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Chamblee First United Methodist Church

Fall/Winter 2018

UMW General Meeting - December 4

The Annual UMW General Meeting will be Tuesday, December 4th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by Alexis Rodriguez and great holiday music from Mike Veal. Don't miss this opportunity to fellowship with other Circle members and to participate in the 2019 UMW Executive Committee installation by Rev. Emily Bagwell.



This meeting is open to all members, prospective members and their spouses. The dinner will be \$8.00 per person. Please make checks payable to the UMW. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by November 25th to your Circle chairperson or Polly Van Duser at pollyv2@icloud.com or via phone 770-337-8411.

Please indicate if childcare is needed.

Thank you.... Eugenia Foster

Ms. Eugenia, as she was known, was a truly beautiful southern woman. Her faith, grace, and wisdom were beyond compare. A member of Chamblee First United Methodist Church for 66 years, she was dedicated to her family and the missions of the church.



Ms. Eugenia leaves behind many memories of missions in United Methodist Women, UMYF, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the Red Cross. Favorite family memories were family gatherings and trips to the Great Smokey Mountains.

\$100 was donated to the UMW Legacy Fund in memory of Eugenia.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2018

November 27:
Board Meeting

December 4, 2018:
UMW General Meeting
& Dinner at 6:30pm
(spouses invited)
RSVP to your Circle chairperson
(\$8 per person)

2019

September 13-15:
Women's Retreat
at Cohutta Springs

CHAMBLEE UMW 2019 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Jennifer Teahan
Vice-President	Polly Van Duser
Secretary	Becky Veal
Treasurer	Cheryl Atkins
Newsletter & Yearbook	Kim Brown
Social Action & Nominating Committee	Becky Bennett

Women's Spiritual Retreat 2018

Cohutta Springs Conference Center

The women of Chamblee First once again gathered at the beautiful Cohutta Springs Conference Center the weekend of September 14th for our annual women's spiritual retreat.



The theme of the weekend was Walking through the Psalms. We started our daily sessions with Linda King, teaching us Breath Prayer as a way to meditate on a beloved Bible verse while slowly breathing in and out. It's delightful and powerful! Rev. Emily Bagwell walked us through three scriptures from the Psalms using a technique called Lectio Divina, a traditional practice of scripture reading, meditation & prayer. Emily Rogers used her angelic voice to lead us in praise & worship throughout the weekend.

The weekend wasn't all serious. On Friday night, Leslie Hall led us in some fun ice breakers. Saturday, after worship, was lunch at Edna's Country Cookin' and then freetime. Some of the activities included walking on the hiking trails, canoeing, yoga, reading & relaxing. Saturday evening, Jennifer Teahan was the emcee in a game of Family Feud. Boy was that competitive & so much fun!

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

The 2019 retreat will be at Cohutta Springs Conference Center the weekend of September 13 - 15. 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 so that we can grow together spiritually and support one another in our 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.

Alma North

Meets First Monday at 6:30 p.m. Contact: Becky Craven , 770-457-3834 or rmcraven@bellsouth.net

Throughout the year, the Alma North Circle has met monthly for fellowship and to discuss the missions that we want to assist. At each meeting, we have food provided by one host or two co-hosts in the serving area of the church, or we go to a local restaurant. It's always great to see everyone!

To feed the hungry as Jesus commands us to do, in 2018 Alma North provided support to give boxes of food to two families and the Atlanta Food Bank.

In addition, the Circle provided funds to Smart Kids lunches, and in July Becky Craven and Becky Veal were instrumental with other members of the circle in making sack lunches to feed hungry kids for three days.

Not only did our Circle support food missions, we also supported the youth missions at Chamblee First. We purchased a microwave oven for the youth space and fed the youth group one Sunday when they met at the church.

We were proud to support one of our members, Dana Jenkins when she and her dad went on our church mission trip. We have given staff gifts for special occasions, and now that we are entering into the holiday season, we have turned our attention to our biggest fund raiser—the annual Christmas Wreath Sale. During the month of October, Circle members have been supporting the sale by selling wreaths at Wednesday night suppers, in the vestibule between services and at the October 20th Fall Festival. In addition, Chris Tench assisted us by giving fliers out to the parents of the Kindergarten classes to generate sales. We thank Chris for all the help she has given our Circle over the years and wish her luck in her future! The wreaths will be here by the first week of December.

We turned our attention toward the holiday season by providing a monetary gift to the Thanksgiving Food Drive and also assisting with the Annual UMW Bake Sale on November 14th.

Our continuing project leading up to Christmas is to collect travel size personal hygiene items, socks, snacks, gloves and other things to help the homeless. They will be distributed on December 22 as part of the Barry Thrasher Project in memory of Mike and Becky Veal's dear friend and a talented musician.

We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas season.

Fannie Tapp

Meets Second Tuesday at 10 a.m. Contact: Ann Hammond, 770-452-7259 or LHH3@aol.com

The Fannie Tapp Circle meets on the second Tuesday of each month except during the summer. We meet at 10a.m.-noon, usually in the home of a member. We always welcome visitors and new members.

