

Welcome to

*The Voice of the Harpeth River District
United Methodist Women Newsletter*



*“Let Your **Light** Shine ~ Ignited for Justice”*



2020

H A P P Y N E W Y E A R

FROM the PRESIDENT

It is hard to believe that we are already in a new year! It seems like yesterday we were just starting 2019. Now, here we are, beginning a new year – 2020 – with a new theme, new members, and new plans to fulfill our Purpose through our missions.

Our UMW theme for this year is: *Let Your Light Shine – Ignited for Justice*. As we view our world today, we can easily become overwhelmed with the injustices that we see at every turn both here at home and around the world. As individuals, we may struggle with what we can do to address these injustices. The truth is, as individuals, we cannot tackle all these issues. However, as United Methodist Women, we are part of an organization that works diligently at the local, regional, national and international levels to serve “the least of these” who are most impacted by the injustices in our world.

During this year, the Harpeth River District and Tennessee Conference United Methodist Women have several opportunities for UMW sisters to come together to study, fellowship, participate in hands-on mission work and contribute in other events to help us live our Purpose and to be of service to women, children and youth. I hope you'll look at the events calendar elsewhere in this newsletter and make plans now to participate in these activities.

Our first district event is Saturday, February 1 at Lobelville United Methodist Church. At 1:00 PM, we will have a training hour for local unit officers. This is a great opportunity to receive and share information with district and local unit officers. At 2:00 PM, we will begin our annual Faith Lift event. The theme for this meeting is *Let Your Light Shine through Faith*. The program will be followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments provided by the Lobelville UMW. A bonus to having the event here is the opportunity to tour their sewing room, which is very impressive.

In John 1:3-5, we find these familiar words. *“All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. This light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.”* The **light** of Jesus is in all of us. My prayer is that in 2020, each of us will let our **light** shine as we serve others and continue to grow in faith.

Blessings to you and yours,

Peggy Owen

CALLING ALL DISTRICT OFFICERS!!

It is time to get to work!



2020 begins with a **Leadership Day Training** for all District Officers.

Saturday, January 18th ~ Registration @ 9:00 a.m. ~ Training Begins @ 9:30 a.m.

Lunch to follow ~~ provided by the Smyrna First UMW
(Pre-registration is not necessary and there is no charge for the meal.)

Smyrna First UMC ~ 301 Sam Davis Road ~ Smyrna ~ 37167

Go to hrumw.weebly.com Click on Calendar, select the event and click on the name of the church.
Google Map will appear. Select Directions and enter your starting point.



Be Sure to Mark Your Calendars! Saturday, February 1st is a Very Busy Day!



- 10:00 a.m. District Officers begin the day with a Leadership Team Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Potluck Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. United Methodist Women Update and Training for all **Local Unit Officers**
- 2:00 p.m. Faith Lift
*Let Your **Light** Shine through Faith*

Lobelville UMC – 331 South Main Street – Lobelville – 37097

Map and Directions are available on our website: hrumw.weebly.com Select event under Calendar.

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Class of 2024	Vacant		



The Purpose of the United Methodist Women

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.

FROM the TREASURER

Hi Unit Treasurers!

I look forward to meeting you at the District Training and Faith Lift on February 1st at Lobelville UMC. Please make every effort to attend. I will have your 2020 Treasurer Packet with all of the forms you will need for the year.

Don't forget that the 2019 Year End Financial Review form is due by February 15th. This form is in your 2019 packet.

On the website, hrumw.weebly.com, financial due dates are noted in orange on the Calendar. Also, on the website under Forms, all Treasurers' forms will be available if needed.

If you have questions, please call or email me.

Happy New Year!

Debbie Miller

Harpeth River District Treasurer

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**HARPETH RIVER DISTRICT
MONEY REGISTER – ANNUAL MEETING**

September 28, 2019

66 members attended

	CURRENCY	CHECKS PAYABLE TO DISTRICT	CHECKS PAYABLE TO CONFERENCE	CHECKS PAYABLE TO BETHLEHEM CENTER	TOTAL CASH & CHECKS
Registration Fees	\$ 60.00				\$ 60.00
Bethlehem Center	\$ 45.00		\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 170.00
Legacy Fund	\$ 287.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 130.00		\$ 467.00
TOTALS	\$ 392.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 697.00

*** 2 Gift Cards were given – Amount unknown

*** There were *many* items donated requested by Bethlehem Center.



LEGACY BUILDER

With the historic anniversary year over, please consider investing in the future of United Methodist Women by becoming a [Legacy Builder](https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/donate/legacybuilder). *Legacy Builder* givers move forward the mission of United Methodist Women through monthly gifts of \$18.69 or more to The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign.

By becoming a *Legacy Builder*, you will be providing a sustainable source of support that moves us closer to achieving the campaign's \$60 million goal. Your gift to The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign ensures that future generations of women are prepared to transform the lives of women, children and youth in places near and far by putting faith, hope and love into action.

Please click on this link to become a *Legacy Builder*:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/donate/legacybuilder>

Thank you for your consideration. Together, we are building our legacy!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Harriett Jane Olson'.

Harriett Jane Olson
General Secretary/Chief Executive Officer



This free & simple gesture tends to be contagious.

Give often!

Be BOLD and start an epidemic!!



J. Pierce

FROM the COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Happy New Year, Everyone!

How exciting it is to begin a new year! So many plans, hopes and dreams of what the new year will bring for United Methodist Women here and everywhere!

