting. For our second Christmas party, which included spouses, many of us enjoyed a delicious dinner at the home of Teri and Pat McCann with everyone bringing food and the ladies exchanging gifts of Christmas ornaments.



**Ann Hammond, Marcia Myers, Linda King**

At our January meeting in the home of Glenn Todd our program was our "Pledge to Mission Service." As part of the program, we learned that some of our pledge monies are used all around the world to help women, youth, and children in areas of working to stop the trafficking of young girls, giving refugee youth in Liberia a chance for a college education, and aiding those working to treat Ebola patients in Africa.

In January 23rd, our Circle served once again at the Community Kitchen at Grace UMC. We thank friends Tammy Arnold, Liz Williams, and Marie Glover who assisted our Circle members with food and extra hands. The 75 disadvantaged women and children that we served seemed to really enjoy our menu of chicken and dressing casserole, green beans, cranberry sauce, grapes, cucumber slices, bread, and cookies.

New members are always welcome. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month (except the summer) at 9:30 a.m. in homes. For more information, contact Circle Chairperson, Ann Hammond, at 770-452-7259 or [lh3@aol.com](mailto:lh3@aol.com).



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

### **Alma North**

The Alma North Circle had a very busy 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2014. We contributed \$100 to the Thanksgiving Food Drive, spent \$184 on feeding the Chamblee High School football team, spent \$50 on feeding the Chamblee High School basketball team, and \$200 on the staff year end gift.

Our first fundraiser selling Christmas wreaths was quite a success, and we look forward to doing it again in 2015. Because of the success of selling the wreaths, we were able to make a contribution in the amount of \$1,000 that went towards the Chamblee FUMC Restoration II project and an additional \$1,000 went to Murphy-Harpst Children's Center for Abused Children (See the article on page 2.)

In December we had a wonderful Christmas dinner at Becky Craven's home. We did a special love offering that evening where we raised \$110, which went to the Church Discretionary Fund. We raised and donated over \$2,600 in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2014.

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 December we met at Crystal Dunahoo's home for our Christmas dinner. What good cooks we have! Everyone brought toiletries such as tooth brushes, toothpaste, and shampoo. These items were taken to the United Methodist Children's Home. They are always in need of such items.

In January we met at the home of Mary Bentley. Tom Jones presented a program on symbols. We learned that the same symbol can mean different things to different people. The February meeting was at Fran Scott's home. Fran presented a program on "Aging - What Can We Do?" Our March meeting will return to Crystal Dunahoo's house. We will be sorting household items that have been donated to the Prison Ministry.

Barbara Roberts will be hosting the April meeting and Mary Lou Dennisson will present the program. On April 21st we will prepare a meal to take to the Shelter at Grace UMC. This gives us a chance to talk with and minister to the people who come there to eat.

May will bring our annual "Unbirthday Party" and a covered dish dinner. We will celebrate the birthdays of all our members. Marsha Jones will be the host. This will be our last meeting until Fall, as we do not meet June through August.

In September we will continue our meetings, refreshed and ready for more fellowship, learning, and missions. 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](mailto:franscott@mindspring.com).



Fran Scott (second from left) with her Family and Friends

# Circle Highlights *(continued)*

## Whole Hearted

We are so very happy to welcome Ann Marie Castenfelt back to Atlanta and our group! As she had moved away this summer, she had her house up for sale. It never sold and her husband was transferred back here, so they were able to move right back in. We are happy to have her around again!

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. At our meeting in January, we had a special speaker, Susan Montgomery, who shared a story of her volunteer work to help a trafficking victim obtain a temporary Visa to remain in the U.S. This led to a discussion about how to keep our children safe.

In February (the month of love) we will be looking at different charities and organizations that help people (including the UMC) and decide on something that our Circle can support physically with our children. If you have an organization in mind, please let Kathryn know or bring information to the meeting on Feb. 23rd.

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](mailto:mamakatrodz@gmail.com).

## Circle of Friendship

Our September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at the home of Kathryn Rodriguez. The program was presented by Joe Lipsky who told us about the mission trip to Belize using pictures he had taken. Our October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at the home of Becky Bennett. We had a special guest, Billie Williams, who together with Becky presented a program on the challenges and needs of children today. Our November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at the home of Liz Williams. Belinda gave the devotional on Thanksgiving and shared some ways we can be grateful this season. We signed cards for our shut ins.

Our December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at the home of Shirli Baggett. We enjoyed a scrumptious dinner and great fellowship. We exchanged Christmas ornaments with a new game that made you think which is your right or left side.

Our January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at the home of Renee Mikesell. After a spaghetti dinner, we were able to sit around a nice fire, which is what we needed on a cold, drizzly night. Emily Jameson presented the program by sharing her insights into the poem "The Journey of the Magi" by T. S. Elliott. In February, we met at the home of Lesley Mooney. Sara White showed us a video about the Murphy-Harpst Children's Center for Abused Children. We decided to host a Wednesday Night Supper on April 15 with the proceeds going to the Center and a birthday party at the Center on July 18.

We took a Taco Dinner to Hope Lodge on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and again on January 19, 2015. Our next trip is scheduled for April 20. The patients and caregivers appreciate it so much, and it makes us realize how fortunate we are.

Our 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 to attend or would like more information about our Circle, please contact Susan Montgomery at 404-680-6156 or [shmonty@comcast.net](mailto:shmonty@comcast.net).



Belinda Owenby, Andrea Rankin, Patti Avary and Charlene Easler get cookies and drinks ready for the Live Nativity reception