The Voice of the Harpeth River District United Women in Faith

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District Annual Meeting Pictures



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Attendance Award Prospect UWF



Diana Garner Memorial Service



Rev. Dr. Vona Wilson Guest Speaker



Peggy Owen Retiring Gift from Officers

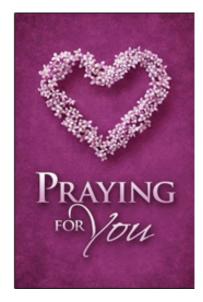


Installation of Officers for 2023 ~ pictures provided by Beth Stockwell



In Our Prayers

Beth Bobbí Brooke Frances Janet Joy Judy Kate Katie Kila Linda Nita Sydney Tim People of Ukraine Those affected by the Hurricane



A Word from our President

One of my favorite sayings is: "There is always, always, always something to be thankful for." I truly believe this.

Since the start of the pandemic, things have been tough. Many of us lost family members or friends to Covid. Many have been sickened and still struggle with lingering effects. Not only did it bring sickness and death to many people, it also changed our everyday lives in many ways. Our churches and our United Women in Faith/United Methodist Women are still trying to rebuild after months of not being able to come together.

During this time, life went on with its ups and downs. Many of our sisters have experienced difficult illnesses aside from Covid. Family members have suffered. Our country and the world seem to be embroiled in hate, war and human suffering. Watching the news can be like watching a scary movie, except it isn't a movie.

But despite all of this, there is much to be thankful for. We can look around in our communities and see God's love being shared in food distribution ministries, care for victims of abuse and neglect, support for the hurting and downtrodden, care for the lonely and homeless ... the list goes on and on. Organizations like ours are serving as the hands, feet, ears, eyes, and most of all, the heart of God in this hurting world.

We may not have been able to meet the way we would like to, but it hasn't stopped us from working to fulfill our purpose: to know God and expand the concepts of mission. As we close out 2022 and move into the new year, let us continue to pray for our organization, our local units, our district and conference leadership. Together, we can work to make our communities and world a better place.

I thank you for the opportunity to have served this district as treasurer (7 years) and president (3 years). It has been an honor and privilege to work with the leadership team and local units in this district. I am thankful for the work we have been able to do together. In addition, I am thankful for the host of friends I have been blessed with through this association. The incoming district leadership team is a group of strong women committed to continuing to do God's work. I know you will support and love them as you have me over the past 10 years.

Several months ago, I started the practice of thanking God for a specific daily blessing before I go to sleep each night. It might be something big like a good report from a doctor or something as simple as the joy of seeing the bunny rabbits hopping around in the yard. I've found that I rest much better when I go to sleep with a grateful heart.

After all, there is always, always, always something to be thankful for.

Blessing to you and yours,

Peggy Owen

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Bible Trivia Answers

1 – Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God. – James 2:23

2 – Purple was a rich cloth dyed with the liquid obtained from a species of shellfish. – Luke 16:19 footnote

3 - He [Aaron] indeed shall speak for you to the people; he shall serve as a mouth for you, and you shall serve as God for him. - Exodus 4:16



4 - Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. (not John Mark) - 1 Peter 5:13

5 - You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your record? - Psalm 56:8

6 - The author, Simeon Peter, has witnessed the transfiguration.... - Introduction to 2 Peter

7 - Those who love me, I will <u>deliver</u>; I will <u>protect</u> those who know my name. When they call to me, I will <u>answer</u> them; I will <u>be with</u> them in trouble, I will <u>rescue</u> them and <u>honor</u> them. With long life I will <u>satisfy</u> them, and <u>show</u> them my salvation. - Psalm 91:14-16

8 - And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." - Genesis 1:20

9 - ... for God did not give a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. – 2 Timothy 1:7

10 - "... It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches." And again he said, "To what should I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." - Luke 13:19-20

How did you do? Remember, the verses and information has been quoted from the NRSV.



The Purpose

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.

~~ Unit News ~~

Hello UWF Units!! What are y'all up to? Send me an email and let me share it with everyone!! I <u>know</u> you must be up to something with the holidays approaching!! Send information & pictures to me. We would love to know!



Centerville UWF had a Sister Social at The Local Place on October 13th. There were 5 members and 3 guests.



2023 Book Information

Hi Everyone!

Let me tell you about the Book List for 2023 updates on our website: hrumw.weebly.com

1st - Select <u>Media</u> on the Navigation Bar & select <u>Guidelines</u> from the drop down menu.

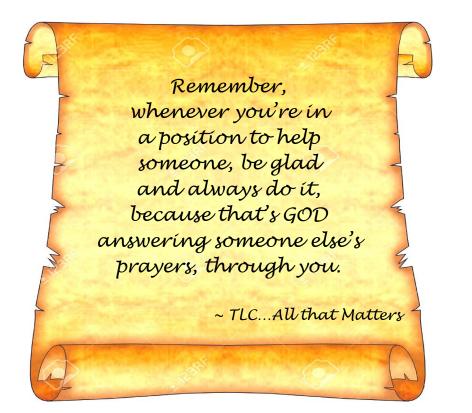
At this time, reading the children & youth books are "not allowed". Bobbi Toombs is looking into this.

- 2nd Next, select <u>Bonus Books</u> under Media. If you would like to do Plan II, this is the way to do it!! Each book listed here counts as **2 books**! Note the Category, year & Title. This will enable you to read about the book.
- 3rd Each Category is listed individually, e.g. <u>Education for Mission</u>, <u>Leadership Development</u>, <u>Nurturing for</u> Community, Social Action & Spiritual Growth. This is where you can read what a book is about.
- 4th The <u>Alphabetical List</u> is very handy for 2 reasons. 1 You can look at the titles and see if one sounds good to you. The location of the book is listed on the right hand side of the page. 2 – If you're like me, I'll read a book & forget which category it is in. With this list, you can look up the book & find the category & the year. The list also includes if the book is a Bonus, Children or Youth book.
- 5th The <u>Movie List</u> has not been updated yet.
- 6th <u>Podcasts</u> If you listen/participate to/in 3 Faith Talks podcasts, that counts as 2 books!

If you have questions, contact me or Bobbi Toombs. We'll be glad to help you! There are some really good books listed!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS **(DISTRICT IN BOLD)** 11/1 (Tues.) All Day Local Unit Officer Report Officially Due!! 11/6 (Sun.) ALL SAINTS' DAY All Day 11/6 (Sun.) All Day Daylight Saving Time Ends (Fall Back) 11/11 (Fri.) All Day VETERAN'S DAY 11/12 (Sat.) 10-12:30 Conf. Training for District Officers Columbia First UMC THANKSGIVING 11/24 (Thurs.) All Day 12/1 (Thurs.) Contact Person Due (pdj1169@gmail.com) All Day 12/4 (Sun.) **Remittance Due** All Day





~ submitted by Peggy Owen

