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Chamblee First United Methodist Church

November 2017

UMW General Meeting December 5

The annual UMW General Meeting will be Tuesday Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Alexis Rodriguez will be cooking dinner. The program will be music by Mike Veal and Barry Thrasher.

Please consider taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity to fellowship with members of other Circles and to participate in the installation of your 2018 UMW Executive Committee.

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.



Thank You Leslie

We wish our dear friend and leader Leslie Mottern all the best as she and her husband Tom move to Tennessee to retire. Leslie served us faithfully for many years as UMW President and in the Chamblee Methodist Preschool. We will miss your sweet spirit, amazing smile, and generous nature. Good luck to you, and we welcome you back any time you are in Atlanta.

Jennifer Teahan has graciously agreed to lead the UMW Executive Committee as President in 2018.

Kim Garrison will be taking over responsibility for the Yearbook and Newsletter. We appreciate Jennifer and Kim for your enthusiasm and willingness to serve, and look forward to good things to come in 2018!

We are still looking for someone to fill the VP position, and need another volunteer for the Social Action Committee. Please contact Becky Bennett at jazmin12@bellsouth.net if you are willing to serve or have someone you wish to nominate.

Events

2017

Dec. 5 at 6:30p—UMW Christmas Dinner (spouses invited). RSVP to your Circle Chairwoman (\$8 per person).

2018

Sept. 14-16—Women's Retreat at Cohutta Springs

Chamblee UMW 2018 Executive Committee

President	Jennifer Teahan
Vice President	TBD
Secretary	Becky Veal
Treasurer	Debbie Healy
Newsletter & Yearbook	Kim Garrison
Social Action	Susan Matlick TBD
Nominating Committee	Becky Bennett



Women's Spiritual Retreat 2017

Cohutta Springs Conference Center

The women of Chamblee First United Methodist once again gathered at the beautiful Cohutta Springs Conference Center on September 15 for our annual women's spiritual retreat.

The theme of the weekend was spiritual friendship with Rev. Carol Cook as our leader. The program was based on the book *Kindred Souls: Connecting Through Spiritual Friendship* by Stephanie Ford. Emily Rogers used her angelic voice to lead us in praise throughout the weekend.

We learned what it truly means to be a spiritual companion. We studied some relationships portrayed in the Bible, like Ruth and Naomi. Rev. Cook shared practical insights on how to deal with real issues such as overcoming the fear of sharing and how to become a faithful listener. The women of Chamblee Methodist are so blessed to be a part of this special group of friends, and to have this time to learn more about the Bible and each other.

The weekend wasn't all serious. On Friday night, Leslie Hall led us in some fun ice breakers. Then on Saturday night, Rachel Mikesell was the emcee in a game of Family Feud. Boy was that competitive! Polly Wasdin took notes on what her fiancé Brad Van Duser should not bring on their honeymoon. Fun!

Our sincere thanks to Rev. Carol Cook, Emily Rogers, Leslie Hall, Rachel Mikesell and Retreat Chairwoman Jennifer Teahan and her team for a great weekend!

The 2018 retreat will be at Cohutta Springs Conference Center the weekend of September 14 to 16. Please mark your calendars now so you can join in the fun!



UMW Circles

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.



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

Alma North

Meets First Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Becky Craven , 770-457-3834 or rmcraven@bellsouth.net

In February, we celebrated Valentine's day with a dinner out. Our March Meeting was at the Fischer Mansion in the Club House with a delicious Chili Supper and program hosted by Anne Reusche and Sarah Rondeau. The April Meeting had to be rearranged, and we chose to dine out and not miss a meeting.

May was our annual Unbirthday Party and cook out at Becky Craven's. Everyone enjoyed the lovely gardens and the light show at dark. We all donated \$10 for a project to be named.

We have chosen to meet in the summer months and go out to dinner at a local restaurant. We started off in June at Jo's Grill with about 15 members present. We met on July 10 at the church in the serving area to make sandwiches for the Smart Kid summer program and then go out to dinner.

