

The Voice of the
Harpeth River District UMW
“Sisterhood of Grace”



ARE YOU READY?

February 2, 2019
Coleman Memorial UMC
(Address and Directions to follow.)

- 10:00 a.m. District Executive Team Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Potluck Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. UMW Update
- Training for Local Unit Officers
- 2:00 p.m. District Faith Lift

Our guest speaker will be **Rev. Judy Stevenson**, Leadership Strategist for the Harpeth River District UMC. She will be speaking about Sisterhood of Grace – Being Faithful.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

Coleman Memorial UMC 931.762.3771
322 North Military Avenue, Lawrenceburg 38464

From Nashville: (Approx. 1-1/2 hours)

Take I-65 South. (From 14th Ave., approx. 30 miles)

Take Exit 53 – TN-396/Saturn Parkway. (Approx. 5 miles)

Merge onto US-31 toward Columbia. (Approx. 9 miles)

Turn Right onto US-412/US-43. (Approx. 37 miles)

Turn Right onto Weakley Creek Rd (First Tennessee Bank on the corner to your Right).

Turn Left onto North Military Ave.

Church will be on the Left.

From Savannah: (Approx. 1 hour)

Take US-64 E/Wayne Road. (From Main St. – approx. 31 miles)

Turn Left onto US-64 E/Dexter L. Woods Memorial Blvd. (Approx. 24 miles)

Turn Left onto W Gaines St. (If you pass David Crockett Elementary School, you missed the turn.)

Continue onto David Crockett Hwy/Waynesboro Hwy. (Approx. 1 mile)

Continue onto TN-242 N. (Approx. 2 miles)

Turn Left onto North Military Ave.

Church will be on the Right.

From Fayetteville: (Approx. 55 minutes)

Take US-64 W/Washington St. (From Morgan Ave. – approx. 25 miles)

Continue straight onto US-64 Bypass. (Approx. 7 miles)

Turn Left onto US-64/US-64 Bypass. (Approx. 11 miles)

Turn Right onto Pulaski Hwy. (Approx. 5 miles)

Continue on E Gaines St. (Approx. 2 miles)

Turn Right onto North Military Ave.

Church will be on the Right.

President:

Whoa!!! It's 2019!!!!

Last September as we celebrated at our Harpeth River District meeting, I found myself looking ahead. Have you ever been so caught up in planning for the future or keeping up with all the things you have to do “in the future” that you partly miss the moment that you have right now? Even though I was busy in the activities of the morning, my thoughts were moving forward trying to imagine how we can keep the excitement and anticipation that we had at that celebration meeting. And, you know what? I’m still trying to get a handle on that. I wonder what I missed. But, it’s time to be in the now.

Our District focus/theme for 2019 is the title of the UMW Program Book, “Sisterhood of Grace.” It’s a great emphasis and truly defines what United Methodist Women can be. It is what we will be about throughout the year.

- The first meeting of 2019 is for the district officers. On **January 19**, the **district officers** will meet with officers from the other four districts at Smyrna FUMC, to learn about the conference plans for 2019, and to get information that we can use as officers in the Harpeth River District. We have some officers assuming new positions this year, so we hope to be ready to answer any questions you may have and be ready to assist you.
- Then, on **Saturday, February 2**, our district will begin our second year of meetings as the Harpeth River District UMW. Coleman Memorial UMW in Lawrenceburg will host the meeting. The church is located at 322 N. Military Avenue, Lawrenceburg.
 - The District Executive Team will meet in a planning session from 10 a.m. to noon. At the conclusion, we will share a covered dish (aka potluck) meal, and you are welcome to bring a dish and join us for the meal.
 - At 1:00 p.m., the district officers will provide an update and information for officers/members in your units. Since some units are small, and one person may fill multiple roles, we will meet together during this time, except for the treasurers, who will meet separately to get specific information about financial reporting.
 - At 2:00 p.m., Rev. Judy Stevenson, will be the guest speaker for our **Faith Lift**. Judy is the new leadership strategist for the Harpeth River District UMC, working with our District Superintendent, Rev. Allen Black. She will be speaking about Sisterhood of Grace - Being Faithful.

As you mark the dates on your calendar for other meetings this year, please note that the corrected date for the President's Roundtable is Saturday, June 29. The complete calendar is listed in this newsletter, and you can always find information on the district website.

I am excited about the possibilities before us in 2019. As your new district president, I want you to know that I love United Methodist Women. I love and cherish the many sisters that I have added to my spiritual family tree as a result of my involvement with UMW in my local church, in the district, the conference, and beyond. I want to encourage any who have a desire to serve, or perhaps just a curiosity about serving on the district leadership team, to contact any district officer or the chairperson for our Committee on Nominations for more information. There is at least one leadership position available right now that might be a perfect fit for you. There are some pretty wonderful friendships waiting.

As we meet together within our units and at district or conference events, let's be in the moment, and figure out together what being a Sisterhood of Grace really means for the Harpeth River District UMW. We can begin the year by "being faithful."

