
The Voice of the Harpeth River District UMW

“Sisterhood of Grace”

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE

District Annual Meeting



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

REGISTRATION 8:30-9:00

NOLENSVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
7316 NOLENSVILLE ROAD ~ NOLENSVILLE ~ 37135

Directions:

From Columbia – Go North on 31. Merge onto TN-396 E. Keep Left onto I-65 N toward Nashville. Take exit 59A-B – keep Right to merge onto I-840 E toward Knoxville, Murfreesboro. In 11 miles, take exit 42 onto US-31A, US-41A. Turn Left onto Horton Hwy. In 7.6 miles, the church will be on your Right.

From Brentwood – From Church Street East, turn Right onto Edmondson Pike, then turn Left onto Holt Road. In 2.1 miles, turn Right onto Nolensville Pike. In 4.8 miles, the church will be on your Left.

We hope you are planning to attend! We have a little business to take care of for the upcoming year, then our guest speakers, *Margaret Fisher and Carolyn Martin*, will elaborate on our theme: **Celebrating Our Heritage!** We will have a Memorial Service honoring those that have gone on before us. And, we will end our time together in communion, one with each other and one with the Lord.

**** Registration Deadline is September 13, 2019 ****

Final Events of the Year

Sept. 6-8	Spiritual Life Retreat	Beersheba Springs
Study book: <i>24/6; Observing the Sabbath</i> by Matthew Sleeth, MD		
Sept. 14	Mission Study	Scarritt Bennett Center
<i>Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission</i> Leader: Sandy Wilder		
Oct. 12	TN Conf. Annual Meeting	Bellevue UMC
Registration: 8:30-9:00	Guest Speaker: Garlinda Burton	



How to Keep Growing as a Christian

G - Go to God in Prayer Daily

R - Read God's Word Daily

O - Obey God, moment by moment

W - Witness for Christ by your life and words

T - Trust God for every detail of your life

H - Holy Spirit - allow God to control and empower your daily life



Marcia Woodcock

Spiritual Growth Coordinator



PURPOSE of the UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organized unit of the 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.

A Timely Message from the President



This week has brought a hint that autumn is approaching. It still amazes me how time has a way of occasionally catching us unprepared. Well, it does for me anyway. I admit to being a detail-focused person, and with that being said, being prepared is the key for me to feel ready. Details are my preparation. I have often wished I could just go with the flow, as some people can easily do, but I find myself spending lots of time on the details.

Speaking of time (and more details) ... we will be celebrating our heritage as United Methodist Women at our District Annual Meeting on September 28 at Nolensville First UMC. 150 years of history! Can you imagine all the good things United Methodist Women and our predecessor organizations have accomplished in the time since that first meeting? It has taken all kinds of women to come up with ideas for being in ministry with women, children, and youth, and to find a way to get them accomplished. We may not always agree on every little (or big) thing, but ladies, we have made a difference. We are still making a difference. AND, we must come up with ways to continue to make a difference. Do you have ideas for our district? What would you like to see us do that would be exciting for the local groups to do together? What do you think is important? Connect with the district team and share your ideas.

Why have I been writing about time? Sometimes things are all about the timing. The timing is right for me now. I am stepping aside as president at the end of the year. How many times have you heard someone say, "It's a God thing" when things fall into place. For me, it really is all about the timing. God is in the details. Thank you for sharing my journey and my time.

Blessings,

Lois Azar



The Harpeth River District UMW would like to extend a special thank you to Godwin Chappell UMW for hosting our President's Roundtable in June and to St. Andrew Memorial UMW for hosting our District Mission Study gathering in August.

Volunteering is
a work of heart



From the Desk of the Committee on Nominations Chair

The committee on nominations is required to have a list of all nominees for the Leadership Team submitted to the conference in September.

As of now, we have 3 positions open. They are:

- ~ Committee on Nominations Chairperson
- ~ Committee on Nominations Members (2)

I know many of you have served on the district Leadership Team or the conference Executive Team, possibly both. I need your assistance. Prayerfully consider those that would be a good candidate to serve as an officer on the district Leadership Team. The following is a brief description of the responsibilities of the positions open.

If you know of someone, please contact me or Lois Azar 615.504.6458.

Kate Howard

615.579.7668



Chair, committee on nominations –

- Keep accurate & updated records of term & tenure on elected officers & appointed positions.
- Lead committee on nominations meetings to coordinate the work of the committee. Encourage the committee members to attend each Leadership Team meeting to observe.
- Encourage committee members to attend district & conference events to search for prospects.

Committee on Nominations Members -

- Attend district & conference events to search for future officers.
- Assist the Chair in filling the slate of nominations.
- If designated, attend the Leadership Team meetings to observe.

