
The Voice of the Harpeth River District UMW

~ ~ Reminder ~ ~

Hi Everyone!

This is going to be a jammed-packed Reminder!!! So, get ready to make some notes in your calendars!

Janet Pierce, Editor



Will y'all shout out a big



to our newest unit?

We welcome the sisters of Christ UMC in Franklin to the Harpeth River District UMW!



On Saturday, March 14th, Nita Wright, the TN conference president, emailed the following message:

Hello ladies -

Due to the present situation with the Corona-virus, we are postponing the Intergenerational Event to be held on April 4. We will do our best to hold this at a later date.

Let us be in deliberate prayer for our world, our country, our churches, our UMW, medical staff all over the world, and, most importantly, those who are suffering from this horrible virus.

Blessings,

Nita Wright

On Sunday, March 15th, about 7 pm, the CDC released this announcement (this is just a portion of the message):

“The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Sunday called for the cancellation of in-person events of 50 or more people for the next eight weeks to try to prevent the spread of the corona-virus. More than 2,900 people in the U.S. are confirmed to have the corona-virus, and roughly 60 people have died from the disease as of Sunday afternoon. "This recommendation is made in an attempt to reduce introduction of the virus into new communities and to slow the spread of infection in communities already affected by the virus," the agency said.”

To some people, the statistics mentioned here are minuscule compared to the population of the United States. If the virus stopped here, we might consider ourselves lucky, but we all know there will be more that will become infected and more that will die. It is true that the United States has overcome many contagious viruses and illnesses in the past; and I wholeheartedly believe that we will again.

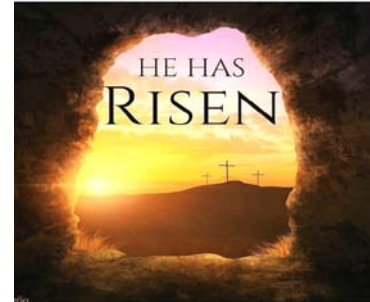
I am about to fill the following pages with many mission opportunities and chances to enjoy the fellowship of one another. Please think about your health when you are considering attending an event. If there was ever a time to pray, it is now.

Your sister in Christ,

Janet Pierce

Calendar of Events

March 30	6:30 pm	Women's Speaker Series - CANCELED Speakers: Rev. Neelley Hicks & Rev. Lucia Munoz Argueta	Franklin First UMC
April 4		Intergenerational Event – POSTPONED	
April 4	9:00 am	TSUMC Spring Extravaganza - CANCELED	Thompson's Station
April 5		Palm Sunday	
April 12		Easter Sunday	
April 13		Deadline for Partner's in Mission	
April 20		Deadline for Push Pause	
April 23	6:00 pm	Partner's in Mission Speaker: Mrs. Donna King	Columbia First UMC
April 25	8:30 am	WOVEN Conference	Franklin First UMC
May 1 & 2		Push Pause Women's Retreat	Beersheba Springs
May 10		Mother's Day***	
May 25		Memorial Day	



~ ~ ACTIVITIES ~ ~

WOMEN'S SPEAKER SERIES @ FRANKLIN FIRST UMC

The first of four in the series: Women of Purpose will be on **Monday, March 30th** at 6:30 p.m. Through the presentations, they hope you will capture the vision of the women who have risked everything for a call they are passionate about that is changing lives. The speakers for March 30th are: Rev. Neelley Hicks and Lucia Munoz Argueta. 120 Aldersgate Way ~ Franklin

INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT @ ST. BETHLEHEM UMC

This event has been postponed for the time being. The rescheduled date has not been set yet.

SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA @ THOMPSON'S STATION COMMUNITY CENTER

Unfortunately, this event has been canceled. One can only imagine the time spent to put this together. Let me tell you what was planned. At the Thompson's Station UMC – Bake Sale & Refreshments, Quilt Show, Vintage Cars and a Tour of the Historic Church. At the Thompson's Station Community Center, conveniently located next to the church – Craft Fair & Quilt Sale, Bake Sale and Pictures with the Easter Bunny.

PARTNER'S IN MISSION DINNER & PROGRAM @ COLUMBIA FIRST UMC

Monday, April 13th is the deadline to submit your registration for this event. It is very important that you pre-register. Remember, there is a dinner involved and we have to have enough food for everyone. Columbia First UMC ~ 222 West 7th Street ~ Columbia 38401

PUSH PAUSE: EMBRACING THE SPIRIT @ BEERSHEBA SPRINGS

Monday, April 20th is the deadline to register for this event. The Registration Form is on the website.

