

## ***UMW to Collect Items for At-Risk Youth***

The Atlanta Roswell (AROS) District's Social Action project for 2016 is a focus on human trafficking. One of the ways that we will be participating in this effort is to create hygiene kits for at-risk youth. Packaged in a gallon zip lock bag, the kit should include:

- Washcloth
- Regular Size Toothpaste
- Toothbrush in Original Container
- Lip Balm
- Deodorant
- One Pair Socks



The kits will be turned in at the district gathering on November 12. They will be given to Covenant House for distribution to at-risk youth, and are not an UMCOR item. Monetary gifts will be accepted too.

## ***Lenten Time Apart March 5***

The district is sponsoring a Lenten Time Apart event on March 5 at Winter's Chapel UMC on Winter's Chapel Road from 9 to 11:45 a.m., dismissing before lunch. The morning will include a presentation on child exploitation and trafficking from the Interfaith Children's Movement, and worship with communion. Those wishing to carpool should meet Leslie Mottern at the church at 8:45 a.m.

## ***2016 Chamblee UMW Board***

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## ***Welcome New Members***

We are excited to welcome new members to Chamblee UMW. The Alma North Circle is pleased that **Amy Yoakum** and **Dana Jenkins** have joined. The Circle of Friendship is thrilled to have new members **Susan Nichols** and **Lee Turner**. Being in a small group within the church, such as a Circle, is a great way to strengthen friendships and have fun!

## ***Stop Hunger Now March 12***

Stop Hunger Now is driven by the vision of a world without hunger. Their mission is to end hunger by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable. Chamblee Methodist is hosting a food packing event on Saturday March 12 beginning at 10 a.m. Help is needed with set up moving tables to the gym on Friday, March 11 at 6 p.m. and also getting the gym set up at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 12 before the event. If you have any questions, contact Jeff Rogers at [jrogers@chambleeumc.org](mailto:jrogers@chambleeumc.org).



## What We've Been Up To Lately

### District Leadership Development Day

Chamblee UMW hosted the district UMW Leadership Development Day on Saturday, November 7, 2015, with 100 participants. Our UMW provided a continental breakfast with homemade casseroles, fruit and pastries. Lunch was Williamson Brothers BBQ chicken with sides and tea. Thanks to Leslie Mottern and Jennifer Teahan who organized the event, and to those who participated by bringing food, serving, or cleaning up.



### Gifts to Children of Women Prisoners at Lee Arrendale

"Our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service" came to mind December 11 when we arrived at Lee Arrendale prison and began wrapping the Christmas gifts we had purchased for the 50+ children of women incarcerated there. As United Methodist Women, we are called to serve the Lord, to be His hands and His feet, and love His lambs. We truly felt that we were keeping our vows to Chamblee First that morning.



Becky Veal had spent hours going over the shopping list the chaplain had sent us, and had found many items on Amazon. On October 31, Leslie Mottern took the rest of the list and hit Wal-Mart, twice! How joyous it was to be Christmas shopping for these children while everyone else in Wal-Mart was worried about Halloween costumes and candy.

Royeese came over on a nasty, wet afternoon while we loaded the sorted, labelled gifts into her Ford for delivery to the prison. The gifts had to be inspected by security before wrapping and distribution so this was part 1. Part 2 involved meeting at the church in the dark on the morning of December 11 and driving north to our wrapping event. We were required to leave everything but our photo IDs and wrapping paper (thank you Alma North!) in the car and go through a scanner to enter the area where we worked. We did not have our phones or cameras to get pictures although the chaplain did take some with hers. It was a great day of fellowship and many blessings shared.

### Bake Sale Benefits Abused Children and Victims of Trafficking

We had a good turnout for our annual UMW Bake Sale in November. We are so thankful to have so many in the church who are willing to share their resources and talents cooking and buying these goodies for the benefit of such good causes.



Our proceeds of \$3,473 was divided equally between Marla's House and Tapestri. Marla's House of Hope in Belize provides safe, loving, nurturing care for God's Children who have been removed from an abusive environment. Tapestri is an organization in Atlanta that provides direct services for survivors of human trafficking, domestic violence and sexual assault.





## 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

In December, several of us went to Arrendale prison to wrap gifts purchased for the children whose mothers are in prison there. It was a very rewarding experience for all.

Our Christmas wreath sale was very successful again this year, with \$1,952.35 in profits. We were able to use the profits to support several causes, including Restore II; gifts, bags, wrapping paper and tags for the children of prisoners at Lee Arrendale Prison; Malachi's Storehouse; Murphy Harpst and UMCOR. We plan to continue this fund raiser in 2016.

The December meeting was at Becky Craven's home. In January, we met at the church. Becky Veal and Debbie Healy hosted the dinner and meeting. Everyone was asked to fill out a questionnaire on what they thought were the top things we did in 2015 and what our goals should be for 2016.

In February we went to Mimi's for Valentine Dinner and signed cards to be sent to our members who are shut ins. Our March Meeting will be hosted by Sarah Rondeau and Anne Reusche at the church.

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).

## 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.*

## Circle Highlights (continued)

### Fannie Tapp

November found our Circle at the home of Rose Ann Mitchell, who was a gracious hostess with delicious food to enjoy. Our program, led by Ann Hammond, was the "World Thank Offering: A Welcoming Spirit" from our UMW program book. We learned many ways that our offerings are used to help women and children. We closed our time together by rolling the coins saved during the year and discovered that we had \$200 to give to the World Thank Offering.