We donated to the following missions:

- *Health Kits to Prison Mission*
- *Umcors Kits - \$200*
- *Basketball Meal for Chamblee High School*
- *Love Offering for Rev. Stowe*
- *Oreo Mission Project - \$200 for postage*
- *Backpacks for Malachi House - \$200*
- *UMW Legacy Fund - \$200*
- *Smart Kids 200 lunches - \$195*
- *PADV – Partners Against Domestic Violence - \$200*
- *Celebration cake for new Youth space - \$95*
- *Baby wipes for Methodist Children's Home - \$103*
- *Shop with a Cop donation - \$200*
- *Christmas bags for the Transition men - \$200*
- *Thanksgiving Food Drive - \$150*

A special thanks to Camille Avery and Raymond James employees for helping Alma North collect 250 books for Smart Kids. Thank you Camille and Debbie Healy for all your hard work collecting the books.

We had a successful Christmas wreath sale netting \$1,800, which will be spent wisely to organizations that work with women and children. The wreaths/swags will be delivered the first week of December.



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.

Circle Highlights *(continued)*

Fannie Tapp

Meets Second Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Contact: Ann Hammond, 770-452-7259 or LHH3@aol.com

In February, we met at Ann Hammond's home. The program, "A Purposed-filled Community," was presented by Ann. In March, we met at the home of Betty Jean Spann. Ann Hammond led us in a program entitled "Nurturing Community." We welcomed visitor Jane Whitefield, who became a member at our April meeting.

In April, Donna Fessenden hosted our meeting. The program "Mothers in Action" was presented by Ann Hammond. We also made plans for serving at Grace UMC at the Community Kitchen, sponsored by Action Ministries. This ministry feeds disadvantaged women and children.

Our Circle has now joined forces with friend Tammy Arnold's neighborhood Bible Study group to provide our meals at Grace UMC. We had four Circle members providing food plus three Bible study members and four friends from other Circles (Marie Glover, Jennifer Teahan, Lee Turner, and Leslie Mottern) adding to the meal. Serving this time were Ann Hammond, Betty Jean Spann from our Circle, Tammy Arnold and three other Bible study friends, and the surprise group of about fifteen students and adults from Mt. Pisgah Christian School.

In May, our Brookdale Circle members hosted our meeting. Betty Jean Spann presented our program on "Called to Serve Communities Around the World." The program also spoke to the 150th anniversary of UMW.

After taking a summer break our Circle had planned to meet at the church in September. However, Hurricane Irma caused us to cancel our monthly meeting. October found us at the home of Fran Gray with Marcia Myers providing delicious food for us to enjoy. Rev. Carol Cook was invited to join us, and she provided the program, which was "Getting to Know Our New Pastor."

November found our Circle taking Rev. Cook up on her offer to host us at the parsonage. Our November meeting included food, as well as a program on our "World Thank Offering," provided by Ann Hammond. We closed our meeting by wrapping coins we had saved all year in our "Thank Banks." Our total for this year was \$104.

We are looking forward to our Christmas luncheon at the home of Betty Jean Spann on Tuesday, December 12, at 11:30 a.m. Betty Jean will provide the chicken and dressing casserole, using the same recipe that we use when serving at the Community Kitchen. A highlight will be our special Christmas gift exchange.

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to one of our new members, Mary Beth Kwenda. Her family moved to Spokane Washington for her husband's new job. We were blessed with her friendship. We send our best wishes to former member Joan Moore, who has joined another church and group, and to our members who have been experiencing poor health for a while.

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.

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 March Meeting was held at the home of Jennifer Teahan. She served an excellent taco salad. We had two guests present – Nancy Duncan and Kandice Turner. Lee Turner gave the devotional about caregivers. Charlene Easler gave the program on the history of the Singer sewing machine, which was invented in 1850 by Isaac Singer. Charlene made the beautiful peach curtains in the new bride's room at the church.

