



## The Voice of the Harpeth River District

### United Methodist Women

~ Reminder ~

We have several important dates to keep in mind:

September 10<sup>th</sup> – Reading Program Local Unit Report

September 15<sup>th</sup> – Deadline to register for the District Annual Meeting

**September 25<sup>th</sup> – the District Annual Meeting**

November 1<sup>st</sup> – Deadline for the Local Unit Officers Report



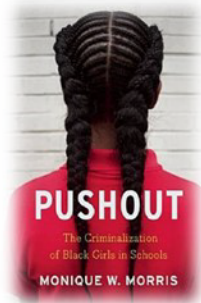
Registration form and Report Forms are available at the end of the Reminder or on the website.



## Mission Study

*Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools*

*By Beth Stockwell*



**HARPETH RIVER DISTRICT  
2021 MISSION STUDY  
VIRTUAL  
Watch at your own pace!**

**Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools**

Despite increased attention to the mass and over-incarceration of black men, the plight of criminalized black women and girls is overlooked, underreported and under analyzed. Monique W. Morris' *Pushout* shows how even with obstacles, stigmas, stereotypes and despair, black girls still find ways to breathe remarkable dignity into their lives in classrooms, juvenile facilities and beyond, and challenges the rest of us to do the same.

Copies of the book is available for purchase at Amazon (new and used) and for Kindle. You do not need to have read the book to benefit from the virtual event!

The link to the video is at: <https://bit.ly/37IsQhH>

Use Google Chrome as your browser if the link won't open.

Questions?

Contact Beth Stockwell, Social Action Chair

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*From: H.G. Stovall  
Executive Office Administrator  
Nashville Episcopal Area  
The United Methodist Church*

*Here are two initiatives within the district and the conference to support our survivors of flooding in our area.*

*The Conference information is available at:*

<https://twkumc.org/disaster-response/>

*The giving link, which is the most preferred way to show support, is:*

<https://www.memphis-umc.net/>



From Centerville UMW:

We sent treat bags to our 5<sup>th</sup> grade Adopt-A-Class at Centerville Intermediate School. In addition, we sent a prayer shawl to the teacher, Mrs. Jenkins.

Mrs. Jenkins sent the picture and this note:  
“Thank you so much. My students said the things in their treat bags were just what they needed! I love the shawl and greeting with it.”



I want to share a little story with you. I hope I haven't shared it before.

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their little boy Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home. As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why." Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. It has changed the way I try [to] live.

He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life - like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?" The six-year-old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly.

Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like: When loved ones come home, always run to greet them. Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride. Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy. Take naps. Stretch before rising. Run, romp, and play daily. Thrive on attention and let people touch you. Avoid biting when a simple growl will do. On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass. On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree. When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body. Delight in the simple joy of a long walk. Be loyal. Never pretend to be something you're not. If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it. When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.

There comes a time in life when you walk away from all the drama and people who create it. You surround yourself with people who make you laugh, forget the bad, and focus on the good. So, love the people who treat you right. Think good thoughts for the ones who don't. Life is too short to be anything but happy. Falling down is part of LIFE...Getting back up is LIVING..."

The Indian River Lagoon,  
Melbourne, Florida, 7/21/2018

# HARPETH RIVER DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN READING PROGRAM LOCAL UNIT REPORT

Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

# Readers – Plan 1 \_\_\_\_\_

# Readers – Plan 2 \_\_\_\_\_

# Readers – Plan 3 \_\_\_\_\_

# Readers – Plan 4 \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature

Date

Please send completed form to:  
Bobbi Toombs  
District Program Resources Coordinator  
9925 Debra Drive  
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

**REPORTING DEADLINE IS ~~AUGUST 15~~  
SEPTEMBER 10**



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# HARPETH RIVER DISTRICT UMW 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

## Knitted Together for God's Good Work

FRANKLIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
120 Aldersgate Way, Franklin, TN

Saturday, September 25, 2021  
Registration 8:30-9:00 AM – Meeting: 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 15, 2021 \*\***





**Harpeth River District United Methodist Women  
Local Unit Officers**

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**Spiritual Growth Coordinator**

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**RETURN BY NOVEMBER 1 TO DISTRICT SECRETARY**

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*Pulaski, TN 38478*  
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