

The Power of Bold

by **Jennifer Teahan, President**



Almost 150 years ago, eight women gathered in Boston to hear two missionary wives on furlough from India speak about the desperate conditions of the women in that country – about their lack of educational opportunities and poor access to medical care. Those eight women organized the Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the earliest of several similar groups that later merged to form the UMW, and they raised funds to send educator Isabella Thoburn and Dr. Clara Swain to India. Those two women formed the first women's college and the first women's hospital in Asia, both of which still exist today.

The UMW theme for 2018 is the Power of Bold. The women in these early missionary societies lived boldly in their faith and in the confidence that, in Jesus' name, they could improve the lives of women and children halfway around the world, and to this day, the UMW remains dedicated to helping the disadvantaged and disenfranchised.

Being the new unit president of an organization with such a strong, bold spirit of mission is both an honor and a bit daunting. There are many women at Chamblee with a much deeper knowledge of the circles here and the UMW as a whole, and who have been doing great work in the church and community for many years. But I hope that, together, we can continue to make a difference in the community and to find new ways to be bold for the kingdom of God.



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2: Women's Retreat WNS
Fundraiser

May 13: UMW Sunday

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

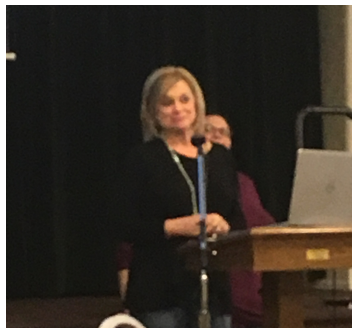
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United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

UMW Fundraising Dinner on April 11 to Benefit Action Ministries' Smart Lunch/Smart Kid Program

Thank you to everyone who supported the UMW Fundraising Dinner benefitting Action Ministries' Smart Lunch/Smart Kid Program. Together, we raised \$480! Action Ministries' Smart Lunch/Smart Kid Program provides meals each weekday during the summer to children who otherwise would not be getting free or reduced-price school lunches in the summer. So this summer, we'll use these funds to purchase the contents of brown bag lunches, and then we'll come together one afternoon or evening to pack lunches. All women of the church and community are invited to participate in this event. The tentative date is July 15, but stay tuned for more details.



JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MAY 13 FOR UMW SUNDAY AND A BABY DIAPER DRIVE BENEFITTING MALACHI'S STOREHOUSE

UMW Sunday will be May 13. Members of the UMW will participate in the service (e.g, ushering, leading the prayer, and reading scripture). Please contact Jennifer Teahan (jentea74@hotmail.com) if you would like to participate in the service.

Please bring baby diapers on May 13!

We will be collecting baby diapers (all sizes) and donating them to Malachi's Storehouse, an outreach ministry of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Dunwoody. Donation bins will be located at the entrances to the sanctuary. Malachi's will then distribute these diapers to those in need.

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 who can grow together spiritually and support one another in their walks through life. To become active in UMW, consider joining a Circle.

Alma North Circle

Meets 1st Monday at 6:30 p.m.

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

In January, we met at the Fischer Mansion Club House with a delicious dinner provided by Anne Reusche. We celebrated Valentine's Day with dinner out at our favorite restaurant, Jo's. For our March Meeting we were back at Fischer Mansion with dinner and a program on being BOLD by Becky Veal. For our April meeting we packed lunches for the Smart Kid program and had dinner at Crayhouse. Next month we will celebrate birthdays with our infamous Unbirthday Party at Becky Craven's home.

FIRST QUARTER MISSION PROJECTS

- Collected food for families in Extended Stay Motels
- Donated to the Atlanta Food Bank in honor of Becky Veal's Dad
- Contributed to our very own Dana Jenkin's Mission Trip to El Salvador and contributed funds for the VBS that our church's Mission Team hosted in El Salvador
- Purchased a microwave for the Youth Space
- Packed sack lunches for Action Ministries' Smart Lunch/Smart Kid Program during Spring Break
- Donated to Chamblee Middle School Drama Club for their production of Hairspray

Please join us and help us serve our community, church and Christ. Our mission is, *Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.* Our meetings are the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. We 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.

Fannie Tapp Circle

Meets 2nd Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

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

In December, we had a wonderful time at our Christmas luncheon at the home of Betty Jean Spann. She is always the perfect hostess with beautiful decorations. We enjoyed delicious food, fellowship, and a fun ornament exchange.

Community Kitchen at Grace UMC



Fannie Tapp Circle members, Marcia Myers and Betty Jean Spann, with friends from Tammy Arnold's neighborhood Bible study



Fannie Tapp Circle leader, Ann Hammond, with volunteers from the National Council of Negro Women at Georgia State University

In January, we began the month by having to cancel our January meeting due the hostess being ill. However, we found ourselves later in the month serving at the Community Kitchen at Grace UMC. The Action Ministries program is one that offers us the opportunity to serve a hot, delicious meal to less fortunate women and children several times a year. We have now joined with Tammy Arnold's neighborhood Bible study group for this outreach. We thank them for providing some of the food and three servers. Providing food and serving from our Circle were Ann Hammond, Marcia Myers, and Betty Jean Spann. Another Circle member providing food was Glenn Todd. Friends from other Circles providing food were Marie Glover and Lee Turner. Friend Anna Hammer also provided food. A delightful group of seven young ladies from Georgia State University's National Council of Young Negro Women joined us in serving about 50 people. Food that was not served at lunch was to be served to the children in the After School program. We also delivered a box of books from our Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten to the After School program.