And now, a word from the Program Resource Coordinator:

It's me again ... your Reading Program cheerleader!! I love going to all of the UMW events and hearing about participation in the Reading Program. At the last district leadership meeting, it was suggested that I give a book review / recommendation in every newsletter. I, in turn, would like to receive feedback from you with your recommendations. I believe the more we share about the books we enjoy, the more participation we will have in the Reading Program. Yes, the reading list does include some *very dry* reading, but it also includes some *very thought-provoking and enjoyable* books!



The following is a list of books I have read and enjoyed from each category. May you enjoy them, too!

Read On!



Bobbi Toombs

District Program Resources Coordinator

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THE PICKS

2018 – Education for Mission

Hiding in the Light

(This one is hard to put down. I really liked it.)



Rifqa Bary grew up in a devout Muslim home, obediently following her parents' orders to practice the rituals of Islam. But God was calling her to freedom and love. He was calling her to true faith. He was calling her to give up everything.

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.

2019 - Leadership Development

Eleanor—A Spiritual Biography: The Faith of the 20th Century's Most Influential Woman

(Even though I enjoyed this book, I have heard from others that did not. Tell us what you think.)

More than fifty years after her death, Eleanor Roosevelt is remembered as a formidable first lady and tireless social activist. Often overlooked, however, is her deep and inclusive spirituality. Her personal faith was shaped by reading the New Testament in her youth, giving her a Jesus-centered spirituality that fueled her commitment to civil rights, women's rights, and the rights of all "little people" marginalized in American society.

She took seriously Jesus' words, and despite her life of privilege, she made the needs of those on the margins her priority. *Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography* provides insight into one of America's most famous women, particularly the spiritual influences that made her so active in social justice issues.

2019 – Nurturing for Community

The Same Sky: A Novel

(I loved this one, too, and have had positive reviews from others as well.)

Alice and her husband, Jake, own a barbecue restaurant in Austin, Texas. Hardworking and popular in their community, they have a loving marriage and thriving business, but Alice still feels that something is missing, lying just beyond reach.

Carla is a strong-willed young girl who's had to grow up fast, acting as caretaker to her six-year-old brother Junior. Years ago, her mother left the family behind in Honduras to make the arduous, illegal journey to Texas. When Carla's grandmother dies and violence in the city escalates, Carla takes fate into her own hands—and with Junior, she joins the thousands of children making their way across Mexico to America, facing great peril for the chance at a better life.

In this elegant novel, the lives of Alice and Carla will intersect in a profound and surprising way. Poignant and arresting, *The Same Sky* is about finding courage through struggle, hope amid heartache, and summoning the strength—no matter what dangers await—to find the place where you belong.

2019 – Social Action

The Feathered Bone

(This book is very good, but heart breaking; some may find it hard to read.)

"Feathers—no matter what size or shape or color—are all the same, if you think about them. They're soft.

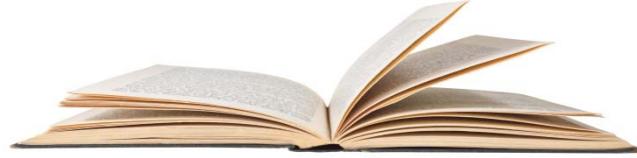
Delicate. But the secret thing about feathers is . . . they are very strong."

In the pre-Katrina glow of New Orleans, Amanda Salassi is anxious about chaperoning her daughter's sixth-grade field trip to the Big Easy during Halloween. Her worst fears come true when her daughter's best friend, Sarah, disappears amid the magic and revelry—gone, without a trace.

Unable to cope with her guilt, Amanda's daughter sinks into depression. And, Amanda's husband turns destructive as he watches his family succumb to grief. Before long, Amanda's whole world has collapsed. Amanda knows she has to save herself before it's too late. As she continues to search for Sarah, she embarks on a personal journey, seeking hope and purpose in the wake of so much tragedy and loss.

Set amidst the murky parishes of rural Louisiana and told through the eyes of two women who confront the darkest corners of humanity with quiet and unbreakable faith, *The Feathered Bone* is Julie Cantrell's master portrait of love in a fallen world.

2018 – Spiritual Growth



Bus to Corinth

(This book is a follow-up to *The Well Women*, which is on the 2015 list. I highly recommend both books.)

Ladine Housholder, finalist in *Foreword's* "Indiefab Book of the Year" awards for her book, *The Well Women*, has done it again. Her sequel, *Bus to Corinth*, has hit the road! Five of the original "Well Women" journey through Greece to honor the memory of a friend and retrace the footsteps of Paul the Apostle during his ministry in Athens and Corinth. The idea was simple enough: see the sights, sample some great food, and kick back together.

