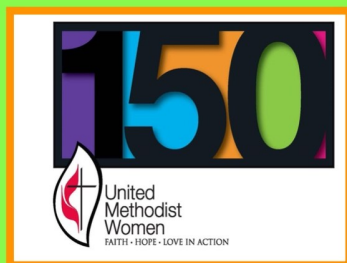




United Methodist Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Trinity Women



Circle 1

We will be providing dinner for Central UMC Kids Club this month. We will end our year with a brunch on May 21 at the home of Karen Williams.

Circle 2 & 9

We will meet on May 13.

Circle 5

We will meet on May 21 for a salad supper.

Circle 6

We will attend our UMW 150th Birthday Celebration on May 14. Wear your best hat!

Circle 10

We will meet at the home of Julia Leaman on May 2 at 6:30 pm to enjoy our end of the year dinner.

You are cordially invited to join Trinity UMW
on

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

to celebrate the

150th Birthday of UMW

Social Hour begins at **10:30 AM**

Followed by lunch at **11:00 AM** in Trinity Hall

Program begins at **11:45 AM**

RSVP to Stacy Campbell

Email: stacybcampbell@gmail.com

Home Number: 804-762-8922

Please bring a covered dish to share.

Dessert will be provided.

For more information about the UMW, contact UMW President Stacy Campbell at 762-8922 or stacybcampbell@gmail.com.

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

From the President

It's 1987, I'm a recent college graduate and newly married, ready to take on the world. At a job interview, I was asked, "does your husband mind if you work?". Without missing a beat, I responded as the woman I was raised to be, "well, he wants to eat". I was not offered that job, my voice wasn't heard that day. We all have stories like that unfortunately. 150 years ago, two forward thinking women sought a way to serve God, make a difference, and to have a voice. As we struggled to gain the right to vote, see equality in the work place and the community, the United Methodist Women offered all women a chance to be leaders, to serve God and to have a voice.

On May 14th at 10:30 am, we will gather to celebrate the vast history of the United Methodist Women. We will reflect on where we came from and thank God for all the opportunities we have today as women. Most importantly, we will share food, fellowship, love and laughter. So many beautiful voices and wonderful stories, you won't want to miss it!

- Stacy Campbell, Trinity UMW President

Special Mission Recognition



Our Committee will be meeting in late May to consider the recipients of Trinity's Special Mission Recognition Awards. These represent a way of expressing our appreciation for a person's outstanding service to Trinity

women, the church and the community at large. A monetary gift is given to missions in the honoree's name, and this person is presented with a pin at the Harvest Day luncheon in November.

There are so many "servant leaders" at Trinity! Please look in your Trinity Women's Directory to see who has not yet been honored and consider forwarding your recommendation for a worthy nominee by May 17th, 2019. You may submit your nominations to Stacy Campbell, stacybcampbell@gmail.com or 11317 Cedar Hill Ct, Richmond, Va 23229.

Thank you,

Stacy Campbell, Gail Clelland, Jo Lewis and Sharon Wenger

Help Wanted!

Contact Stacy Campbell with questions or to volunteer at stacybcampbell@gmail.com or 762-8922

Newsletter Editor - Gathers articles by email and organizes them into a monthly newsletter.

Publicity Chair - Creates a flyer to promote the monthly program and submits it to the church office for use in the various media sources. Also works with the program committee to generate any additional printed materials needed.

Mission Representative (the official UMW title is Social Action Coordinator) - This position is somewhat of my own creation (when you volunteer to be President, you can do that!), and can be tailored to suit whomever agrees to help. It would be helpful to know what our agencies are collecting as donated items. Our UMW unit is very generous and enjoys donating to our program speakers, and to the agencies we serve regularly. This information can be easily gathered via the agency website, newsletter or by talking with those who serve as volunteers.

Harvest Day Committee - Be a Friend of Harvest Day! Note, I didn't say Chairperson. The Committee will be facilitated by myself (Stacy Campbell) and Jo Lewis. We would like a group who wants to help organize our treasured service held in November. Our first meeting will be at my home on Wednesday, May 22, at 11:30 am. Lunch provided!!

Gift in Memory

A gift to the UMW National Mission Institutions was given in memory of June Rash.

Her daughter, Carolyn Rash,

received a card notifying her of this donation.



Continuing the Legacy of the United Methodist Women

All of my previous articles have highlighted our history. This month you are celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the United Methodist Women, so this month I want to focus on you. We each need to take a moment to reflect on where we are as an organization in the present. Speaking as an art historian, you can only truly appreciate contemporary art if you know what came before it. (Otherwise, you are looking at a red color field and thinking...hmm, everyone can be an artist...but I digress.) Therefore, I think we now have the tools to truly appreciate today, our anniversary.

When I looked back to the previous articles, I realized there were many shared themes. The daily life and the struggles of Methodist women changed as we moved through time. However, their goals for their organizations remained basically the same. All of these women shared God's love through their gifts and their actions. They followed the teachings of Jesus Christ even when it did not align with contemporary politics and societal pressures. These women were forward-thinking and envisioned a better world for women. They took action when called upon to realize this vision, and they were often outspoken in reaffirming their beliefs.

Now thinking about today, you are a part of this tradition. I think this is best highlighted in the UMW Mission Priorities and the Action Alerts. All of you are probably familiar with these. I stumbled upon this information on the UMW website while conducting my research. I felt the current mission priorities deserved to be reemphasized. The UMW is advocating for Climate Justice, Maternal & Child Health, Criminalization of Communities of Color & Mass Incarceration, and Economic Inequality. Some of the most recent Action Alerts included *The Poor People's Campaign, Your Vote. Our Voices. Speak Up for Our Future, Get Out and Vote!, Air Pollution and Public Health, and Maternal Healthcare is a Human Right*. We should be proud of the scope of this work, because it encompasses so many facets of daily life and well-being. The UMW continues to protect women, children, and the oppressed from social injustice. All of these mission priorities and action alerts are extremely current and political. This is why it is so powerful that Christian women have taken

responsibility for the actual work of uplifting those affected by sharing their gifts, time, and teaching about the power of God's love.

Just by being a part of the United Methodist Women, you are a part of all of these conversations. Your gifts and your actions will help affect change in the world. We saw in our histories the impact that Methodist women had on communities. There is every reason to believe that our actions today will make the same impact. The legacy of our many historical figures lives on as we continue their work. Congratulations on 150 years of mission and fellowship; may the next 150 years be just as successful.

It has been a pleasure researching the United Methodist Women. The history of this organization and the women who made it possible deserve the recognition. Hopefully they will be featured more prominently in the history texts in the future. Thank you for the opportunity!

- Emily Campbell

The Hermitage

Once again we will have a special offering to the Samaritan Fund between Mother's Day and Father's Day. This goes to Virginia United Methodist Homes for benevolent care to those who have outlived their financial resources. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. You may donate online at trinityumc.net/give or by using special envelopes located in the pews. If you would like to make a donation to the fund in memory or in honor of a loved one, there are cards available in the Welcome Center. Make checks payable to Trinity Church and note "Samaritan Fund" on the memo line.

The Hermitage continues to welcome clothing and housewares donations to be sold through their store, Hidden Treasures. If you have a large amount to be donated, it is best to deliver it directly to Hermitage-Richmond at 1600 Westwood Ave. Small amounts can be taken to the area near the balcony where a volunteer will transfer them for you. We welcome volunteers for this. If interested, call Nancy Miller (740-3772).