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MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT, *by Ruth Mulkey*

Unfortunately, the decision was made to cancel the Spiritual Life Retreat at VUMAC because of the weather, but there are two opportunities for attending District events coming up shortly. The Alexandria District is sponsoring a mini School of Missions on March 6 at Fairfax UMC where presentation will be made using the studies from last summer's school. The cost is \$15.00, including lunch. Our own Arlington District will be holding its annual Spring Prayer Breakfast at Calloway UMC on April 17. A flyer will be posted on our UMW bulletin board.



FROM OUR DULIN UMW COORDINATOR, *by Amy Henderson*

Will we welcome March in like a lion or a lamb? Whichever it is, April can't be far behind when we will have our unit meeting. We have planned a great morning filled with friendship and inspiration. Let your fellowship leader know of your plans to attend or sign up in the bulletin. We would appreciate a head count ahead of time. A delightful lunch with deli-style sandwiches and salads will be provided for \$8 per person. I hope that you will all take advantage of this gathering to show your support for the UMW and meet with all your friends. Don't forget to introduce a new friend to UMW!

JOSHUA'S WAY FELLOWSHIP, *by Sandy Rudolph*

The Joshua's Way Fellowship met on February 1, 2010, in the Multipurpose Room. There were eight members and one visitor, Ruth Mulkey, present and Sandy Rudolph began with an opening prayer and table grace, after which we enjoyed a Salad Supper/Snack before our meeting. Beth Smith called for the meeting to come to order. The UMW Newsletter was passed out and all commented what a wonderful job Sharon Bomgardner did on this issue. THANKS Sharon!

Ruth and Sandy explained the need for more UMCOR Kits due to depletion of supplies from the UMCOR warehouses available to send to Haiti, and asked each Dulin UMW Fellowship to consider what they would like to do to send more kits to UMCOR. Sandy told us what is needed most at this time are School Kits and Health Kits. Sandy said that Jamie Henthorn worked with the youth and they just sent 30 Health Kits and monetary support, so we decided the UMW might want to prepare several School Kits and invite the congregation to help participate by bringing donations toward the kits (money or supplies). Sandy said she would get a list of items required for the school kits, and she volunteered to sew the school bags if we can get the material for her.



Margaret Walters shared information from Ada Cobb regarding a "Hearts & Hammers" project to be held on 2/27/2010 and how UMW members could help with this cleaning out project. If any UMW member is interested, they should let Margaret or Ada know and carpools can be arranged from the back parking lot at Dulin. The Sierra Leone support that Dulin provides was also discussed and what the UMW members from Dulin can do to help that project. Each member is encouraged to think about it and come up with ideas such as possibly sponsoring an older youth to attend one of the trips to help in Sierra Leone.

Brenda will be sending out pledge cards as there were so few members at the January Meeting. Please return your pledge card to Brenda as soon as possible! Beth Smith presented the program entitled "Immigration, Love as God has Loved" from the new UMW Program Book "Let's Get Together." This was a very thought provoking program and so appropriate for those of us who live in an area where immigration is so prevalent! Sunita Lough indicated that she is an instructor for immigrants who wish to apply for citizenship and we discussed the possibility of adding a class for ESL students who have completed their ESL classes and wish to become US Citizens. Perhaps we could start a class at Dulin to fill that need as well (it would have to be on a Saturday).

UMCOR School Kit Supplies Required (Estimated value \$11 per kit)

- * 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- * 3 pads (or loose leaf) of 8 1/2" x 11" ruled paper
 - * 1 30-centimeter ruler
 - * 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- * 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
 - * 1 eraser, 2 1/2"
- * 1 box of 24 crayons (ONLY 24)

All items MUST be NEW items!

One prepared 14" x 16" cloth bag with handles and a closure (Sandy Rudolph has pattern and is willing to make as many as are needed) Sandy also has all shipping, labeling and packaging requirements for these kits to be shipped and sent where needed worldwide.

PATTY MADDOX FELLOWSHIP, by *Harriet Hunt*

The Patty Maddox Fellowship met on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. in the Wesley Room. Six members were present. Many others are still ill or recuperating from mishaps or an operation, and they are very much missed and wished speedy recoveries.

Dorothy Brothers presided over the meeting. She also presented the program, from the 2010 UMW Program Book Let's Get Together. The program was "For the Love of God: John's Letters." There were just enough Fellowship members present for everyone to have a part in the Program: one Leader, four Readers, and one person to turn the spotlight (a table lamp) on and off on cue.

Dorothy had brought a small photo album of photos of Susan Henry/Alice Walker Fel-

lowship members at fellowship meetings, parties and on special outings together over the years that she had been keeping and updating. (This fellowship was one of several that merged to become the present Patty Maddox Fellowship.) The album represented the "photos of loved ones" prop required for the program.

Everyone enjoyed looking through this album after the program and identifying persons in the pictures, especially those of Dulin members now in Heaven. Thank you, Dorothy, for sharing this special treasure.



UMW SPRING MEETING

Our spring meeting will be held Saturday, April 10, from 9:30am-12:30pm. Our topic is **No Cookie Cutter Prayers Here**. When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, he said, "Pray like this," and then gave them the Lord's Prayer as a model. But that is not the only way Jesus prayed, and he certainly didn't mean that we all have to pray alike. There are many styles of prayer that suit our different personalities and the different times and situations of our lives. We will explore a few of these different ways to pray. Our leader will be the Rev. Mochel Morris, pastor of our sister congregation, Christ Crossman UMC. Please contact Audrey Lemon for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Church Women United's World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 5th, at 10:00.

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

Arlington District's Spring Prayer Breakfast at Calloway UMC on April 17.



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

UMW Sunday on May 9.

Coffee Talks on May 9 and July 4.