December was a special month as we met at the home of Betty Jean Spann for a delicious Christmas luncheon. Our main dish, prepared by our hostess, was the chicken and dressing casserole that we make when we serve at the Community Kitchen. A short devotional was given by Ann Hammond, and to conclude our time together we exchanged Christmas ornaments and gifts.

January found us at the home of Ann Hammond, filling in for Glenn Todd who was ill. The program presented by Ann was our Pledge Service, again from our UMW Program Book. We continued to learn ways our UMW pledges make life better for women and children around the world.

On January 22 many of our ladies and other friends fed women and children at the Community Kitchen. Normally, we feed at Grace UMC, but construction had the Kitchen temporarily moved to nearby Fort Street UMC. Special thanks to Betty Jean Spann and Teri McCann who were in charge of our group in Ann's absence. Going to serve were Circle members Betty Jean and Teri. They were joined by friends: Sandra Fancher, Debbie Hall, Anna Hammer, Phyllis Hein, and Donna Scarbrough. Others who sent food were: Joyce Hunt, Tammy Arnold, Glenn Todd, Marcia Myers, Lee Turner, Marie Glover, and Rose Ann Mitchell.

Our February meeting, hosted by Ann Hammond, was a program on "Human Trafficking," which was given by Susan Montgomery. This will be a good lead in to our Social Action project for 2016, which will be collecting hygiene items for girls and women rescued from human trafficking.

Other planned future events will be feeding at the Community Kitchen again in April and September. We are not sure of the location for those dates at this time.

Our Circle meets on the second Tuesdays of each month except during the summer. We meet at 9:30 a.m., usually in a member's home, for fellowship, food, praises and prayer concerns, a devotional, and a program. We end by noon. New members are welcome. For more information, call Chairperson Ann Hammond at 770-452-7259 or [lh3@aol.com](mailto:lh3@aol.com).

## World Thank Offering

Spontaneous additional gifts can be given to UMW out of gratitude for God's abundance and in celebration of the joys of life.

The World Thank Offering is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission carried on through United Methodist Women's national office in the United States and around the world.

Please give generously to support women, children and youth through the World Thank Offering!

thank you!





## Circle Highlights *(continued)*

### Jessie Wallace

In November, the Jessie Wallace Circle met at Debbie Hall's home. Fran Scott did an interesting pledge program, and we turned in our pledges for 2016.

We declared November to be "Diaper Month," and we all brought packages of disposable diapers to be taken to Malachi House. We collected 1100 diapers. We were told that they never have enough diapers, so we are going to bring packages of diapers to our meetings each month. Once the diapers reach the Malachi House the packages are opened and repackaged in smaller packs, so that more mothers can receive a supply of diapers.



We also learned that Malachi House has a Christmas Shop from which mothers can choose a Christmas toy for their children. At our December meeting, we all brought a new toy for the Christmas Shop. We filled two big boxes with toys.



Our December meeting was a covered dish Christmas Dinner at Crystal Dunahoo's home - good food and good fellowship!

Our January meeting was also at Crystal Dunahoo's home. We organized the Prison Ministry household items that are stored in Ray and Crystal's basement.

The February meeting was cancelled because it conflicted with the church-wide Shrove Tuesday Dinner.

The March meeting will be at Gayle Ehrig's home. Fran Scott will present a program on the Legacy of the UMW. In April we meet at Gayle McEntyre's house. Leslie Mottern will present the program. May will be our "Unbirthday Party" where we will celebrate the birthdays of all our members.

The Jessie Wallace Circle meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, except June, July and August. We meet in the homes of our members at 7 p.m. and welcome all new members. If you are interested, please contact Fran Scott at 770-457-3344 or [franscott40@gmail.com](mailto:franscott40@gmail.com).



# Circle Highlights *(continued)*

## Circle of Friendship

Our November meeting was held at the home of Liz Williams. Liz gave the devotional about a little boy sharing his Twinkies with a bearded man in the park. He was so impressed by the kindness of the man that he told his mother that he had seen God. We signed cards for our shut-ins, which included Christmas, Get Well and Birthday cards.

Our December meeting was held at the home of Becky Bennett. Marie Glover gave the Devotional on the original meaning of the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," which is actually an English Christmas. From 1558 until 1829 Roman Catholics were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote the carol as a catechism song for young Catholics so that they could remember it. Then we had a sing-a-long, which was great fun to go along with our Christmas ornament exchange.

Our January meeting was again at the home of Liz Williams. Liz gave the Devotional from a book called "If I Found a Wistful Unicorn," which was about helping others. Rev. Jeff Rogers was our guest speaker and he told about himself and how he got into the ministry. His wife, Emily, was also our guest.

Our February meeting was cancelled due to weather.

We served in the church basketball concessions on Saturday, February 20. Thanks to Belinda Day-Owenby, Ken Owenby, Becky Bennett, Shelly Guerrero, Renee Mikesell, Susan & Jim Montgomery, Jennifer Teahan and Margaret Sanchez for volunteering for this noisy but fun job.

We will be serving taco dinner at Hope Lodge on Monday, March 7. We decided to host another monthly birthday party at Murphy-Harpst this summer. It is scheduled for Saturday, June 18.



Susan Montgomery, Renée Mikesell, Barbara Roberts, Jim Montgomery

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 provided. For more information, contact Kathryn Rodriguez at 678-546-1428 or [mamakatrodz@gmail.com](mailto:mamakatrodz@gmail.com).