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Chamblee First United Methodist Church

March 2017

March Lenten Time Apart Focusing on God's Gift of Water

All Chamblee United Methodist Women are invited to attend the Atlanta-Roswell District (AROS) Lenten Time Apart Day at Dunwoody UMC on Saturday, March 25, 2017. The program will be to learn and worship focusing on God's gift of water.

The day will begin at 9 a.m. with registration and networking at their campus at 1548 Mt. Vernon Road. In the spirit of saving plastic from bottles, you are invited to bring your own water container or coffee cup. The Social Action Awareness session is from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Worship and communion will be from 11 - 11:45 a.m.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Leslie Mottern at lesliemottern@comcast.net or 678.516.3008.

Sweep the Hooch

As a Social Action Project, the UMW AROS District will be participating in Sweep the Hooch on April 8, 2017.

Sweep the Hooch is an annual day of service to the Chattahoochee River mobilizing volunteers on foot, in waders, or paddlers to remove trash at sites throughout the watershed.

Sweep the Hooch brings people together to give back to the mighty river that gives us so much.

We will be learning more about how the UMW plans to participate when we attend the March Lenten Time Apart on March 25. If you are interested, mark your calendars for April 8 now, and stay tuned for details. More information can be found on the [Chattahoochee River website](#).



Chamblee UMW Executive Committee

President	Leslie Mottern
Vice President	Jennifer Teahan
Secretary	Becky Veal
Treasurer	Debbie Healy
Newsletter & Yearbook	Susan Montgomery
Social Action	Liz Williams Susan Matlick
Nominating Committee	Becky Bennett

Welcome New UMW Members!

We are excited to welcome new members who recently joined the Friendship Circle.

Tayari (TJ) Allardice

Kim Garrison

Nina Larsen

Polly Wasdin

Michelle Watts

If you are interested in finding out more about our Circles, please contact any of the Executive Committee members, the Circle Chairpersons or Jennifer Teahan at 770.381.8256 or jentea74@hotmail.com.

UMW Bake Sale Proceeds Furnish New Bridal Room

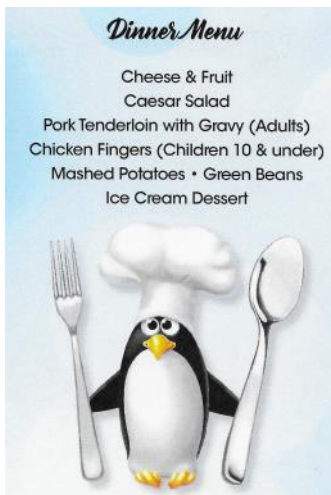
Chamblee women, along with some of our male friends, donated over 40 baked items for our annual bake sale fundraiser. We raised \$4,050, which was designated for furnishing the new Bridal Room.

Expert auctioneer Spencer Scarbrough, assisted by Mike Veal, Barry Stafford and Ray Manus, facilitated the bidding process. Top sellers this year were pound cake (\$140), carrot cake (\$130), butter pecan cake (\$120) and two French coconut pies (\$120).

A big thanks to everyone who baked, assisted and especially to those who bought our scrumptious baked goods.



Penguins Invade Fellowship Hall at Mother / Daughter / Friend Banquet



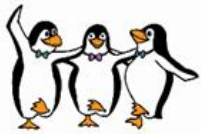
Marie Glover shared her love of penguins at the bi-annual Mother / Daughter / Friend Banquet held on Friday, February 10, 2017. With the theme of Fun with Penguins, the Fellowship Hall was filled with penguins from Marie's collection, with decorative penguins and snow globes on the tables, penguins sliding down snowy banks, and penguins hanging on the walls under the lights. We even had our own Elizabeth Jameson dressed as a penguin ready to greet the mothers, daughters and their friends. The theme carried over into the colorful program designed by Kim Garrison and Jennifer Teahan.