The April Meeting was held at the home of Susan Montgomery. Chuck Shackelton, who is on the Board of "Friends of Refugees," provided a very informative program about that organization's presence in the large Clarkston refugee community and their program to help those refugees transition into a productive life in the U.S.

Our May meeting was held at Becky Bennett's home. Denise Berry shared a Devotion about finding grace in everyday life and seeing grace in each other. Our most exciting news is that Kandice Turner joined our Circle. Marie gave a very information slide program about the history of the May holidays, i.e. May Day, Mother's Day and Memorial Day. We collected deodorant for Jesse's House.

Instead of meeting over the summer, we participated in several mission projects.

- In June, we hosted a birthday party for Murphy-Harpst Children's Home. Four children who had birthdays in June each received a \$30 Walmart Gift Card and a small bag of their favorite candy. We provided the cake and ice cream. And everyone enjoyed playing Bingo.
- In July, we packed 250 lunches at the church for the Smart Lunch, Smart Kid program sponsored by Action Ministries. This is a great project and allows Circle members to participate with their children.
- In August, we served a taco salad dinner at The Garden women and children's shelter in Smyrna. We served 75 women and children, and received a nice tour of the shelter. We decided to do this again in 2018.

We resumed meetings in August at the home of Cheryl Atkins. This is our business meeting where we decide on projects and officers for the coming year.

On September 24, we celebrated the upcoming wedding of Polly Wasdin and Brad Van Duser with a shower in the Fellowship Hall. The theme was She Said "Yes" and we showed the video of when she actually did say "Yes."

In October, we met at the home of Liz Williams where she served a delicious dinner complete with cake and ice cream. Liz gave the Devotional on the Rules for Your Garden as it pertains to our daily life. Becky Bennett gave the program on the functions of the UMW Atlanta-Roswell District, which is part of the North Georgia Conference. It was an interesting program explaining how the District works and how our pledge money is used.

Our November meeting was at the home of Marie Glover. We signed Christmas, birthday and get-well cards for church shut-ins.

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, please contact Jennifer Teahan at 770-381-8256 or jentea74@hotmail.com.

Circle Highlights (continued)

Jessie Wallace

Meets Second Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Contact: Fran Scott, 770-457-3344 or franscott40@gmail.com

We Jessie Wallace ladies thought we were past the days of buying "baby diapers," but that isn't the case! Every month we bring disposable diapers to donate to Malachi House. During the months of February-October we donated 6,146 diapers. Diapers, diapers, and more diapers! How precious they must be to the mothers who cannot afford to buy them for their babies or toddlers.

Beginning in November, our Circle will meet at 2:00 p.m. rather than 7:00 p.m. We continue to meet the second Tuesday of each month (excluding June-August). We always love to have visitors and new members. Come join us if you are looking for a daytime Circle.

We have had some very interesting programs this year. At our February meeting, Fran Scott posed the question "How did you become a member of CFUMC?" Many ladies shared stories about what led them to our church.

Our March meeting was presented by Mary Beth Kwenda. She told about her life and her work with the Peace Corp. April's program was presented by Marie Glover. It was a wonderful program on "Flowers and their Symbols." Thanks Marie, you always do a great job at whatever you undertake.

May was our Unbirthday party. We celebrated all our birthdays for the year. Everyone brought a salad and what good salads they were! Marsha Jones was our hostess. She even made homemade ice cream for us. It went great with JoAnne Lawson's delicious cake.

We cancelled our September meeting due to severe storm warnings. In October we met at Mary Lou Dennisson's home on Lake Berkeley. We all enjoyed the beautiful view across the lake, but we did take time to make our plans for 2018.

The November meeting was at Gayle Ehrig's home. We plan to meet at Vintage Pizza in Chamblee for our December Christmas party.

We are missing Mary Bentley, who has moved to Thomaston, Georgia, Mary Osgood Plunkett, who is out-of-town, and Leslie Ward who is recovering from cancer. We love you all.

If you do not have a Circle, please come join us. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m., 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.

REMEMBER OUR NEW MEETING TIME IS 2:00 P.M.!