



Let's Get Together

United Methodist Women Newsletter April 2010

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT, *by Ruth Mulkey*



The Annual Spring Prayer Breakfast of the Arlington District will be held at Calloway UMC, 5000 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA on Saturday, April 17 at 9:00am. The speaker will be The Reverend Jennifer Vestal Moore, director of Church relations for the Society of St. Andrew. The Society of St. Andrew is an outreach ministry of the UMC, providing food for our hungry brothers and sisters in the name of Jesus Christ.

On Saturday, June 12, the Arlington and Alexandria District UMW will be holding a "Day Apart" at Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church. Following a presentation and guided tour, participants will be engaged for 90 minutes in one of the ministries of the church, sorting the food pantry, clothes closet, etc. Lunch will be served followed by a prayer service and communion. This will be a unique opportunity to provide hands on assistance in the mission of our church. Come and join with other the United Methodist Women in active ministry to this community.

MESSAGE FROM THE UMW COORDINATOR, *by Amy Henderson*

UMW SUNDAY - UMW Sunday will take place on May 9, Mothers Day. This year we will acknowledge the purpose of the UMW by sharing a special gift with women attending the services on that day. Prepared name tags will be available for all members. We will also host the Coffee Talk for both services. Information about our fellowship groups and the organization will be available as well. Plan to attend church that day and take the opportunity to invite a guest to join your group.

Volunteers are needed to provide the treats for Coffee Talk on May 9 and for July 4th. A sign up sheet will be at the meeting on April 10.

THANK YOU - A special thank you goes out to Audrey Lemon for her preparations for the Spring Retreat and Anna Novak for arranging the luncheon. Also, I'd like to acknowledge Ruth Mulkey and her trip to the National UMW Assembly in St. Louis, Missouri April 29 to May 5. We are fortunate to have a member who is involved at the level she is and she deserves many thanks for her commitment to UMW.

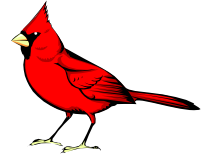


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RED BIRD MISSION FELLOWSHIP, *by Ruth Mulkey*

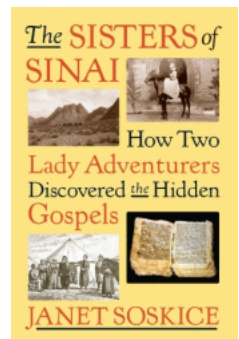
The Redbird Mission Fellowship met in the Wesley Room on March 3 and discussed the items that were highlighted in the newsletter. Several people volunteered to bring items for the school kits for UMCOR. Audrey Lemon called our attention to the retreat which is planned for April 10 for UMW and urged members to attend and invite others. We will be attending the retreat in place of our usual April meeting.



A video "Resurrection Road" was presented along with material from the Easter program in the program book. In the scripture it states that the women who gathered at the tomb were charged by Jesus with the task of going and telling others about his resurrection. In the video several women, such as Dr. Roberta Rice, a former missionary to Korea, and others who have acted out their faith in service as "Resurrection Women" were presented. Following the video we each addressed birthday cards to missionaries whose birthdays were listed in the Prayer Calendar, offering them our thanks and prayers for their work.

JOSHUA'S WAY FELLOWSHIP, *by Sandy Rudolph and Beth Smith*

The Joshua's Way Fellowship meeting was held on March 1st in the Multi-purpose room. Those present were: Ruth Mulkey (Guest), Brenda Heysek, Beth Smith, Pat Turner, Margaret Walters and Denise Wells. We enjoyed talking about various topics, some UMW news from Ruth, and went over items on the UMW calendar, including the April Retreat (General Meeting). We were encouraged to attend the April Retreat and bring a friend. Audrey Lemon would like to hear from those who plan to attend. Margaret held a lovely program she had printed and copied for us from the Upper Room website. It was entitled "Simplicity: A Lenten Path" and was very thought provoking. To read it you can go to upperroom.org. Pat Turner recommended a book she had read, "Sister of Sinai" by Janet Soskice. Our next meeting will be held April 5th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Sandy Rudolph will be presenting the Program.



UMCOR School Kits Project, *by Sandy Rudolph*

Dulin Church is currently collecting donations for "School Kits" to be sent to the UMCOR warehouses to be distributed to children who are victims of disaster worldwide. Contributions of both money and items required for the kits will continue through Easter Sunday. During the week after Easter UMW members and confirmation class members will determine a time to assemble the kits to prepare for shipping and present them at the UMW

retreat in April. Some of the UMW groups are preparing kits themselves and will also be presenting them at the retreat. Please consider donating some of your time and talents to help with this project. Recent disasters in Haiti have depleted supplies in the UMCOR warehouses and replenishing the supplies is important to be ready for when the next disaster strikes. If you have questions concerning this project, you can contact Sandy Rudolph, Ruth Mulkey, Jamie Henthorn, or Pastor Dave.

PATTY MADDOX FELLOWSHIP, *by Carole Dysart*

The Patty Maddox Fellowship met on Tuesday, March 2, in the Wesley Room. Present were Nancy Sayre, Hillary Wood, Coletta Hudson, Roberta Webb, Virgie Vinoya, and Carole Dysart. No business meeting was held.

After enjoying candy, nuts, cookies and beverage, we each read from "Grace for the Moment," an inspirational thought for each day of the year. Each member read the selection for her birth date. Other thoughts from "Chicken Soup for the Nurses' Soul" were shared. Nancy Sayre presented several appropriate quotes from "Heart Warmers," an older publication of the Congregational Church. Discussion followed regarding thoughts and memories of each present.



We discussed and offered silent prayers for each of the members unable to attend due to illness, surgery, and other medical problems. These included Evelyn Appleton, Marge Bailey, Madgel Boone, Dorothy Brothers, Audrey Fawcett, Marion Fredenberg, Lily Houseman, Harriet Hunt, Wilma Meeker, Jean Myers, Jeanne Pope, and Marcia Van Skiver. We closed with the Lord's Prayer in unison.

HERMANITA FELLOWSHIP, *by Anna Novak*

The Hermanita Fellowship did not meet in February, but resumed with a meeting on March 21st at Cosi restaurant in Falls Church. We filled out our UMW pledge cards and Katie is acting as treasurer. We discussed our hopes of sponsoring another book fair this spring to benefit Red Bird Mission. We made plans to look into dates and to find a new Usborne representative to offer books for sale. The cash proceeds and the donated books would go to the Mission for their school library and also their new parent education programs. We hope to finalize plans for the book fair over the next few weeks. In April, instead of our normal Sunday lunch, we will attend the UMW retreat at the church on April 10. Our group has volunteered to bring desserts for the retreat luncheon.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



Spring Meeting on Saturday, April 10, from 9:30–12:30.

Arlington District's Spring Prayer Breakfast at Calloway UMC on April 17 at 9:00am.

United Methodist Women Assembly, April 30-May 2, in St. Louis, Missouri.

UMW Sunday on May 9.