Chief chef Alexis Rodriguez and assistant Jessica Price outdid themselves with a delicious meal. Our hard working Methodist men were very busy filling drinks and serving the meal. They were rewarded, as per Chamblee UMW custom, with dollar bills in their arm bands to go towards the Methodist Men's funds. The men's tips for the night totaled \$326.

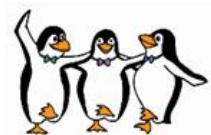
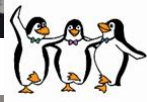
The evening featured penguin video clips and a fun presentation on penguins by Marie. Mary Lou Dennison facilitated as each girl 10 and under introduced herself and then received a goodie bag. Everyone smiled as Susan Montgomery's granddaughter Iris announced that she is five and three fourths years old. Ann Hammond awarded door prizes using different criteria for winners. Denise Berry donated a special door prize of a portrait of the recipient's pet!

With donations of many of the decorations by UMW members and door prizes by UMW Circles, the event paid for itself, with \$192 left over to donate to Chamblee UMW.

Marie did a fantastic job of involving at least 35 church members that assisted with this event. Special thanks to Marie for all of her creative ideas and excellent coordination skills to provide this amazing and fun evening for the women of our church.



Fun with Penguins Mother / Daughter / Friend Banquet





UMW Circles

Circle Highlights

Chamblee First UMC 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. To become active in UMW, consider joining a Circle.

Alma North

Meets First Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Becky Craven ~ 770.457.3834 or rmcraven@bellsouth.net

In October, our Circle met at the church where we were hosted by Fran Dickey and Debbie Healy. Jeff Rogers was our guest and told us about his trip to Jerusalem. We kicked off our Christmas Wreath sale on October 1 and it ran until October 27. We had a great response with net profits of \$2,110. Portions of the profits have gone to serve local needs like those below:

- Chamblee UMC Thanksgiving Food Drive
- 20 boxes of food for the families of Garden Hills Elementary students, some of which had lost their homes in a fire
- 30 boxes of food (saved from the food drive) and 30 Kroger gift cards @ \$25/ea for the Arrendale Prison Christmas Party
- Victims of the Gatlinburg fire
- Year-end staff gift
- A meal for the Chamblee Football team before one of their games
- A fund for fallen and injured police and firemen and their families to help them provide for family needs when the officer or firefighter is unable to work

In November, the Alma North Circle was well represented at the UMW Bake Sale! We had talented bakers who donated sweet treats and volunteers who helped to take care of the sales tables, label and stage the baked goods, and assist as needed.

Becky Craven hosted the December meeting and served a wonderful meal. Everyone bought \$10 to be used for children's Christmas gifts. We voted to donate more of our wreath sale proceeds to the staff gift and feeding the Chamblee High School basketball team on a Friday before one of their games.

Our January meeting was held at Fischer Mansion in the clubhouse and hosted by Becky Veal.

Our meetings are the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. We either meet at a member's home or at the church. For more information, contact Becky Craven at 770.457.3834 or rmcraven@bellsouth.net.

Circle Highlights (continued)

Jessie Wallace

Meets Second Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Contact: Fran Scott ~ 770.457.3344 or franscott40@gmail.com

Jessie Wallace Circle began the year with our February meeting at the home of Fran Scott. We were delighted to have Mary Beth Kwenda as our guest speaker, who shared her life story, including how she met her husband Max in Zimbabwe.

On March 14, we will meet at Shirley Pirnie's home. Then on April 11, we will meet at Gayle McEntyre's home and Marie Glover will bring us a program on flowers.

May 9 is our annual Unbirthday Party. This is a covered dish dinner, and we celebrate the birthdays of all our group. We will gather at Marsha Jones' home for this get together.

We are continuing our donation of disposable baby diapers to the Malachi House. Each lady brings a package of diapers to each meeting. During the last quarter of 2016, we collected over 3,300 diapers. We hope to collect even more this quarter.

Our Christmas project for 2016 was very successful. Instead of bringing a white elephant gift to our Christmas dinner, each lady brought a toy or two for Malachi House. These toys are used in the Santa Shop, where mothers can choose a toy for their child as a Christmas gift. It was fun seeing some of the new toys that are on the market today.



