



United Methodist Women
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Trinity Women



A Call to Prayer & Self Denial Abundant Health for Women & Children

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Service in the Chapel at 10:45 am

Reception in Parlor from 10:15-10:45 am

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Kendra Grimes**

Chaplain at Randolph-Macon College

The Call to Prayer is an annual observance during which members and friends reflect on the gospel of Christ, pray together, and make an offering to mission with women, children and youth in response to God's love and grace. Our 2017 offering funds programs and partners that support women and children's health. 100% of the offering will go directly to partners engaged in programs and advocacy to benefit women and children.



Circle 1

Circle 1 will meet on Tuesday, March 21, at 9:30 am in the Mastin Room to assemble UMCOR Kits. Bryce Miller will be a guest speaker.

Circle 5

Circle 5 will take part in the UMW Call to Prayer & Self Denial on Tuesday, March 14, as our March meeting.

Circle 7

Circle 7 will meet on Monday, March 20, at 7 pm in the Conference Room. We will be writing notes to Trinity's college students.

Circle 10

Circle 10 will meet on Thursday, March 2, at 7 pm at Martie Parch's home. Bryce Miller will be a guest speaker.

Circle 11

Circle 11 will meet on Tuesday, March 14, at 7 pm at Gail Clelland's home. We will be working on UMCOR School Kits.



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For more information about the UMW, contact Mary Hetzel at 282-5872 or hetzelmary@comcast.net.

You can also visit: www.trinityumc.net/umw

Treasurer Tidbits

The UMW Executive Board approved the 2017 amended budget on February 14. In the month of January 2017, \$1,355 in dues have been received

which is a great start towards our \$5,400 goal for the year. In Circle 10 alone, an astonishing 31 of 33 members turned in Pledges, so far! While we gratefully receive Pledges throughout the year, when you Pledge in January and February, you enable good planning for the upcoming year. We can be proud that in 2016 UMW members gave a whopping \$13,000 to a variety of mission areas. Step up and make your gift count.

- Shari Adams, UMW Treasurer



Financial Gifts

With supplementary funds, the Executive Team voted to give \$250 to each of the following:

- A new refugee family which Trinity will welcome through Church World Service during 2017 in care of Drew Willson
- Honduras Medical Mission Trip
- Heart Havens, a United Methodist Ministry providing residential homes for persons with intellectual disabilities.
- Camp Rainbow, a week long United Methodist camping ministry for adults ages 16 & up with intellectual disabilities.
- Trinity's Children's Ministry (Mission Kids and VBS)
- Trinity Youth Mission Trips
- Haiti Mission Trip
- Trinity Virginia United Methodist Disaster Recovery (team to Evergreen, VA)

With Sympathy

A gift to the UMW National Mission Institutions was given in memory of Marshall McCabe (husband of Alice McCabe, Circle 6). Alice will receive a card notifying her of this donation in her loved ones' memory.



We extend our sincere sympathy to Betty Allen of Circle 9 on the recent loss of her daughter Dale Allen-Lawlor who died January 28.

Thank You!

On behalf of the students and staff at Oak Grove-Bellemeade Elem., I'd like to thank you for selecting us as the recipient of the Upward Basketball program donations this year. We depend greatly on the generosity of others to assist as many of our nearly 700 students as possible. This morning we had volunteers from Trinity UMC help distribute over 300 hats, gloves and scarves to our students—a blessing! We have set aside a large number of toothbrushes & toothpaste to distribute at a Kindergarten family night. The other toiletry items will be distributed to students in need throughout the year. We know you are continuing to collect items and we thank you in advance for those contributions as well! Thank you again for including Oak Grove in your ministry this season! - Mary Valenza, Site Coordinator

Thank you to Circle 5 for the goodie bags you delivered to the teachers at Crestview Elem. I came to school with no breakfast and no lunch and was happy to have a yummy chewy granola bar and hot cocoa for breakfast. Thank you for appreciating us. - Michelle Anderson, Crestview Elementary

We appreciate the gifts you sent us for our Christmas Stockings. It is through your generosity that we were able to distribute 55 stockings to the residents in our care. The Health Care, Memory Support, and Assisted Living residents of Manor East sincerely appreciated the stockings. These gifts brightened the holiday season and let our residents know that other people were thinking of them. - Mary McDaniel, Chair of Christmas Stocking Project & Mary Susler, President of Covenant Woods Guild

Trinity's UMW thanks Joe Toler for helping with transportation for General Assembly Day. Joe stepped into this role at the last minute when a large Trinity funeral made it impossible for Bill Pike to serve in this capacity.

