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United Methodist Women Newsletter April 2011

"I am called to be an ambassador for Christ and the United Methodist Women is my vineyard and my tool to do so."

~UMW member from Brandon, MO, on YouTube

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The Spring Tea on March 26 was a great success with 50 guests in attendance.

Many thanks are due to all those who contributed by preparing food, setting a table, decorating the fellowship hall and cleaning up afterward. There have been many references to "next year's event"

and hopefully the stars will align to make it happen. The money collected will be used to defray some of the expenses and the remainder will go in the UMW account. If you were unable to attend you missed seeing the beautiful array of china on each table, the charming teapots and the impressive selection of tea sandwiches, scones, breads, tarts and cookies. Everything was delicious. Again, thank you to everyone.



Report from Joshua's Way

by Beth Smith

We met on Monday, March 7. We discussed preparations for the Spring Tea, and Beth Smith helped organize what we would need to bring. We decided it would work out best if the person adopting a table would provide everything needed to set the table. We also decided children would use paper products instead of china. Jennifer Tucker offered to cut up lemons for each table and fill little drawstring bags with treats for children attending the tea. Pat Turner offered to get sugar for each table, and Sunita Lough and Mary Rank offered to bring milk and cream



Next Meeting Times:

Glowing Service -

**May 1
1:00 pm**

Multi-purpose Room

Joshua's Way -

**May 1
7:30pm**

Library

Report from Glowing Service Fellowship

by Ruth Mulkey

We met in the church library on Monday, March 7, with 12 members present. Items from the newsletter were discussed, especially plans for the Spring Tea. Hillary Wood, Ruth Mulkey, Jean Myers, and Dorothy Brothers volunteered to bring table service for the Tea, and Audrey F, Audrey L., and Judy White volunteered to bring sandwiches or 'goodies.' Linda Strother, treasurer, passed out membership pledge envelopes and money was collected for Bethany House. It was decided that the fellowship will not provide refreshments since we are meeting immediately following the craft group's monthly pot luck lunch!

Ruth Mulkey presented the children's book "Tiki's Hats," and she urged the fellowship to read the new UMW Reading list books Mary Rank has marked for us. Hilary Wood presented the program from the Program Book entitled "Finding Peace Through Action," and the members discussed the times in their lives when they feel truly at peace. One of the readings from the program featured a woman who felt overwhelmed by the stuff in her apartment, and this led to a lively discussion centered around our own abilities to manage the "stuff" in our lives. This was an especially appropriate subject since one of our members, Wilma Meeker, is going through the difficult process of moving from her home to Goodwin House.

We will continue to collect items for our "birthday box" which will be sent to Henry Fork Center.

From the Prayer Calendar we are asked to pray for Sonya Luna whose birthday is April 4. She is a missionary serving through the National Plan for Hispanic and Latino Ministries in the Detroit Annual Conference. Sonya shares that as a teenager her experiences going on mission trips to Tennessee led to her desire to be in mission.

Dorothy Brothers wanted to share the following poem she found at her sister-in-law's home. The interesting thing about this poem is that Dorothy has been going through her "stuff" trying to get things in order and found this poem.

Heaven's Grocery Store

A poem
shared by
Dorothy
Brothers

HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE

I was walking down the highway, a long time ago
One day I saw a sign that read "Heaven's Grocery Store"
As I got a little closer, the door came open wide
And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.

I saw a host of angels, they were standing everywhere.
One handed me a basket and said
"My child, shop with care."

Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store,
And all you couldn't carry you came back the next day for.
First I got some Patience, Love was in the same row.
Further down was understanding--
You need that everywhere you go.

I got a box of wisdom, a bag or two of faith,
I just couldn't miss the Holy Ghost,
for it was all over the place.

I stopped to get some strength,
and courage to help me run this race.

By then my basket was getting full
when I remembered I need some Grace.

I didn't forget Salvation. Salvation has always been free.

So I tried to get enough to save both you and me.

Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill,
For I thought I had everything to do my Master's will.

As I went up the aisle, I saw Prayer,
and I just had to put it in.

For when I stepped outside, I would run right into Sin.
Peace and Joy were plentiful
They were on the last shelf.

Songs and Praises were hanging near,
so I just helped myself.

Then I said to the Angel "How much do I owe?"

He smiled and said "Just take them wherever you go."

Again I smiled at him and said "How much do I really owe?"

He smiled again and said, "My child,
Jesus paid your bill a long time ago."



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Upcoming

Events

Arlington District Calendar. Spring Prayer Breakfast , Saturday, April 9 at 9:00 A.M Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church, 43987 John Mosby Highway (Route 50) Chantilly, VA 703-327-4461. "The Healing Power of Peace" will be the topic presented by Dr. Teresa Smith. An offering will be taken to benefit "Just Neighbors," a mission offering legal services to the immigrant population of Northern Virginia. If you are interested in attending call Ruth Mulkey, 703-524-1776, to form a carpool to Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church.

Easter Week--Labyrinth

Virginia Conference UMW Spiritual Life Retreat, May 13-15, 2011. "Blessed to be a Blessing" VUMAC, 707 Fourth Street, Blackstone, VA. 23824

UMW Spring General Meeting, Saturday, May 14, 9:30-12:30

Arlington and Alexandria District UMW Day Apart, Saturday, June 11, 9:00 A.M.,
Arlington Temple United Methodist Church, 1835 N. Nash Street, Arlington, VA. Helping Heal the Epidemic of Childhood Obesity

School of Christian Mission @ VUMAC, July 21-24, 2011 (weekend), July 25-28, 2011 (week)

Coffee Talk, July 3

UMW Sunday, September 25