

## ***Story of Santa Claus*** ***UMW General Meeting December 6***

The annual UMW General Meeting will be on Tuesday Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Alexis Rodriguez will be cooking dinner for us, and Mr. Terry Manning will be telling us the story of Santa Claus.

Please consider taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity to fellowship with members of other Circles and to participate in the installation of your 2017 UMW Board.

This meeting is open to all members, prospective members, and their spouses. The dinner will be \$8. Please make checks payable to the UMW. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to your Circle chairperson or Jennifer Teahan at [jentea74@hotmail.com](mailto:jentea74@hotmail.com).



## ***Annual Bake Sale*** ***November 16***

Please join us for a fun night of fund-raising on Wednesday Nov. 16 by baking and buying (and eating too!). We will have both auction items and a fixed-price table. The auction will start at 6:15 p.m. after Wednesday night supper is served. Bring your baked good by 5:45 p.m. Proceeds will go toward furnishing our new suite off the Narthex.

The rooms will be used for brides in wedding preparation as well as for families needing privacy during bereavement.

## ***Stop Human Trafficking*** ***Vote Yes to Amendment #2***

As United Methodist Women, we seek to stop child sexual exploitation and human trafficking worldwide.

As women of Georgia, we have the right to vote yes for Amendment #2 on Nov. 8 to help victims of sex trafficking in our state. The amendment will establish a dedicated Safe Harbor for Exploited Children Fund to pay for victims' housing, counseling and medical treatment. The money would come from a \$2500 fine on anyone convicted of human trafficking crimes and from a new \$500 annual fee for strip clubs and other adult businesses. It will not, and cannot, come out of your tax dollars. Our state constitution requires an amendment approved by the people to set up this type of funding.

## **Events**

### **2016**

**Nov. 12**—UMW AROS District Gathering. Contact Leslie Mottern 770-454-8513 you are if interested in attending.

**Nov. 16 at 6:15p**—UMW Bake Sale. Please bring your baked good by 5:45 p.m.

**Dec. 6 at 6:30p**—UMW Christmas Dinner (spouses invited). RSVP to your Circle Chairwoman (\$8 per person).

### **2017**

**Feb. 10**—Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet "Fun with Penguins"

**Sept. 15-17**—Women's Retreat at Cohutta Springs

## **Wreath Sale**

The Alma North UMW Circle invites you to purchase a live wreath and/or swag for the upcoming Advent season. The price is \$25 for a wreath or swag that you pick up at the church or \$40 for a wreath that is mailed direct.

You may place your order Sunday mornings or at Wednesday Night Suppers until Oct. 30. The profits will go to worthy projects. If you have questions, please contact Becky Craven at [rmcraven@bellsouth.net](mailto:rmcraven@bellsouth.net) or 404-405-6719.

## Women's Retreat September 23-25, 2016

### Cohutta Springs Conference Center



The weather was beautiful and the setting a testament to God's glory, but the most amazing part of being on the Women's Retreat was the sisterhood in Christ experienced by the women that attended. Our youngest attendee was 20 and our oldest was in her 80's, yet every generation thoroughly enjoyed being together.

Our leader, Rev. Dr. Royeese Stowe, used fables as a tool to teach us about the lessons and morals contained in the fables. We broke out into small groups to discuss the fables and other relevant Bible verses. Throughout the weekend, we participated in various interactive activities that demonstrated teamwork or proved a point.



Emily Rogers and Crystal Dunahoo

We were blessed this year to have Emily Rogers as our song leader! After a few songs, the altos in the group found each other and provided a wonderful harmony to the angelic sopranos. Many of us were deeply moved by the music, especially as we sang *"It Is Well With My Soul."*

Our sincere thanks to Rev. Dr. Royeese Stowe and Retreat Chairwoman Belinda Day-Owenby and her team for a great weekend! The survey says... we should continue to have annual retreats at Cohutta Springs.



Barbara Roberts and Rachel Mikesell

So... the 2017 retreat will be at Cohutta Springs Conference Center the weekend of September 15 to 17. We are hoping that a few of you who were unable to attend this year will be able to attend next year. Please mark your calendars now so you can join in the fun!



Kristin Boyer and Deanna Hamilton





## Circle Highlights

**Chamblee First offers four 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.**

### Jessie Wallace

***Meets Second Tuesday at 7 p.m.  
Contact: Fran Scott***

After a summer break, the Jessie Wallace ladies were glad to get back to our monthly meetings. On Sept. 13, we met at Jo Anne Lawson's house. This was our planning meeting for 2016/2017.

The ladies were so glad to have a first time visitor – Mary Beth Kwenda. We welcome Mary Beth and hope she will become a part of our Circle.

The Oct. 11 meeting was at Mary Lou Dennisson's home. We assembled Care Kits, which will be given to Covenant House. Covenant will distribute the kits to homeless teens and young adults who may be vulnerable for human trafficking.

The Nov. 8 meeting will be held at Debbie Hall's house. This will be our annual pledge service. Each lady will have the opportunity to make a pledge to the UMW. All monies will be used for mission projects.