Hermitage Country Store



The Country Store was recently remodeled and the merchandise has been reorganized and presented in a more upscale manner. Many items have been sent to "Suits for Boots" which helps veterans re-enter the workforce. In December \$3,130.25 was taken in and a profit of \$3,549.15 was made in January. Don't miss the coming dates where you can wonderful items at remarkable prices: March 24 and April 28.

We're Saving Lives!

Sunday, April 9, 8 am-12:30 pm is our next Blood Drive in Trinity Hall, presented by Virginia Blood Services.



When you take time to donate blood, you help save the lives of critically ill infants, cancer patients, and accident victims. Sign up at donateblood.vablood.org or through Mary Hetzel (282-5872 or hetzelmary@comcast.net). VBS sends technicians based on our confirmed appointments. Best Practices for donors includes a protein-rich breakfast and ample hydration. Once again, Chef Ronnie Johnson's Breakfast Bistro Café will offer you a choice of egg sandwiches with cheese, bacon, or sausage on an English muffin at a minimal cost.

Camp Rainbow

Thanks to all who came to learn about Camp Rainbow Connection at the February UMW meeting, and a special thank you to those who made a donation or brought bingo prizes to be used at the two camps this summer. The items you brought are perfect! If anyone is interested in learning more about Camp Rainbow or in becoming part of the volunteer staff, please contact Anne Burch at 270-1661 or anneburch@live.com. The dates for 2017 are June 17-23 and July 22-28 at Richard Bland College.



UMCOR Kits

It is exciting to see UMCOR kits coming in for this year's Annual Conference collection. Thank you for your continued support of UMCOR and the important work they do in crisis situations around the world. If your Circle has not already planned on supporting this important project and would like to do so, it is not too late. Current supply lists and instructions are always available in the UMCOR notebook, which can be found on the shelf closest to the sanctuary in the Welcome Center, as well as online at www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies. Kits will be collected in the Missions Closet from now until just before Annual Conference meets in June. (Postage and toothpaste monies should be submitted to our UMW Treasurer Shari Adams.) Please remember that it is important to have the most current supply lists and instructions. All kits are carefully planned by UMCOR to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry in international countries, it is important that kits contain only specifically requested items, nothing more. If you have any questions contact Debbie Schmitt at Barron.Schmitt1@verizon.net.



The Stitches make quite a contribution to this project by continually sewing the School Kit bags from donated fabric. Gail Clelland & the Trinity Stitches recently completed 16 bags for Circle 11 and the Outreach Sunday School Class to fill.

Trinity Stitchers

Many Hands Stitching Comfort for Others

The Trinity Stitchers' group held an extra workday on February 9 to create tote bags for UMCOR School Kits. Several Circles will be filling them with various school supplies in the next few months for distribution in June. Our team of women created an assembly line to complete 13 tote bags and have others ready to complete. Hands were busy cutting out bags; serging edges; sewing bags together; pressing to complete. Trying to use all pieces of fabrics available, we are able to create designer bags – each one has its own personality. If you are interested in helping create more of these bags at home, please contact Janet Hill. We can provide pre-cut bags ready to assemble, plus directions. Keeping a supply of bags on hand is important all year long since this is an on-going project and we hope to encourage other groups within the church to volunteer to provide school items and fill them. Members also worked on new quilt designs, plus a few completed quilts ready for delivery.

We encourage you to join us on our workday or by working at home. We meet the **3rd Thursday in Room 323 from 9am to 3pm** (or whatever time you have available). There is much to be done and we NEED YOU!

Janet Hill (contact at Granhill4@aol.com or 741-4394)



Mother in Honduras using one of the slings distributed on the recent mission trip.



Do you have an extra sewing machine? The Hila Sewing Project, a job-skills training program for refugee women, is growing. We currently have more students than sewing machines. If you have an extra machine that is in good condition and you are willing to donate it, please contact Lisl Ruckert at Alcansa Relief International at ruckertl@alcansa.org or 541-409-7198.