Obviously, my duties as Communications Coordinator are to correspond with you. There are basically three ways this is done: **newsletters, reminders and the website.**



For me to be efficient, I need the assistance of one person per unit with an email address to be the **designated contact person**. The responsibilities for this person includes: receiving the newsletters & reminders and notifying me of anything your unit is doing. The only thing I request of you is to be sure the president receives a copy of the newsletters and reminders. It is not my decision as to how the members of your unit, including your pastor(s), since they are members of UMW, receive the information. They can be emailed to everyone, read during a meeting, posted on a bulletin board, etc. The main thing is that everyone knows what is going on.

Friendly Reminders

On the flip side, as the designated contact person, I need your help. The newsletter is a district newsletter with reminders for every local unit. It is not just for the district officers. I want to know what is going on in your unit! What plans do you have for the year? Please send me the information about an event at least 4 weeks prior. There could be other units that would like to assist with the event, attend the event or learn more about the event so their unit could do the same thing in their area. After all, the main goal for UMW is through missions turning faith, hope and love into action!

I love receiving pictures from an event you have had or a project you are working on. If I receive them in a timely manner, I include them in the newsletters & reminders - and - I also post them in the Gallery on our website

Now, about the **website**: a district officer to write something to do that again this year, but I for suggestions. Is there something



hrumw.weebly.com Last year, I asked for the Home Page every month. I plan want to extend the invitation to you you would like to know more about?

Be sure to check out the **Gallery** on the website to see what was submitted last year. I really enjoy this section of our website. As I said earlier, please send me photos of your unit. If it is not a group picture, please include the name(s) of the ladies in your pictures.

Something new this year ... I have, to the best of my knowledge, included all of the conference and district events scheduled for this year on the Calendar. Now, I need to add *your* events. This year, I will not type the directions on how to get to an event. I have found a better way for you to find out how to get there! When you click on an event on the Calendar, a window will pop up with information about the event. Click on the name of the church. This immediately takes you to Google Map. Select: Directions, enter your starting point and you will be guided step by step to the location of the event.

One more thing:

On the Calendar, the entries are color coded:

Orange - Deadlines for event registrations, treasurer form due dates, etc.

Maroon - District events

Dark Blue - Conference events

Olive Green - Days acknowledged as holidays or days we celebrate

Light Blue - Local Unit activities

I look forward to working with each of you this year! Just remember ... the newsletters, reminders and website is for each of you. With your help, I will do my best to reflect this.

With blessings,

Janet Pierce

Harpeth River District Communications Coordinator

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THE VISION of the UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Turning faith, hope and love into action
on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

FROM the EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION COORDINATOR

Lights Are Shining....

One tiny light, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shines brightly for all of God's people. As we embark on our life's journey and the UMW mission for this new year of 2020, my prayer is that our God given new life shall be filled everyday with His love, mercy, grace and forgiveness. Within this new life, abides His light anointed gifts to us...meant to be shared with others. It is in the sharing of these gifts that our lights shine brightly for Him. As I accept the opportunity to serve within our UMW Leadership Team as your Education and Interpretation Coordinator, I ask for your prayers that God is the light that leads my duties, desires and actions. May our mission and journey together offer countless moments to share His light of love, hope and faith with each heart in need! How may I help you?

Lights are shining every day,

Paulette Bass Bledsoe

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HELPFUL RESOURCES

Harpeth River District UMW: hrumw.weebly.com

Tennessee Conference UMW: tnumw.org

National UMW: umwomen.org

United Methodist Women Online: umwonline.org

Program Resources: umwmissionresources.org

Additional information about UMW can be found on our website under: Links.

2020 CALENDAR of EVENTS

Jan. 17 (Fri.)	6:00 pm	Executive Team Meeting **	Smyrna First UMC
Jan. 18 (Sat.)	9:00 am 9:30 am	Leadership Day Training for District Officers Registration Training Begins	Smyrna First UMC
Jan. 24 & 25		Snow Days for Jan. 17 & 18	
Feb. 1 (Sat.)	10:00 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 2:00 pm	Leadership Team Meeting *** Potluck Lunch UMW Update & Training for Local Unit Officers District Faith Lift	Lobelville UMC
Feb. 8 (Sat.)		Weather Reschedule Date for Feb. 1 st Events	
April 4 (Sat.)	9:00 am 9:30 am	Intergenerational Event Registration Meeting Begins Lunch Executive Team Meeting	TBD
April 23 (Thurs.)	6:00 pm	Partners in Mission	Columbia First UMC
June 6 (Sat.)	9:00 am 9:30 am	Hands on Workday – “Rise Against Hunger” Registration Work Begins	Smyrna First UMC
June 27 (Sat.)	10:00 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm	Local President’s Roundtable Potluck Lunch Leadership Team Meeting	Thompsons Station UMC
July 9-11 (Thurs.-Sat.)		Mission u	Beersheba Springs
Aug. 8 (Sat.)	9:30 am	Executive Team Meeting	Crossville First UMC
Aug. 22 (Sat)	9:30 am-2:00 pm 2:00 pm	Mission Study Brown Bag Lunch Leadership Team Meeting	Waynesboro First UMC
Sept. 11-13 (Fri.-Sat.)		Spiritual Life Retreat	Beersheba Springs
Sept. 26 (Sat.)	8:30 am 9:00 am	District Annual Meeting Registration Meeting Begins	Franklin First UMC
Oct. 10 (Sat.)	8:30 am 9:30 am	Conference Annual Meeting Registration Meeting Begins	Crossville First UMC

** Conference Events

*** District Events