In December, we will collect toys for Malachi House. This project allows mothers to pick a toy so that their child/children may receive a Christmas gift.

Ladies, don't forget our Diaper Project! Bring a package of baby diapers (small, large or whatever) to each meeting. These also go to Malachi House and are distributed to mothers who have no means to buy diapers for their babies.

The Dec. 13 meeting will be our Christmas Dinner and "white elephant" gift exchange. Crystal Dunahoo will have us at her home. If you do not have a circle, please come join us. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, excluding June-August. Fran Scott is our Chairperson. If you have any questions, give her a call at 770-457-3344 or [franscott40@gmail.com](mailto:franscott40@gmail.com).

### 2016 Chamblee UMW Board

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Social Action	Becky Bennett



# Circle Highlights *(continued)*

## Alma North

***Meets First Monday at 6:30 p.m.***

***Contact: Becky Craven***

Alma North Circle has been very busy since May. We contributed \$230.12 to make 50 kits for Covenant House, \$220 for the Hinton mission trip for youth, \$95.40 for buckets for the Prison Ministry, and \$200 for school supplies.

We are again sponsoring the Christmas wreath and swag fundraiser. Proceeds will go to a worthy cause. For more information, see the article on page 1.

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](mailto:rmcraven@bellsouth.net).

## Fannie Tapp

***Meets Second Tuesday at 10 a.m.***

***Contact: Ann Hammond***

We welcome our newest member, Mary Beth Kwenda. She has already attended our May and September meetings, contributed to a mission project, and helped with food and serving at the Community Kitchen. She is a wonderful addition to our Circle.

September found us at the home of Donna Fessenden. Besides the sharing of good food and fellowship, Ann Hammond led us in a program "*Called to Be Merciful*." We completed our 20 bags of toiletries for the District mission project and began our collection of toiletries for our local UMW project for Tapestri. Both projects will help women and young girls who have been rescued from human trafficking. We will complete the collection for Tapestri in October.

On Sept. 23, 14 ladies helped to make our serving at the Community Kitchen a success. All provided food or drink and seven also went to serve about 50 less fortunate women and children. Five of our Circle members went to Fort Street UMC to serve. Friends joining us to serve were Debbie Hall and Gayle McEntyre; and providing food were Tammy Arnold, Marie Glover, Leslie Mottern, and Lee Turner. An added blessing was that four neighborhood ladies joined us to help set up and serve!! The Community Kitchen, an Action Ministries program, expects to be back at Grace UMC beginning in October.

On Oct. 4, we met at the home of Fran Gray with Marcia Myers providing the food. The program was "*Looking Forward to the 150th Anniversary of UMW*."

Our upcoming meetings and programs will be:

- **Nov. 8** at the home of Rose Ann Mitchell with the program being on "*World Thank Offering*."
- **Dec. 13** will be our Christmas luncheon at the home of Ann Hammond.

Our Circle welcomes new members. We meet at 10 a.m. to noon in the home of members usually on the second Tuesday of the month except for the summer months. For more information, contact Ann Hammond at 770-452-7259 or [LHH3@aol.com](mailto:LHH3@aol.com).

# Circle Highlights (continued)

## Circle of Friendship

**Meets Second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.**

**Contact: Susan Montgomery**

Since we do not have meetings in June and July, we schedule mission activities in these months so that we can still get together and do something for others.

On June 17, we provided a birthday party for four children at Murphy-Harpst Children's Center in Cedartown, Georgia. There were 30 children in attendance and some were anxious to help. We had one girl who had so much fun dishing out the ice cream and two others who called the Bingo game. We also served cake and punch and gave out favors as they left the party. They were mostly teenagers who seemed to have a good time and we did too.

On July 12, we packed 250 sandwich lunches for Action Ministries Smart Lunch Smart Kid Program. This is such a special mission in that so many children do not get much to eat when school is out. It is amazing how quickly 250 lunches can be prepared with many hands at work.

Our Aug. 9 meeting was at the home of Susan Montgomery. She served a delicious "crazy mixed up" lasagna. Denise Berry gave an interesting devotion about the Aramaic version of the Bible. Each month we collect items for the Social Action project and this month we collected toothpaste. This was our annual business meeting when we discuss plans for the coming year, and decide on our officers. We were all in agreement that we most enjoy service projects where we can work together as a group, and are directly involved with the recipients. We are looking to possibly add one or two more projects next year.

Our Sept. 13 meeting was held at the home of Becky Bennett. She served a variety of pasta dishes and salads, oh my! Jennifer Teahan gave the devotional based on lilies of the valleys from Song of Solomon and a poem, "Consider the Lilies of the Field." Marie Glover presented an interesting slide program about the History and Language of Flowers.

In September, we served taco dinner to the residents and caregivers of Hope Lodge, a facility for cancer patients.

Our Oct. 11 meeting and pot luck dinner was held at the home of Becky Bennett where we decorated 68 beautiful Christmas ornaments for the Christmas tree. Becky's home was sparkling with glitter by the time we were through. Our sincere thanks to Becky for opening her home to us two months in a row.



**Decorating Christmas Ornaments**

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).

## 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.*