Micah Initiative

Trinity volunteers encourage our lowest performing students in grades K and 1 to learn to read through the weekly Literacy Team Program at Oak Grove. Title 1 Reading Teacher Jessica Carpenter and Communities in Schools Site Coordinator Mary Valenza supervise our work. The goal for grade K students is identify all alphabet letters & sounds; spell three-letter short vowel words; track & read short sentences; and know at least 15 of the pre-primer words. The 1st grade goal is to read independently and summarize a story; be able to read pre-primer, primer, & first grade sight words; and spell words with short vowels, consonant blends, and words with a silent "e." Trinity's involvement at Oak Grove is continual, but then the needs are also continual. When you help a young child in school, you help the whole family. We are seeing great success with some of our students. The Micah Initiative is a ministry of presence and encouragement. To get involved, please contact Mary Hetzel at 282-5872.

ICGR News



Trinity UMW lent its support to the 50th Annual Interfaith Council of Greater Richmond (ICGR) Brotherhood Sisterhood Youth Award. The dinner and awards ceremony were held on Thursday, February 16, at River Road Church, Baptist. The Brotherhood Sisterhood Youth Award recognizes one high school junior or senior from each of the 50+ area high schools for their contributions to building better human relationships and intergroup understanding. Trinity UMW made a financial donation to help defray the cost of the dinner and program. Volunteers from our UMW helped with preparations for the dinner and attended the awards program. Please watch for more details about the event in next month's newsletter! For up-to-date information about ICGR activities, you are invited to consult Interfaith Council of Greater Richmond on Facebook.

United Methodist Family Services



The UMFS Auxiliary met Thursday, February 16, in the Dining Hall and presented a birthday luncheon party for the students with birthdays in January, February and March. After singing Happy Birthday to all students, we played Bingo. Each student eventually became a winner and received a prize in addition to a birthday gift bag. The birthday parties offer Guild members the opportunity to interact with the students and learn from them.

Selected students will attend Camp Comfort Zone on March 31, as all students are coping with grief due to the loss of their primary family structure. Many of the students are training for the Monument Avenue 10K. The Elementary and Intellectual Disability classrooms are seeking percussion instruments to help relieve tension and stress. Please contact Lisa Nicoli at Inicoli@umfs.org if you would like to make a contribution or have items such as hand drums, tambourines, hand shakers, harmonicas and or a singing bowl.

Chaplain Renee Teague of Enon UMC is currently spending 30 minutes per week in Bible Study in each cottage. She is assembling a cart for Bibles and craft supplies, with financial support from the Auxiliary. At Spring Service Day, Trinity's UMW will create bracelets for the girls for the upcoming Prom. We are also hard at work planning for the June Tea on Sunday afternoon, June 4, a day of special delicacies, as we introduce the Residential students to the custom of High Tea.

Church Women United



Church Women United will celebrate World Day of Prayer at Fifth Baptist Church (1415 W. Cary Street) at 10:30 am on Friday, March 3. WDP 2017 comes to us from the Philippines with the title "Am I Being Unfair to You?". This

topic explores concepts of economic justice both in the Philippines and around the world and our response in light of God's generosity. Read Matthew 20:1-16. Mary Hetzel spoke about her roots and the Micah Initiative at the February 3rd CWU meeting. The Micah Initiative, a ministry of Richmond Hill, is a vibrant network of 125 faith communities that mentor, tutor, and volunteer in each of the Richmond Public Elementary Schools so that every child will believe, "I am valuable."

Heart Havens

Last month we participated with the Virginia Conference in recognizing February as Heart Havens month. Heart Havens provides group homes in neighborhoods across Virginia where adults with a developmental disability live as independently as possible while being supported by 24-hour staff. Using a person-centered process to empower the people in the homes they can pursue their goals and dreams.

At our February unit meeting we collected items to support the ministry of Heart Havens:

- 8 boxes of tissues
- 57 rolls of toilet paper
- 18 rolls of paper towels
- 7 packs of napkins
- Small paper plates
- 1 pack of paper bowls
- 1 bottle of Windex
- 2 packs of pencils
- 1 pack of crayons
- Greeting cards
- Blank stationery



Sarah Wilkinson & Sara Becker from Heart Havens with our donations.