

The Voice of the
Harpeth River District
UMW Newsletter



"Knitted Together for God's Good Work"

We have some news for our directories! Please turn to Bethesda to enter the following information:



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On the last page of the directory, there is a correction.

The Administrative Assistant is Sandy Oliver - sandy.oliver@tnumc.org

The address and phone number are correct.

Knitted Together through our Gifts

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)

I have been serving in my present appointment for almost two years now. What a blessing it is to be serving these two churches and to witness the good work that the UMW is doing here. This wonderful group is involved in too many activities to list them all, but rest assured that each thing they do is done out of love and for the glory of God.

My first experience with this UMW group was the day we moved in to the parsonage here in Centerville. There was plenty of food and drink, and even a breakfast casserole for the next morning. This was part of what they call The Pot-pie Patrol, and let me tell you that it was excellent. Since that day I have been amazed and inspired by their work, both in this community and in the conference.

I tell you that, to tell you this. This group and all of its activities are voluntary. That means they don't have to do it, but they choose to. They choose to use the gifts God gave them to serve the Lord in this way. That sets the bar high for the rest of us. We have all been given gifts for service to the Lord. We must all learn to serve our Lord, with the gifts we have, to the best of our ability.

⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:4-8 (ESV)

I challenge all my fellow pastors to take the time to ask what their church's UMW is doing. I think you will be pleasantly surprised to learn about their mission and ministry. These ladies work hard extending the ministry of the church in the community and around the world. The simple truth is, if it wasn't for UMW, there wouldn't be outreach ministry in many of our churches. May we as pastors learn to support them as much as they support us and the ministry of our churches.

*Following the theme, **"Knitted Together for God's Good Work"**, may we all learn to better serve our Lord with the gifts that have been graciously bestowed upon us. May we serve one another with love, mercy, and compassion as we strive to live like Jesus and for Jesus in this world. To God be the glory!*

Bro. Niles Worsham

Pastor of

Centerville United Methodist Church and

Shipp's Bend United Methodist Church

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THE CALENDAR ON THE WEBSITE

I would like to take a moment to explain our Calendar on the website.

For example, click on "Dist. Mtg." on March 13th. A block pops up with information. It has the Date & Time of the event. The Church is listed. Then, the Event is listed, along with any additional information needed.

I know that you have asked me to include the address of the church, but this calendar does something better! Click on the name of the church. A Google Map appears. Enter your location, click on Directions and off you go to the church!

Now, for something a little different. Go to March 23rd - Day of Giving. Click on "Day of." Again, it tells you the Date & Time of the event. This time there is information for you to read regarding a Day of Giving. Next click on "Giving" for ways that you can give.

I would like to bring one more thing to your attention. The month of September is "National Clean-Up Month" and September 18th is "National Clean-Up Day." This gives you a little time to think of something your unit can do together (providing we can do so) or individually for the unit.

Janet Pierce



New contact persons received:

Pulaski First UMW

Coleman UMW

Lawrenceburg First UMW

If you were the contact person last year, please let me know you are going to do it again.

Thank You!



ATTENTION TREASURERS

On the website, please go to Forms. Click on Treasurer's Forms and Reports. Debbie Miller would like for you to look at "UMW Local Treasurers 'All You Need to Know'."

2021 Calendar of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
March 20 (Sat.)	9:00 am	District Leadership Team Meeting	via Zoom
April 10 (Sat.)	9:30 am	Conference Intergenerational Event ** <u>Registration @ 9:00 am</u>	St. Bethlehem UMC Clarksville
		Conference Executive Team Meeting Following lunch	
April 25 (Sun.)	3:00 pm	Campaign for Children	Columbia First UMC
June 5 (Sat.)	9:30 am	Conference "Rise Against Hunger" ** <u>Registration @ 9:00 am</u>	Smyrna First UMC
June 26 (Sat.)	10:00 am	District Local President's Roundtable	Thompson's Station UMC
	1:00 pm	Potluck Lunch District Leadership Team Meeting	
July 22-24 (Thur.-Sat.)		Conference Mission u	Scarritt Bennett, Nashville
August 7 (Sat.)	9:30 am	Conference Executive Team Meeting	Crossville First UMC
August 21 (Sat.)	9:30 am	District Mission Study	Waynesboro First UMC
		Brown Bag Lunch	
	2:00 pm	District Leadership Team Meeting	
Sept. 10-12 (Fri.-Sun.)		Spiritual Life Retreat	Beersheba Springs
Sept. 25 (Sat.)	9:00 am	District Annual Meeting	Franklin First UMC
		Registration @ 8:30 am	
Oct. 2 (Sat.)	9:30 am	Conference Annual Meeting Registration 8:30 am	Crossville First UMC

Our Vision of UMW

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

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Class of 2024	Vacant		

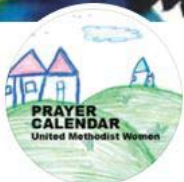


Our PURPOSE

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.



That there is a Facebook page for the UMW Prayer Calendar? A Mission Focus Today post is shared each day, along with other UMW mission information, prayers, and a Message of the Week. Be sure to “follow” this site at the URL below and use it to put your faith, hope and love into action.



Prayer Calendar

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<https://www.facebook.com/umwprayercalendar>

From the reading corner



Hello fellow readers,

This has been a difficult year for me, and I feel as if I have let you down by not being available. October 27, 2019, our family was hit with a horrible tragedy. One year later, situations from the tragedy have surfaced. I cannot release details right now, but please pray for my family.

On top of the personal issues, COVID hit. I last hugged my Mother March 11, 2020. I would go to see her almost every day in the nursing home. Recently, my sisters and I have been able to visit if we have our masks on and keep our distance. But as you can imagine, it's not the same.

Then there's UMW. We had only one event last year in February. We have all faced the problems of not being able to meet. I imagine, like the majority of you, I miss seeing everyone. And, I'm sure the reading program has suffered. Please keep the faith and stay safe. This too shall pass!

In spite of the issues, I have ordered books for my unit from the 2021 reading list. I think there are many interesting books on the list this year. If you have a kindle, most of the books are available in that format. Just contact me if you have questions or need suggestions.

I just read "The Bird Boys--A Delpha Wade and Tom Phelan Mystery" by Lisa Sandlin. It is a mystery that I really enjoyed. This is the second book of the series, but you do not have to read the first one to follow along.

"The new novel from award-winning author Lisa Sandlin catches up with the almost-murdered secretary Delpha Wade as she's released from a hospital in order to be tucked into the back seat of a police cruiser. Her boss, P. I. Tom Phelan, sets out to spring her. He needs her back in his investigation business, where he'll soon be chasing a skulking grand larcenist and plotting how to keep a ganjapreneur out of the grabby hands of a brand new agency, the D.E.A. Delpha digs through old records and knocks on strange doors to unravel the dangerous case of two brothers with beaucoup aliases—verifying that sometimes truth is not true, but murder is always murder."

Keep reading!!

The UMW District Crazy Book Lady