PARTNER'S IN MISSION @ COLUMBIA FIRST UMC

This is one of the highlights of the district calendar for the year. **Thursday, April 23rd at 6 p.m.** is the perfect opportunity to advance unity between clergy and United Methodist Women, especially since the clergy are members of United Methodist Women. Mrs. Donna King will be our guest speaker after the meal. She will share important information about a statewide initiative focusing on the effects of traumatic childhood experiences on the families and their children.

The Harpeth River District will pay for the pastor, their spouse and two members from each unit. For the additional members that would like to come, the cost is \$8 per person. Units might want to consider paying the fee for additional attendees in order to encourage participation. The Registration Form is available on our website and is due April 13th. This is a wonderful time to enjoy fellowship with one another and to hear about an issue United Methodist Women are concern with involving women, children and youth.

WOMEN'S WOVEN CONFERENCE @ FRANKLIN FIRST UMC

This will be the 2nd year for this event. It will be held on **April 25th** with registration beginning at **8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.** at Franklin First UMC ~ 120 Aldersgate Way ~ Franklin. The keynote speaker will be Ilonka Deaton.

PUSH PAUSE: EMBRACING THE SPIRIT @ BEERSHEBA SPRINGS

Friday, May 1st @ 5 p.m. will begin the 6th Annual Women's Retreat. The 2-day event, with the option to extend your time through a 3rd day, is being held in the beautiful Beersheba Springs. The Retreat Leaders are Rev. Regina Hall and Rev. Sandy Shawhan. The theme for this year is: In today's world we all need time to step away from our busy lives and to reconnect with God. So let's Push Pause and Embrace the Spirit!



Our website is: hrumw.weebly.com

Go to Forms & select Events.

Download File & Print.

Rise Against Hunger



is the annual conference Hands-on Workday. In approx. 3-4 hours, over 10,000 meals are put together in boxes. The conference has asked for each unit to donate up to \$100 to help cover the cost of this mission. Please send donations to Joyce Clark, TN Conference Treasurer *

5510 Buzzard Creek Rd. * Cedar Hill, TN * 37032. Make checks payable to the Tennessee Conference UMW.

Guess what, everyone? I am officially *Tickled Pink* !!!! You might recall in the March Newsletter that I said I would be *Tickled Pink* if I received volunteers to be contact persons from the last 10 units listed. Well, it happened!! And, in record time!! Y'all are just plain *SUPER*!! Thank you so much for volunteering.

Janet Pierce

District Communications Coordinator



We all come from the same root ...

We are just different leaves.



Spiritual Guidance 2015 - The Well Women

This was the book that started me on my adventure in the UMW Reading Program. It is one I always recommend. This is the last year it's available.



In this inspiring story of triumph, redemption, and healing, nine modern women discover what it is like to walk in the Samaritan woman's sandals, each on her own path to becoming a Well Woman. With accompanying discussion questions, *The Well Women* is an excellent choice for Bible study groups and retreats. It makes a unique gift for anyone, especially those who are going through a difficult marriage, the loss of a child or spouse, or any of life's other challenges. Dr. John Pilch, scripture scholar, says, "Whether selected for serious study or spiritual enrichment, this book provides fresh insights into a familiar story that will prove its enduring power to challenge and inspire readers, women and men alike."

Education for Mission - 2018 - Hiding in the Light

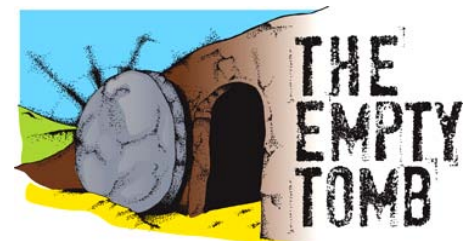
This book was one I could not put down. Rifqa's journey is remarkable.

Hiding in the Light is the story of Rifqa's remarkable spiritual journey from Islam to Christianity. It is also the untold story of how she ran from her father's threats to find refuge with strangers in Florida, only to face a controversial court case that reached national headlines. Most of all, it is the story of a young girl who made life-changing sacrifices to follow Jesus—and who inspires us to do the same.



Death doesn't get the last word.

RESURRECTION does.



John Blasé
"The Last Word", 09/05/19
Our Daily Bread