In September, we met at the home of Betty Jean Spann, who is always a wonderful hostess. Ann Hammond led the program, "The Sacred Space of Community." During the program, we remembered three Circle members who have died recently: Betty Graham, Myrtis Maddux, and Carolyn Chaplin. Marcia Myers had the devotional. At the end of the program, Ann passed out packets of birdseed, which were shared with those who attended the service for Carolyn Chaplin. As we remembered what these three ladies brought to our Circle, we acknowledged the sacredness of our Circle community.

September was also a month for preparing food and serving less fortunate women and children at the Community Kitchen, a program of Action Ministries housed at Grace UMC. Twelve women provided food and eight served. For this outreach, our Circle is joined by Tammy Arnold's neighborhood Bible study group. Also helping with food were Marie Glover, Linda King, Lee Turner, Debbie Calvert and Anna Hammer. Circle members going and/or providing food were Ann Hammond, Marcia Myers, Glenn Todd, and Betty Jean Spann. A special volunteer, Angelic Keels, joined us in serving. She hopes to join us whenever we serve in the future. The women and children served always appreciate the meal of chicken and dressing casserole, green beans, cranberry sauce, bread and butter, cookies, milk, orange juice, and sweet tea.

We did not have an October meeting due to several conflicts, but we will meet in November at the home of Fran Gray. Marcia Myers will provide refreshments. Our program will highlight the extra mile giving of "Thank Banks." At the end of our time together, we will roll our collected coins to give to the UMW's "World Thank Offering." Always we learn how our pledges and extra giving benefit women and children in need in the U.S. and all over the world.

December will find us at the home of Ann Hammond for our annual Christmas luncheon. At that time, we will exchange small Christmas gifts.

If you would like to join us for a meeting, please contact the Chairperson, Ann Hammond, at 770-452-7259 or LHH3@aol.com. We would love to have you.

Circle of Friends

Meets Second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Contact: Jennifer Teahan, 770-381-8256 or jentea74@hotmail.com

We are a very active group of Christian women who are so enthusiastic about our mission projects and our educational programs. We were blessed to be able to add Jordan Horne as a new member in September. She will be a great asset.

In April, Susan Montgomery presented a very informative program about oppression in North Korea. It was from the book "Without You There is No Us," which was part of the UMW Book Program, By South Korean journalist Suki Kim, it details her time as a teacher at an elite school for boys. It was amazing how little those students knew about the outside world in general because of the censored in North Korea.

In May, Polly Van Duser had a very innovative program concerning having a "Vision Board" or to at least have a plan with a purpose. Each member was to think about various questions and write down answers as to how they applied to their own lives. It was a very thought-provoking exercise. Since we do not have meetings in June or July, and August is our business planning meeting, our next program was in September. Marie Glover gave a slide presentation about the early years of John and Charles Wesley and their experiences in Georgia. Did you know that John Wesley was run out of Georgia because of a woman?

In October, Nancy Duncan inspired us all with how she manages so beautifully with all the tools available for the blind. She showed us one of her Braille cookbooks, her talking calculator and challenged us to play a game of tic-tat-toe for the blind. She also has a Braille Bible consisting of many volumes.

Although we do not have meetings during the summer, we stay connected through various mission projects, such as holding a birthday party on June 16th for the children at Murphy-Harpst Children's Home in Cedartown. We provided cake and ice cream and played games with them. Winners received a small prize. Each child was given a goody bag, and children with a June birthday received a special gift.

In July, we packed 250 lunches for the Smart Lunch/Smart Kid Program, and we continually collect items for Jesse's House during the year, ranging from personal feminine products to paper supplies. We have also collected various items for a homeless outreach program.

Our next big project is to purchase Christmas gifts for approximately 40 children at The Garden in Smyrna. We will assemble and wrap these gifts at our December meeting.

Jessie Wallace

Meets Second Tuesday at 2 p.m. Contact: Fran Scott, 770-457-3344 or franscott40@gmail.com

The Jessie Wallace Circle meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 PM (except June-Aug). Meetings are at member's homes.

After our summer break, our first meeting was at Debbie Hall's home. This was our organizational and planning meeting for 2019.

In October, Marie Glover did a wonderful presentation on The Wesley's. It was enjoyed by all in attendance. Fran Scott was our hostess.

Our November meeting was at Gayle McEntyre's home. November is our pledge month. Fran Scott did a program on giving and then she posed questions to us about our experiences with UMW.

In December we will have a Christmas luncheon - fun, food, and fellowship.

We continue our project of providing diapers to Malachi House. As of Nov. 13th, we have provided 9,440 diapers. At \$.29 per diaper that equals \$2737.60.

If you are not currently in a circle, we invite you to visit the Jessie Wallace Circle. If you have any questions, please contact Fran Scott at 770-457-3344.