In February, we met at the home of Ann Hammond. Our program was our Pledge Service program, which also included information on some of the UMW mission programs benefitting from our pledges. We enjoyed having Rev. Carol Cook with us. Also, Valentine treats were provided by Ann and also by Marcia Myers.

In March, we met in the home of Betty Jean Spann. Our program was "The Sacred Space of Legacy/Inheritance," which looked at our UMW history and toward the 150 year Legacy Assembly.

In April, we met at the home of Donna Fessenden. Ann Hammond led the program on "The Sacred Space of Grief and Hope." We also served at the Community Kitchen on April 27, with Donna Scarbrough providing a casserole in place of Marie Glover and Debbie Calvert providing food and serving. We served about 60 disadvantaged women and children and were blessed with extra volunteer hands from Bank of America.

In May, we will meet at the home of Ann Hammond and have a program on "The Sacred Space of Nurturing."

Our Circle welcomes new members. We meet from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon usually in a member's home and 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 of Friendship

Meets 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Jennifer Teahan, 770-381-8256 or jentea74@hotmail.com

At our January meeting, Jennifer Teahan presented a program on meditation and discussed the Christian history of meditation. She played a six minute audio program on Christian Meditation giving us time to meditate.

In February, Michelle Watts discussed the district's social action project, which is to provide financial support to *A Beacon of Hope*, a faith-based, non-profit organization that provides resources to pregnant women both during and after pregnancy.

In March, Denise Berry presented a program on "The Art, Science and Blessing of Tears." We are the only species that cries. People cry from frustration, anger, sadness and even happiness. However, tears from preparing onions is a different type of tears.

Susan Montgomery lead our April program with a discussion of the book "Without You There Is No Us," which is the UMW book selection of the month.

WELCOME!

Our greatest news is the addition of seven new members. We are so pleased and blessed to welcome Nancy Duncan, Diana Hollis, Dawn Powell, Mary Sallach, Cathy Mahon, Holly Swing, and Leslie Clinard to our circle. They add so much to the enthusiasm we all share as Christian women.

MISSION PROJECTS

- In December, we assembled gift bags for 43 children at The Garden, a homeless shelter for women and children in Smyrna.
- On January 20, we served at the Basketball Concession at the gym.
- During the first quarter, we collected household and cleaning products for Jesse's House, a non-profit organization that provides emergency and long-term care to adolescent women.
- On April 16, we provided a taco dinner for ~50 patients and their caregivers at Hope Lodge in Decatur. This is a facility that provides housing for patients who are receiving cancer treatments far from home. This meal gives the caregivers a night off from cooking.
- In June, we will host a birthday party at Murphy-Harpst Children's Center in Cedartown, which is a residential treatment facility for abused and neglected children, mostly teenagers. We provide cake and ice cream, gifts for June birthdays, and favors, as well as play bingo with the children.
- In July, we will be packing lunches for Action Ministries to distribute to children who otherwise would not be getting school lunches in the summer.
- In August, we will provide a casserole dinner at The Garden for approximately 100 residents.

Circle of Friendship welcomes new members. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in a member's home (except for the summer months). For more information, contact Jennifer Teahan at 770-381-8256 or jentea74@hotmail.com.

Jessie Wallace Circle

Meets 2nd Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

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

Our January meeting was at JoAnne Lawson's home. Tom Jones presented the program. He brought a Bible puzzle, in which we had to find the books of the Bible hidden within several paragraphs.

The February meeting was at Fran Scot's home, and Fran was the presenter. She read many of the love verses from the Bible, as February is the month of love.

Shirley Pirnie was our hostess in March. Marie Glover did an interesting program on the holidays of May. She told us the origins and many facts about May Day, Mother's Day and Memorial Day.

April's program was presented by Jean Mim's brother-in-law, Jim Hauck. He presented a program on Religious Art. We met at the church because we needed to use the AV equipment.

May will be our Unbirthday Month, and we will be eating out. Restaurant TBA.

We do not meet the months of June – August, but will resume in September with our organizational meeting. We will meet at Debbie Hall's home.

SERVICE PROJECT BENEFITING MALACHI'S STOREHOUSE

We have continued our project of collecting diapers for Malachi's Storehouse. During the months of January through March, we collected 2676 diapers! Thanks to everyone who donated and to Debbie Hall for delivering the diapers to Malachi's.

IN OUR PRAYERS

We are sending special prayers for Crystal Dunahoo (stroke), Gayle McEntyre (heart surgery), Penny Rose (loss of husband, Bob), and Leslie Ward (Cancer).

If you are not currently in a circle, we invite you to come to the Jessie Wallace Circle. The Jessie Wallace Circle meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 PM (except June – August). Meetings are in a member's home. If you have any questions, please contact Fran Scott at 770-457-3344 or franscott40@gmail.com.