Your sister in Christ,
Lois Azar, District President



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.

Nominations Chair:

2018 was a challenging year for many of us, including myself (knee and hip replacement). I eagerly look forward to 2019 as a new beginning; one that I and the District Officers are ready to embrace.

My outlook this year is for the District Officers to visit as many Harpeth River UMW Units as possible. The goal of these visits is to convey our accomplishments, what we are working on for the future and how you can be a part of that future – more on this at the UMW Update/Training for Local Unit Officers on February 2nd.

By providing this face-to-face interaction, you will gain confidence in the District Officers. This will provide an opportunity for us to meet personally and allow you to convey concerns. We want and need to receive feedback from your Unit, including what we can do to help you be successful in 2019.

The Harpeth River District UMW cannot be successful without talent like you, to continue working with an outstanding group of women toward fulfilling the vision of the UMW.

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HELPFUL RESOURCES

Harpeth River District UMW: hrumw.weebly.com

Tennessee Conference UMW: tnumw.org

National UMW: umwomen.org

United Methodist Women Online: umwonline.org

Program Resources: umwmissionresources.org

Communications Coordinator:

Happy New Year, Everyone!

I love this time of the year. A time for new beginnings. A fresh start. As your unit meets for the first time this year, consider the different ways you can be an active part of the Harpeth River District UMW.

Designated Contact Person –

We would like one person from each unit to be responsible to forward information to the Communications Coordinator. In addition, this person would receive the newsletters and reminders to share with the members, president and pastor(s).

Newsletter –

We would like for the units to be visible in the newsletter. There is a section, **Unit Happenings**, reserved to list your units' activities. A mission study, a bible study, maybe a "Crafty Card" session at someone's home or an ice cream social & cake walk fundraiser.

In addition, there is a section for **Unit News**. This is the place to share your pictures and tell us about an event. There is an example in the August 2018 issue of *The Voice of the Harpeth River District UMW* newsletter on the website.

Website –

And, in speaking of the website: hrumw.weebly.com we want and need your input! If you will, take a look at Ministries. This is where we would like to list *every* unit's ministries, projects, fundraisers, etc. The reason? Maybe a unit needs an idea for a project. Maybe a unit would like to attend &/or help with the event.

Be sure to check out our website. It is under construction right now because of the new year. On our website, you can find the Accepted Policies, newsletters & reminders, as well as forms you may need throughout the year.

Remember, the newsletters and the website are for you: the officers, the local units and each member. So contact me if you have suggestions, comments or questions. (Sorry, this department doesn't take complaints.) Just joking. I'll accept a complaint if you have one.

I look forward to hearing from you!

With blessings,
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Harpeth River District Communications Coordinator
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2019 Calendar for the Harpeth River District Events

Jan. 19 (Sat.)	9:30 a.m.	Leadership Day Training for District Officers with Registration 9:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.	Smyrna First
Jan. 26 (Sat.)		Reschedule Date for January 19 th	
Feb. 2 (Sat.)	10:00 a.m.	District Executive Team Meeting with Potluck Lunch	Coleman Memorial
	1:00 p.m.	UMW Update/Training for Local Unit Officers	
	2:00 p.m.	District Faith Lift	
Feb. 9 (Sat.)		Reschedule Date for February 2 nd	
Apr. 28 (Sun.)	2:00 p.m.	Campaign for Children	Thompson's Station
Jun. 29 (Sat.)	10:00 a.m.	Local President's Round Table with Potluck Lunch	Godwin-Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	District Executive Team Meeting	
Aug. 24 (Sat.)	9:30 a.m.	District Mission Study with Brown Bag Lunch	St. Andrew Memorial
	2:00 p.m.	District Executive Team Meeting	
Sept. 28 (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	District Annual Meeting with Registration 8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m.	Nolensville First

2019 Officers for the Harpeth River District

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2019 TENNESSEE CONFERENCE EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Jan. 18 (Fri.)	6:00 p.m.	Conference Executive Team Meeting	Smyrna FUMC
Jan. 19 (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	Conference Training for District Officers [Weather Reschedule Date for Jan. 18 th & 19 th Events]	Smyrna FUMC
Jan. 25 & 26			
Apr. 6 (Sat.)	9:30 a.m.	Intergenerational Event	Centerville
Apr. 6 (Sat.)		Conference Executive Team Meeting	Centerville
June 1 (Sat.)	9:30 a.m.	Hands-On Workday / Mission Day	Smyrna FUMC
July 11-12 (Thurs.-Fri.)	9:30 a.m.	Mission u	Murfreesboro
Aug. 3 (Sat.)	9:30 a.m.	Conference Executive Team Meeting	Bellevue UMC
Sept. 7-9 (Fri.-Sun.)		Spiritual Life Retreat	Beersheba Springs
Oct. 12 (Sat.)		Conference Annual Meeting	Bellevue UMC

THE VISION of the UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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