Suddenly, the Bus takes unexpected turns and negotiates sharp curves. Why is travel professional Ruth so reluctant to lead the group? What still haunts Alicia? Nurse Beth's knees are healed but not her marriage. If modern Samaritan Najila manages her own business, why does she hesitate about a simple proposal? And how can Vicky, a church historian, create stellar guides to Paul's Corinthian letters but not finish her own novel?

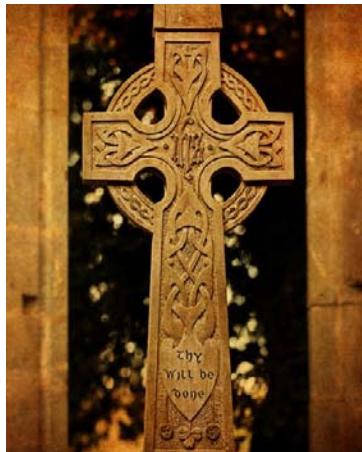
As they study I and II Corinthians, the friends discover how the Apostle Paul loved and labored as God's change agent for quarrelsome Judeans in Corinth. They realize they, too, are changed. Like Paul's vision of Jesus, their experience explodes into their lives, empowering and transforming them forever.

Our Vision

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



Crosses, continue . . .



The **Celtic Cross** is a form of the plain Latin Cross with a circle or a nimbus around the intersection of the staff and the cross piece. The form emerged in Ireland and Britain in the middle ages, beginning in the 9th century CE. It is to represent Self, Nature, Wisdom, and God.

The **Jerusalem Cross** or **Crusader's Cross** is a large Greek cross surrounded by four smaller versions of the Greek cross. Some versions have the Greek crosses with crosslets—short lines decorating the ends of the cross bars.

The symbol of a five-fold cross is thought to represent the four quarters of the world, Christ and his four main disciples, or the five wounds of Christ. The cross originated in the 11th century and was used in coats of arms of crusader's, and the seals of the crusader rulers of Jerusalem.





Harpeth River District UMW Annual Meeting



Sisterhood of Grace: Celebrating Our Heritage

Consider this your personal invitation to come to our District UMW Annual Meeting at Nolensville First UMC on September 28. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the program at 9:00 a.m. Here is some helpful information:

- Registration deadline is September 13 (form is attached)
- The church is located at 7316 Nolensville Rd, Nolensville, TN (aka US 41A)
- The church is providing signage to help identify areas for parking
- Enter for registration in the fellowship hall at the rear of the church
- Look for signs for location to drop off your supplies for Bethlehem Center near the registration table (see list of most needed supplies)
- Light refreshments will be provided
- Reading program books are no longer available through the national organization. The program resource coordinator will have the 2020 reading list and her personal laptop available in the registration area to assist with online orders for persons who are looking for reading program materials, UMW Program Books, Prayer Calendars, and other resources.
- Check out the 150th Anniversary celebration cake before you head to the meeting
- The sanctuary is on the second floor, accessible by elevator or stairs
- A break will be scheduled around 10:30 to provide a time to fellowship, stretch your legs, and tend to personal needs
- An offering, designated for the Legacy Fund, will be collected during the program
- Keynote speakers will be Caroline Martin and Margaret Fisher, both members and former officers for the Tennessee Conference UMW, and actively involved with the national organization of United Methodist Women
- A celebration meal is included as part of registration



Rev. J. Howard Olds always ended his *Faith Break* broadcasts with "Make it a good day." I love that. Don't you? So pack up your wheels with a group of UMW ladies and trek on up to Nolensville, and we'll make it a good day. See you there.





We will be collecting items needed for the Resource Center at Bethlehem Center at the District Annual Meeting. A representative will be present to collect the supplies.

PRIORITY WISH LIST:

Hand Sanitizer	Batteries (A, AA, AAA)
Pine Sol	Clocks (big numbers)
Cleaning Wipes (disinfectant type)	Can Opener (hands-free type)
Toilet Paper	Measuring Cups
Deodorant (hygienic support for youth)	Salt/Pepper Shakers
Soap	Healthy Snacks
Shampoo	Big Print Books
Dishwashing Liquid	Puzzle/Crossword Puzzle Books
Liquid Laundry Detergent	Coloring Books for Adults
Paper Towels	Flashlights with Batteries
Oven Gloves	Picture Frames
Pot Holders	File Folders (Manila and Colored)
Kitchen Rugs/Mats	

Looking Ahead - 2020 Calendar of Events

Feb. 1 (Sat)	Lobelville UMC	10:00 a.m.	Leadership Team Mtg
		1:00 p.m.	UMW Update/Training
		2:00 p.m.	Faith Lift
Apr. 23 (Thu)	Columbia 1 st UMC	6:00 p.m.	Partners in Mission
Jun. 27 (Sat)	Thompson Station UMC	10:00 a.m.	President's Roundtable
		1:00 p.m.	Leadership Team Mtg
Aug. 22 (Sat)	Waynesboro 1 st UMC	9:30-2:00	District Mission Study
		2:00 p.m.	Leadership Team Mtg
Sep. 26 (Sat)	Franklin 1 st UMC	9:00 a.m.	District Annual Meeting

