



# Dulin United Methodist Women's Newsletter

September, 2009

**"Who's At the Table?"**



**FROM THE DISTRICT:** *by: Ruth Mulkey*

One of the high points of my summer was being able to attend the weekend session of the School of Christian Mission at Blackstone. If you look on the UMW bulletin board in the back hall, you will see some of the pictures I took of the activities. I think the person who made the most impact on me was Angelo Maker, one of the Lost Boys of Darfur, who was brought to the United States, sponsored by the Methodist Church, and is now earning his college degree here in Virginia. His story of years of fear and suffering is a powerful one. This year one of our mission studies is about the country of Sudan where these episodes happened, and where the people are still struggling for peace. I have a video from that mission study which can be used as a program by any fellowship.

Going to VUMAC is a great experience, and it is fun to know that you can take your children or grand-children to the School of Christian Mission. Two of the District officers took their grandchildren this year. There is a program offered for children, and one for teens. Next year we will have to think about encouraging some of our families to go.

The next District Event is our **District Annual meeting to be held at Clarendon UMC in Arlington, on Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>**, the speaker will be Addie Haynes, our Conference UMW President. She is firmly committed to the place of UMW in the Methodist Church, and will not doubt be bringing a message calling us to action to face the ways we can be in mission to women and children today. Looking forward to the fall. Fondly, Ruth.

**JOSHUA'S WAY:** *by: Amy Henderson*

Sadly we say goodbye to summer! Most of the Joshua's Way Members are able to attend the meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> instead of the normal September 14<sup>th</sup>, so the meeting has been scheduled to be held on September 8<sup>th</sup>. The **"Get Loaded at Dulin" annual baked potato luncheon is scheduled to be held after the 11:00 am Service on October 18<sup>th</sup>**.



Most of you have received an email from Margaret Walters to help support a Senior Girl Scout with her Gold Award Project by bringing a gently used suitcase to donate for a foster child to bring their clothing when traveling to a new home. If you are able to donate a suitcase which Senior Scout Lisa Dunn can decorate, fix and donate to these children, please make arrangements to bring them to Margaret.



**RED BIRD MISSION:** *by: Marquerite Clossman*

The first fall session of the Red Bird Mission Fellowship is scheduled to be held Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in the Multi-Purpose Room. The Red Bird Mission met at the home of Judy White for the annual June Potluck lunch.

### **CHURCH WOMEN UNITED:** *by: Marquerite Clossman*

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, the CWU Board met at Galloway, UMC to make plans for the coming year. Our 23 churches include: Falls Church/McLean UMW churches, St. James Catholic, Holy Trinity Lutheran, St. Patrick Episcopal, and the Falls Church Anglican. Women of these diverse denominations are united by their common faith in Jesus Christ. During the year, CWU will distribute Salvation Army Xmas stockings, take part in Fellowship of the Least Coin, and provide food to the hungry in this area. We come together four times a year at a different church each time to worship, to pray, and to celebrate our oneness as followers of Christ.

What does \$1 buy these days? Membership in CWU! \$1 is not enough to pay postage for the three Newsletters CWU will send you, but no need to pay more. Dulin UMW has for years budgeted \$100 for the CWU Sustaining Fund. A sign-up sheet and envelope is in your Fellowship box. Please circulate at your September and October meetings and return to Marquerite Clossman, Red Bird Fellowship after your October Meeting.



### **PATTY MADDOX FELLOWSHIP** *by: Harriet Hunt*

Patty Maddox fellowship had no report for this first newsletter. Harriet reminds us all to please save Campbells Soup Can labels which include the bar code and Box Tops for Education. There is a collection box for these labels and box tops in the mail room.

### **HERMANITA FELLOWSHIP** *by: Anna Novak*

No information was available for this newsletter from the Hermanita Fellowship.

### **FROM YOUR EDITOR** *by: Sandy Rudolph*

I will continue to be your editor through December, after which we will need a new Editor. Please give prayerful consideration if you can contribute your time to prepare, edit and forward the UMW Newsletter to the Dulin Office for copying and distribution starting with the January 2010 newsletter and let me or Amy Henderson know.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**



Sept. 19 District Annual Meeting at Clarendon UMC in Arlington.

Oct. 2 10:00 am, Church Women United Annual Fall Forum Meeting at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA. Bring a sandwich, dessert and beverage will be provided.

Oct. 18 "Get Loaded at Dulin" Baked Potato Luncheon after the 11:00 am service.

Nov. 5 10:00 am, CWU World Community Day, meeting at Dulin, UMC. **Put this date on your Calendar!**