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Trinity Women

Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

Guest Speaker: Darlene Amon

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Board Meeting

9:00 am Mastin Room

Call to Prayer

10:15 am Chapel

Lunch

11:30 am Trinity Hall



Circle 1

On Wednesday March 20, as a circle, we plan on attending one of the Community Lenten Series Services at St Paul's Episcopal and the luncheon that follows.

Circles 2 & 9

We met on February 11 where Pat Gulick conducted our circle pledge program. Sandy Cain highlighted the preliminary celebration plans for the 150th anniversary of the UMW, and she outlined the educational, historical and participatory focus of the program.

Circle 4

We will be provide a meal for Kids' Club at Central UMC.

Circle 5

We will attend the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial on March 12.

Circle 6

We will meet on Tuesday, March 5, in room 319 at 10:30 am. Janet Hill will present the program and we will discuss what we need to make our kits in April.

Circle 7

During our February meeting, we wrote cards to 22 college students. During our Thursday, March 14, meeting, we will be discussing the book *I'll Push You: a journey of 500 miles, two best friends, and one wheelchair* by Patrick Gray. We will be meeting at Anne Marie Dike's home, and everyone attending the meeting is asked to bring an appetizer to share.

Circle 10

We will meet at the home of Ann Pierce on Thursday, March 7, at 7 pm. We will have a guest speaker from Feed More. Please bring your egg cartons for donations. A monetary donation for Feed More will also be taken.



From the President

March is here and it's a busy month in the life of the church. The season of Lent begins, and we begin to prepare our hearts and minds for the Risen Christ. The women of the UMW have another important event to prepare for which is our Call to Prayer and Self Denial service. But how many of us really know what this service is about? According to the UMW national website, "A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial is an opportunity for women to reflect on the gospel of Christ and make an offering that helps sustain ministry around the country and the world." The mission focus of this service rotates on a four year cycle reflecting the emphasis of the UMW, serving women, youth and children in need. This year the mission focus is "Building a Thriving Generation of Children and Youth Worldwide".

We will hear stories that will educate us to the difficult circumstances children and youth face in the United States and around the world. Our sacrificial giving will be directed to agencies that serve these children in need. In years past this offering has helped build schools, libraries and clinics, trained women for specialized ministries and provided nutrition and medical assistance for thousands of women and children. In 2017, \$685,000 was collected nationally.

Our speaker, Darlene Amon, has worked in the UMW organization on all levels both in the US and abroad. She has seen first hand our donations in action. I hope you will come hear her message.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." - Matthew 19:13-14

- Stacy Campbell, Trinity UMW President

The Hermitage

Hidden Treasures made a profit \$1,995 in February. The next sale date is March 22, from 10:30 am-2:00 pm. Hermitage residents participate in several outreach opportunities. They are presently collecting blankets for Caritas families. Some are participating in The Pillow Case Project in which they are making dresses and shorts for a school in Africa from pillow cases. These outfits are one size fits all and help those who have very little to wear.

Treasurer's Tidbits

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted a pledge in 2019. For planning purposes, it is very helpful to the Trinity UMW unit to receive pledges early in the year. Pledges can be left in the Treasurer's mailslot in the church office or mailed to my home address of 1808 Le-Suer Road, Henrico, 23229. Thank you.

- Shari Adams, Trinity UMW Treasurer



Gift in Memory

A gift to the UMW National Mission Institutions was given in memory of Margaret Lechner (Circle 9) and Geoffrey Shutz (son of Karen Shutz, Circle 10).



Their families will receive a card notifying them of this donation.

Thank You Note

Dear Trinity Women,
How delighted I am to learn of the special fund set aside to honor Millie Simmons, Genevieve Collier, and me. When we joined Trinity in 1982, women like Millie and Genevieve inspired me to get involved in our UMW. In addition to thanking you for honoring me in such a special way, I ask each of you to reach out to other women at TUMC to help them find the comfort level to get involved. We offer something completely unique. Blessings to each of you, as we celebrate the founding of UMW 150 years ago on a cold, rainy night in Boston.

Very sincerely,
Mary M. Hetzel

Trinity UMW Legacy Fund Established January 2019

Recognizing Millie Simmons, Genevieve Collier and Mary Hetzel

Purpose: “The organized unit of 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.”

This fund was established using memorial and honorary donations received in recognition of Christian women whose strong faith, leadership skills, and dedication to missions made a difference in our UMW.

Possible financial needs: assistance for women to attend retreats, programs or educational opportunities; church support; events promoting UMW.

The funds can be used for various needs deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will approve requests as needed. Individuals that receive financial assistance will be asked to make a presentation to the UMW Unit sharing learned experiences to keep the unit engaged in fulfilling needs of the members and local missions.



Mildred Bowley Simmons (July 11, 1925 - August 14, 2017) was born in Hamblenton, West Virginia; graduated from Capitol City School of Nursing in Washington D.C.; married to Wallace D. Simmons for 63 years; member of Trinity UMC for over 50 years – participated in United Methodist Women Circles, and Mastin Fellowship Class. She was a strong Christian woman, gifted nurse, compassionate caregiver, and a friend to many.