HARPETH RIVER DISTRICT UMW

2020 PROPOSED BUDGET

A & MD Expenses (Administrative & Membership Development):

District Executive Team Mileage	\$600.
Executive Team Meetings, Unit Visits, Membership Development	
District Newsletter/Website	\$ 75.
Program & Training Materials	\$400.
Office Supplies, Copies, Postage / Team Mailings	\$600.
Miscellaneous	\$300.
District Events	\$1,100.
Round Table, PIM, Faith Lift, Campaign for Children	
Scholarships	\$600.
Mission u, Spiritual Life Retreat	
Scholarships	\$100.
Quadrennial UMW Conference (every 4 years)	
 TOTAL A & MD EXPENSES	 \$3,775.
 A & MD Income from TN Conference	 \$3,775.
 Harpeth River District's Pledge to Mission 2020	 \$25,000.

Both the A & MD Expenses and Pledge remain the same as 2019.

Proposed Amendments to the Accepted Policies

The full text of the Accepted Policies showing existing and proposed revisions is available for examination on the website under About Us.

- Remove numerous recurring words throughout the Policies when the meaning is understood (i.e., District Leadership Team becomes Leadership Team).
- Make grammatical revisions to correct punctuation, capitalization, and sentence structure that do not change the intent of the policy.
- Make modifications to improve location within the Policies.

Section III. A. 3. Elected/Appointed Officers

i. Program Resources Coordinator

* Delete the requirement concerning consignment orders. The national organization no longer offers this option.

Currently:

- 1) Order and return consignment orders. Display and arrange program materials at district meetings.

As Proposed:

- 1) Order available materials as needed for meetings.

Section V. Funds

D. Event, Meeting, and Visitation Expenses

* Make changes to show the intent is to pay for all event honorariums and approved vouchers the day of the event, not just the speakers.

Currently:

3. Honorariums and approved vouchered expenses for guest speakers shall be paid the day of the event.

As Proposed:

3. Honorariums and approved vouchers shall be paid the day of the event. The Leadership Team shall not receive event honorariums.

This includes:

7. Catered meals ... delete "the day of the event."
8. Child care expenses ... delete "the day of the event."

Add the following:

9. The Leadership Team shall register for district meetings when registration is required for attendees. The cost for registration and meals shall be covered by the district.

Section VI. Minutes, Directory, Communications, Reporting Forms, and Records

D. Reporting Forms

- * Delete the requirement for the district officer to send specific reports to the conference in conformity with conference changes.

This includes:

3. h. Mission Study Report
4. e. Reading Program Report

Nominees for 2020 District Leadership Team

*Election to fill these offices will take place at the District Annual Meeting.
Nominations from the floor will be accepted.*

PRESIDENT	Class of 2021	PEGGY OWEN Centerville UMC Served 1 year as District Vice President; 7 years as Treasurer; 2 years as Conference Vice President
VICE PRESIDENT	Class of 2021	PATSY ELLIOTT Nolensville First UMC Served 4 years as Education & Interpretation
SECRETARY	Class of 2021	MARILYN SMITH St. Andrew Memorial UMC
COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR	Class of 2021	JANET PIERCE Centerville UMC Served 2 years as Communications Coordinator
EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION	Class of 2021	PAULETTE BASS BLEDSOE St Andrew Memorial UMC
MEMBERSHIP NURTURE OUTREACH	Class of 2021	JENNIFER SCOBLE Franklin First UMC Served 4 years as Secretary
SOCIAL ACTION	Class of 2021	BETH WEIGEL Thompson's Station UMC Served 4 years as Communications; 1 year Spiritual Growth; 1 year Secretary
CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS	Class of 2021	_____
COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS	Class of 2022	_____
COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS	Class of 2023	_____

HARPETH RIVER DISTRICT UMW ANNUAL MEETING
Sisterhood of Grace - Celebrating Our Heritage

NOLENSVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Saturday, September 28, 2019
Registration 8:30-9:00 AM

Unit: _____

Name: _____

Complete Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of Children Attending: _____ Ages: _____

Childcare will be provided free of charge. Please bring a sack lunch for your child(ren). We *must* have the number of children attending with you and their ages with this registration form.

Is this the first time you have attended a District Annual Meeting? Y N

Registration Fee - \$ 10.00 per person

Make checks payable to: Harpeth River District UMW

Units are encouraged to provide scholarships to members when possible.

** Send registration forms and checks to:

Harpeth River District UMW Treasurer

Debbie Miller

839 Pintail Court

Franklin, TN 37067

**** Registration Deadline — September 13, 2019 ****