



Dulin United Methodist Women's Newsletter

November, 2009

"Who's At the Table?"



Message from the District: *by Ruth Mulkey*

UMW members will be busy this month. First, we will be hosting the Church Women United on November 6th in our Wesley Room. Following the featured speaker, we will be serving coffee, tea, and desserts to all in attendance who bring their sack lunches. We must all work together to make this event a success since our CWU representative will not be able to attend due to her recent surgery. So if you are asked to help, PLEASE be a Sweet Potato and say "YES"!

Kudos to the ladies of Joshua's Way for serving an excellent Baked Potato Luncheon. The food was great, the decorations were lovely, and the time spent in fellowship was outstanding. See the bulletin board for some candid shots!

Second, is our VERY IMPORTANT Annual Meeting on November 14th. Please come to hear about the work of the Falls Church McLean Children's Center, one of the projects here in Falls Church which UMW has supported for many years.

The final item to place before you is the NEW District Advent event to be held Saturday morning, November 21st, at Gainesville UMC. The District Officers will be modeling the Advent Program from our own Program book. Come and meet other UMW members from different churches who believe strongly in Mission to women and children. Call me for carpool possibilities.

You will also be hearing about plans for Assembly 2010, to be held in St Louis next April. To be part of a gathering of concerned UMW members from around the world is a uniquely inspiring experience. If you are interested in attending, reservations are being made now to provide bus transportation from Virginia to St. Louis and back. Some sight-seeing opportunities will also be offered. Come and feel the power of this organization to which you belong.

Yours in Christ, Ruth



From our Dulin UMW Coordinator, Amy Henderson:

All Souls Day, Guy Fawkes Night – Nov. 5, Martinmas – Nov. 11, and our very own Thanksgiving are all November observances with Christian traditions behind them. The importance of maintaining these traditions is well known to families everywhere. The preparation of the special foods we enjoy during these events is an act of love. I hope all of you will enjoy your holidays and especially the preparation and sharing in a feast with those you love.



Dulin UMW Fall Unit Meeting:

The UMW Fall Unit Meeting will take place on Saturday, Nov. 14th at 9:30 a.m., in the Wesley Room. We will have two guests from the Falls Church-McLean Children's Center: Wendy Baird, Development Director and Cindy Oh, a member of the Board of Directors. Wendy is a member of the UMW and is looking forward to spending time with us. The Center, which has been operating for 40 years, reserves a minimum 60% of their spaces for the children of low-income and/or "at risk" families. Dulin UMW has participated in their Food Program for many years which helps provide breakfast, lunch and snacks for the 75 children in the program. A short business meeting will be held to elect next year's officers and to approve the budget. Please join us for coffee, refreshments and an opportunity to learn more about an organization which benefits families in our own neighborhood.

The “dressed” Salvation Army Bears are also invited to attend this meeting. The Bears will receive a blessing Sunday morning, Nov. 15th, from Pastor Dave.

If anyone needs a ride, call the church and we will arrange transportation.

JOSHUA’S WAY FELLOWSHIP: *by Amy Henderson and Sandy Rudolph*

Our fellowship meeting was held at 7:30 p.m. on Oct 5, 2009 in the Multi-Purpose Room with six members present. Amy opened our meeting with a beautiful “Prayer for Autumn”. Maggie Copp presented a program from our “Who’s at the Table” and began her program with a prayer and reading from John 6: 1-14, stating that the Gospel of John was the only accounting of the story of the loaves and fishes which included in the story that the loaves and fishes were from a little boy’s lunch who trusted God with his food. Maggie engaged a discussion among the group and shared facts concerning average spending worldwide for a family of four for one week’s groceries ranging from \$1.23 from the County of Chad, to \$500.07 from Germany. The discussion included the impact of food crisis increasing worldwide and jobs decreasing. A Discussion ensued as to how Joshua’s Way can contribute to lessening the burden of World Hunger and included ideas such as prayer, donations, sponsoring a child. Thanks to Maggie for a very thought provoking program! The “Get Loaded At Dulin” i.e.: GLAD baked potato luncheon plans were discussed. World Thank Envelopes were distributed and are to be returned with offerings at the November Meeting. Naked bears from the Salvation Army were distributed to be “dressed”, and Santa Bags were discussed with a decision that Joshua’s Way will commit to filling six Santa Bags, with each member to bring six of the same item to put one in each bag. It will be fun to see the assortment we come up with and know that several families will be excited to receive their Santa Sacks put together with love and good wishes for each family. The meeting was closed in prayer; refreshments were provided and served by Maggie Copp.



REDBIRD MISSION FELLOWSHIP: *by Ruth Mulkey for Marguerite Clossman*

The Redbird Mission Fellowship met Wednesday, October 7th at 10:30 AM in the Wesley Room with guests Dorothy Plecenik, District Nominations Chairperson, and Jean Meek, who describe their Mission trip to Brazil. Twelve members from Arlington UMC spent ten days working at a “Shade and Fresh Water” project, an initiative of the Brazilian UMC.

This is an attempt to give children a safe place to go before and after school, rather than being on the streets. Jean and her husband George, who had formerly lived in Brazil, joined the group and were an invaluable addition to the team because of their knowledge of the Portuguese language.



PATTY MADDOX FELLOWSHIP: *by Harriet Hunt*

Patty Maddox Fellowship met at Dulin on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009 at 1:00pm. Ten fellowship members were present, and also Ruth Mulkey, Unit Liaison, with two special guests, Dorothy Plecenik and Jean Meek, who presented the program. Dorothy and Jean had been members of a Volunteers in Mission Team from Arlington United Methodist Church that worked on a “Shade and Fresh Water” Project in Belo Horizonte, Brazil (45 minutes north of Rio de Janeiro by air). The team repainted some buildings, worked with daycare center kids, and made crafts with senior citizens. The highlight of their program was showing a PowerPoint show of the project which had been made on site by one of the volunteers.



GLAD REPORT: *by Amy Henderson*

The Joshua's Way Baked Potato Luncheon and the Handmade Craft Club craft sale held on October 18th was a great success with near \$500 collection. We did not have as many attendees as last year, but everyone there enjoyed themselves and went home content! Thank you to all who provided the delicious batches of homemade chili and cookies!



MITTEN & HAT CLOTHESLINE:

The clothesline will go up November 29th – December 13th. Grace Ministries truly appreciates receiving the warm hats, mittens, scarves and gloves we deliver to them each year. All sizes, colors and genders are needed. The crafters will have hats for sale so watch for them in the Wesley Room!



OOPS!

Marguerite Clossman fell on her trip to Philadelphia and broke her hip. If you would like to send her get well wishes, her address is in care of the Mt. Vernon Hospital, Room 29, 2501 Parker's Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306.



PUBLISHING NOTE:

Fellowship reporters, please have your December information to Sandy Rudolph by November 16th. Remember to pick up the newsletters before you hold your off-site meetings next month. There will be no newsletter in January. Sandy is resigning as Newsletter Coordinator and we are looking for a replacement.

Thank you, Sandy, for your cheerful leadership!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



Nov. 6 10:00 a.m. Church Women United – World Community Day meeting will be hosted at Dulin UMC. Mark this date on your calendar! Bring a sandwich, Dulin UMW will provide beverages and dessert.

Nov. 14 9:30 a.m. Dulin UMW Annual Meeting – in the Wesley Room, bring your “dressed” Salvation Army Bears to the meeting.

Nov. 16 Deadline to submit Fellowship UMW News Articles to Sandy Rudolph in order to be included in the December Newsletter

Nov. 21 District Mission Team Advent Program at Gainesville UMC