Genevieve Mann Collier (February 24, 1921 - February 21, 2018) was the daughter of Reva and Irvin Mann. She was a lifelong member of Trinity UMC, serving as the Church Hostess, involved in Sunday school, and United Methodist Women. A strong Christian woman who loved her family, friends and husband of 75 years, Vernon L. Collier.



Mary Hetzel served as President of the Trinity UMW 1999-2000, 2006-2008 and 2012. Her tireless energy and enthusiasm of encouraging women to get involved in church and community activities kept our group moving ahead in an every-changing world. Mary inspired our group to become stronger Christian women; implementing programs/events that always put the needs of others in the forefront. Her great leadership and dedication to UMW reminds us that our purpose is mission for others. She and her husband, Bob, relocated to Chicago in the spring of 2018.



CASTING CALL

Women of all ages needed to portray historical figures at a mid-day event on May 14. For more information, contact Sandy Cain at scain811@aol.com or 804-747-9671.

To be a community of Women: United Methodist Women

March 2019 marks the 150th Anniversary of the United Methodist Women. We have previously discussed the foundation and evolution of women's organizations in the Methodist Church, knowing now that UMW is an amalgamation of several ladies initiatives. In 1972 the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild united to form the United Methodist Women. The Women's Society of Christian Service had many of the same basic tenants of the UMW: mission, worship, and education. The Wesleyan Service Guild was formed with many of those same tenants, but it was structured to accommodate women who worked outside the home.

In my research for this month, I was surprised that I could not find an explanation for the merger of these two groups. It seems that there simply was not a need for two. Perhaps they were competing for fundraising, so it made sense to unite their efforts. Never the less, I think it is significant that this happens in 1972. I imagine with further research or even institutional memory, more may come to light in the coming months.

"there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28)

One of the most important political event of 1972 was the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). This provided the language for equal rights to both sexes under the law. This was monumental for women, and it was the foundation for many of the cultural and political changes that we enjoy today. Yes, it is possible, the ERA and UMW are a coincidence. What isn't a coincidence is the foundation of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women. This was also established by the General Conference in 1972, in direct response to the ERA.



The mission of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women is "to advocate for women individually and collectively within The United Methodist Church, to work to be a catalyst to redress ... inequities against women in the The United Methodist Church." Starting in 1972, the United Methodist Church and the United States put governing bodies in place to ensure equality for women. This paved the way for women to take on more leadership roles in the church. For example, in 1980 Marjorie Swank Matthews became the first female bishop appointed to any Protestant Church.

This month let us pause to consider unity. Not only was 1972 the year that Methodist women created a united front on mission, it was the year that the Church made the decision to uplift men and women equally in their aspirations to share the word of God and serve the Lord. We will continue to see the impact of these decisions as we continue our discussion of Methodist women.

- Emily Campbell

Interfaith Cooperation

Support of interfaith cooperation has long been a priority for United Methodist Women at Trinity. Here is just a reminder of how you can connect directly to Richmond organizations that work to unite faith communities for important causes.



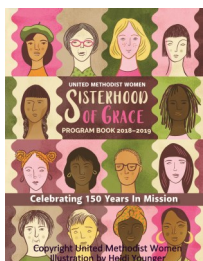
First, the **Interfaith Community of Greater Richmond (ICGR)** works to develop understanding, respect, and cooperation among the various religious faiths. One of ICGR's current focus points is civil dialogue. For

50 years, ICGR sponsored the Brotherhood/Sisterhood Youth Awards program, which honored students from all of the area high schools for their efforts to promote understanding and cooperation among people of different faiths and backgrounds. It was our honor to host last year's awards ceremony here at Trinity, and we thank all the faithful Trinity UMW members and Bill Pike and his staff for making this service possible. Unfortunately, ICGR did not have a person who could chair the program this year, and the brotherhood/sisterhood awards will not be given. We encourage UMW members to be in touch with the activities of ICGR directly via the ICGR website at <https://icgr.org> where you may also sign up to receive ICGR's monthly newsletter. ICGR's Facebook page is kept current and may be accessed by going to Facebook and entering "Interfaith Community of Greater Richmond." ICGR's newsletters are highly informative and may contain notice of events UMW members find interesting; however, they are generally posted too late for us to get the event announcements into our UMW newsletters in a timely fashion.



Second, the **Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy** advocates for social, economic, and environmental justice in Virginia's policies and practices through education, prayer and action. You may access their website at <https://www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org>. At a recent Trinity UMW meeting, a representative from the Interfaith Center was our keynote speaker and highlighted bills the organization is lobbying before the 2019 Virginia General Assembly. Updates may be found on their website, where you may even subscribe to daily email summaries during the General Assembly session. Although we as individual UMW members do not always hold the same view on political issues, we probably all find these issues to be of concern. This session, for instance, the Interfaith Center is following bills dealing with guns in churches, removing "Jim Crow" exemptions from minimum wage laws, and requiring employers to provide employees with pay stubs, to name just a few. Thanks for keeping these organizations in your prayers, and for becoming involved if and as you may wish.

- Carol Wampler



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