We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in member's homes, except June-August. Our Circle always welcomes new members. If you do not belong to a Circle, please join us! Fran Scott is the Chairperson, and she will be happy to answer any questions you may have. She can be reached at 770.457.3344 or franscott40@gmail.com.

Circle Highlights (continued)

Fannie Tapp

Meets Second Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Contact: Ann Hammond ~ 770.452.7259 or LHH3@aol.com

We have been busy in the last few months. November found us at the home of Rose Ann Mitchell, who was a wonderful hostess and provided delicious food. Ann Hammond gave a program on the "World Thank Offering." She reminded us that God has blessed us so that we may be a blessing to others in our community and around the world. We closed our program by rolling the coins we had saved during the year, which resulted in \$240 for the "World Thank Offering."

December found us at the home of Ann Hammond. We enjoyed a devotional, lunch, and a gift exchange. The Christmas spirit was definitely a part of our gathering. We were missing a few members, especially Carolyn Chaplin, who spent Christmas in the hospital. Thankfully, she is much better and home.

January was at the home of Mary Beth Kwenda, a gracious hostess, who provided us with delicious food. Ann Hammond offered a devotional. Our program was getting to know Mary Beth much better, as she shared her journey from being an international teen pen pal to working in the Peace Corps in Africa to meeting her future husband, Max, in Zimbabwe. It was quite a story with amazing twists and turns, mission work, danger, love and laughter. Thank you, Mary Beth, for sharing your story.

In January, we fed less fortunate women and children at Action Ministries' Community Kitchen, which is housed at Grace UMC. We thank Circle members who participated: Ann Hammond, Mary Beth Kwenda, Betty Jean Spann, Rose Ann Mitchell, and Glenn Todd. Friends from other Circles who provided food and/or served were: Lee Turner, Marie Glover, and Leslie Mottern. Thanks for help from friends Donna Scarbrough, Anna Hammer, Tammy Arnold and five of her Bible Study friends, and seven volunteers from Creature Comforts Brewing Company of Athens.



The Fannie Tapp Circle meets on the second Tuesday of each month, except the summer months, in the home of one of its members from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. We welcome new members. For more information, call Chairperson Ann Hammond at 770.452.7259 or LHH3@aol.com.

Circle Highlights (continued)

Circle of Friendship

Meets Second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Jennifer Teahan ~ 770.381.8256 or jentea74@hotmail.com

Our November meeting was held at the home of Jennifer Teahan. She served tacos and apples dipped in chocolate. Marie Glover gave the devotional about being thankful. This is our meeting to sign Christmas cards and birthday cards for the church shut-ins. We decided that we would send Easter cards to the shut-ins as well. The best news is that Tayari (TJ) Allardice joined our Circle at this meeting.

The December meeting was held at the home of Marie Glover surrounded by penguins. We had a great dinner and Belinda gave a nice devotional. Our December meeting is when we have an ornament exchange, which is so much fun especially when ornaments are stolen two or three times. We were delighted to have Shirl Baggett with us all the way from Canton. And more good news is that Kim Garrison and Nina Larsen joined our Circle. We are so blessed.

Our January meeting was a pot luck supper held at the home of Liz Williams. We had a record number of 18 women present. Sara White came from Lawrenceville and gave the devotional. Jennifer Teahan gave the program on the Missions of the church, which was most informative. We welcomed two new members to our Circle, Polly Wasdin and Michelle Watts.

In February, we worked the basketball concession stand. We decided not to have a Circle meeting since most of our members were involved in organizing the Mother / Daughter / Friend Banquet, with Marie Glover as the lead. We love serving together!

We will be serving taco dinner at Hope Lodge, a facility in Decatur for cancer patients and their caregivers, on March 27. We are making plans to host a birthday party for children at Murphy-Harpst on June 17.

Friendship Circle 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 Chairperson Jennifer Teahan at 770.381.8256 or jentea74@hotmail.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.