



# UMW NEWS

## FALL/WINTER 2013

FOR THE UNITED METHODIST  
WOMEN OF CHURCH STREET

### From the President

#### *Giving Thanks for UMW*

As United Methodist Women, we engage in mission on a regular basis. We care for one another through difficult times and we strive to be the voice for those who have none. We share our blessings, we give money and we take the time to truly make a difference. We pray for one another, for our community and for our world. As Thanksgiving nears, I want you to know how very, very grateful I am for each one of you. You know how important it is to give, to love, and to be a part of a community whose purpose is to know God.

On Thanksgiving, I will say a special prayer of thanks for you and your commitment to mission. We simply could not accomplish all that we do without each one of you. Your loving hands and hearts make all the difference in the world, and my heart is full of gratitude for lives lived in service to others. I also want to say a special thanks to all the UMW officers, circle leaders, chairpersons, and circle officers who said "yes" when asked to serve and have made such a difference this year in our unit.

As UMW, we are constantly focused on social issues and particularly those that impact women, children and youth. There are separate bills in the House and Senate that are proposing drastic cuts to SNAP (supplemental nutrition assistance program) and we view these proposed cuts with much concern. The Senate proposes to cut the SNAP program by four billion over the next few years while the House proposes to cut the program by 40 billion dollars. Families and individuals who depend on this assistance will be greatly impacted by these cuts. At Thanksgiving this year, as most of us sit down to a table laden with food, I ask that you be informed about these bills and that you keep those affected in your thoughts and prayers. And just to put things into perspective for us here, approximately 85% of the Wesley House children are enrolled in the SNAP program.

*-Pat Bellingrath, UMW President*

### Wesley House Update

Seventy-five children are now enrolled in Wesley House and staff, children and seniors are getting ready for the holidays. The capital campaign is still underway with a little over half of the total amount raised. Please continue to remember Wesley House with your donations. The new building is providing much needed space with a wonderful gym and spacious classrooms. Wesley House is one of the very few missions in our community that has a religious foundation. With our donations, we are helping to ensure that these children continue to grow and learn in a religious environment. Wesley House hopes to have the building paid for by next summer. Please continue to keep this special mission in your prayers.

*You're Invited*

**UMW Christmas Program  
and Luncheon  
Saturday, December 7  
11 a.m. in the Nave  
Noon - Lunch in Parish Hall**

Please note: The cost of lunch is \$10 and reservations must be made by Monday, December 2. Call the church office at 524-3048 or e-mail [reservations@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:reservations@churchstreetumc.org) to reserve your spot. Please include the names of those who will be attending the luncheon. **ALL reservations must be paid for, even in the event of non-attendance.**

## Where Our Money Goes

United Methodist Women have been in mission for 140 plus years. We at Church Street contribute pledges and gifts to programs around the world and in our own community. These programs include:

- National and international institutions and programs
  - Advocacy for women, children, and youth
  - Member support and leadership training
    - Education and spiritual growth
      - The reading program
  - Deaconesses and regional missionaries
    - UMW Online
    - “Response” Magazine
    - Grants

Church Street UMW members help support Wesley House, Montgomery Village Ministries, Church Street Day Care Center, Church Women United, and our own “Sharing Shop.” We turn our faith, hope, and love into action.

*-Nancy Staub, UMW Treasurer*

## Holston Conference UMW to Focus on Hispanic Ministry in 2014

Hispanic ministry will be an area of focus and learning for United Methodist Women in the Holston Conference. We hope to enter into mission and ministry with our Hispanic sisters and to form new and lasting relationships. Church Street UMW is making plans to visit a Hispanic congregation in Sevierville at First UMC. Please contact Pat Bellingrath if you are at all interested in traveling to Sevierville. The time and date have not been set, but if you are interested in this trip, please let Pat know.

## Service Circle 2013 Update

1. We sent 47 little girl’s dresses, 50 boy’s shorts, and 34 diapers to “Real Hope for Haiti.” The diapers were made from donated white t-shirts, and the shorts from the donated multicolored t-shirts.
2. We completed a large, colorful quilt that was delivered in June to Fran Lynch’s church in Willow, Alaska, by the Church Street mission team.
3. We made 90 little girl’s dresses, 51 boy’s shorts, 104 preemie caps for East Tennessee Children’s Hospital, 78 adult caps, 9 pairs of slippers, 52 tote bags to be tied onto wheelchairs and walkers, 18 lap robes, 5 large quilts, 4 bibs, and a partridge in a pear tree! (Not really, but we are getting into the Christmas spirit!)
4. We have crocheted/knitted and delivered 83 prayer shawls since that ministry began in 2012.

But we’re not all work. We traveled to Crossville and enjoyed a bountiful feast at the State Park while visiting with Diane Richards.

Come join us on each fourth Tuesday (except December) from 9:30-12:30. Bring a sack lunch. We provide the coffee and dessert. Everyone is welcome, and we can teach you how to do amazing things. Come and knit, crochet, sew, or tie quilts. Come for fellowship. Come and be blessed to serve with us!

*-Nancy Carmon, Chair of Service Circle*

## Upcoming Events

### UMW Bake Sale

Sunday, November 24  
Church Life Center Hallway-begins at 8:30

### December Christmas Program and Meeting

Saturday, Dec, 7  
11 a.m. - Program-Nave  
Noon- Lunch-Parish Hall  
Cost of lunch is \$10.00 and reservations must be made by Monday, December 2.  
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### Social Media Workshop

Tuesday, January 7  
9:30 a.m. - Murphy Builders Classroom  
Led by Caroline Lamar  
All are welcome to attend!

### UMW Sunday

Feb. 9, 2014  
Celebrating All Women in Mission

### Money raising event for mission

Feb. 14-16  
We will park cars for the House and Garden Show

### UMW Variety, Talent and Arts Show CHURCH-WIDE event

Saturday, Feb. 22-Parish Hall, 7 p.m.  
More info to come soon!

## UMW Collections

Fran Lynch, a deaconess in the Alaska conference, is in need of books for children and youth. We are glad to help with this need and hope to mail several boxes of books to her over the next several months. If you have books to donate, please leave them in the designated tub in the church office.

We are still collecting General Mills box tops and Campbell’s Soup labels. Please leave these in the baggies in the UMW box in the church office. Thanks so much for your donations!