



THE GRAPEVINE

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, MARILYN TURNLEY

Isaiah 6:8

“...Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I, send me.”

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Shreveport District UMW was invited to St. Paul UMC by the CWU to participate in World Day of Prayer, March 4. This was followed by an exceptional Social Action Retreat at Pineville FUMC for both UMW and UMM. The response was so good that people had to be turned away. Many eyes were shocked but were opened to what atrocities are occurring in the shadows of our society. U.S. citizens as well as unsuspecting illegals are being preyed upon. Human trafficking is equally prevalent in the Shreveport-Bossier area as it is in New Orleans. The police and the Hub are working to rescue these victims. We discovered various ways we may assist. Our own Edna Hickman and her jurisdictional team organized and presented an awesome experience for all able to

attend the South Central Jurisdictional Meeting in Oklahoma City in April. All were blessed by the speakers the music, information about mission work in Oklahoma City, Native American costumes and Fancy-Dancers (formerly “war dances”) and concluding with Communion served the Native American way. It is always exciting to worship with women from many other places, raising our songs and prayers to our Father God.

Back down to earth and in our district, the units continue to vary with many having a dozen or less members, but still serving faithfully. Two have completely folded, one is folding (meeting but not willing to put their names on roll), and three are working to get their units established. We must continue to as-

sist if needed and to encourage them. As Methodist we all come together to grow and go out to serve.

Despite earlier instruction, use the 2015 report forms found on the umwla.org Webb site. Make every



effort to send these completed forms to the district representative at least by June 30. See calendar here in the Grapevine for contact information.

Marilyn Turnley

Shreveport District President

FORMS TO BE UTILIZED AND REVIEWED

A list of the latest Forms available are on line at the United Methodist Women's website. You can go to the website at: umwla.org

Attached to Grapevine:

- District Team Contact List
- Report of Completion Requirements (Reading Reports)
- Reading Program Report
- Social Action Report

PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.



Pat Mosher

District V. President

"Our goal is to work toward mission giving (Financially, Physically, Mentally, Verbally and Spiritually)."

DISTRICT V.P., PAT MOSHER

We are moving fast through our year and all officers are working hard to get out the word to our units. Don't hesitate to call any of us for help or with questions. We want you involved and doing great mission work at our churches, communities and the world.

Our next Newsletter articles are to Jan Merten by

August 15. We want to hear from you with pictures and meeting ideas.

Our next District programs are: Mini Mission U at Shady Grove UMC, 1630 Hwy 481, Mansfield, LA 71052 on August 20. Registration is at 8:30.

Shreveport District annual meeting and training session will be held at Christ UMC, 1204 Crabapple Drive,

Shreveport on November 12. Registration is at 8:30 am.

Plan to come to our state (LA) Conference UMW Annual Meeting in New Orleans, October 14-15, 2016.

Let the good times roll!!

God Bless!

Pat M.

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH COORDINATOR—JAN NELSON



Jan Nelson

"When we love people and really care about their welfare, and support ways for them to better their lives, we are making a deposit on our own eternal inheritance."

Like most of you, I strive to have a spiritual life which includes daily devotional reading and study, but to "inherit the kingdom" there is something else we must do. We must surrender our lives to kingdom building, to Christ, and then we can truly live as God intends.

As United Methodist women, when we love people and really care about their welfare, and support ways for them to better their lives, we are making a deposit on our own eternal inheritance. We know from scripture that these acts of mercy and compassion last forever.

In Luke 12:34, we read, "For where your treasure is, there is your heart also." And in the verse before this, Jesus tells us to "make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys." Your love for Christ is manifested in your compassion for others. The love of Christ is given freely to us and our response to this should take the form of loving thy neighbor.

I love the scripture I John 3, 16-18. "This is how we've come to understand and experience love. Christ sacrificed his life for us. This is why we ought to live sacrificially for our fellow believers, and not just ourselves. If you see some brother or sister in need and have the means to do something about it but turn a cold shoulder and do nothing, what happens to God's love? It disappears and you made it disappear.

My dear children, let's not just talk about love, let's practice real love. This is the only way we're living truly, living in God's reality.

The Message Submitted by:

Jan Nelson, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES, JUNIE JAMISON

Greetings to all Shreveport District UMW Women. This is the last time to remind and encourage you to read a great book before your unit reports for the Reading Program are due. Remember, "each book is carefully chosen for a specific purpose" and all books from the lists 2011 through 2016 count. Please mail your reports by July 1 to me at 425 Brandon Estates Dr., Many, LA 71449. The copies of the Reading Program Reports (individual and Unit) are attached to the Grapevine. A great Summer idea is to begin reading your UMW Reading Program books during these hot days!!

The following books to read for credit (2016) that were not available from UMW Mission Resources.:

Hope Runs: An American Tourist, a Kenyan Boy, a Journey of Redemption by Claire Diaz-Ortiz (Education for Mission)

Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead by Sheryl Sandberg (Leadership Development)

On God's Side: What Religion Forgets and Politics Hasn't Learned about Serving the Common Good by Jim Walls (Spiritual Growth)

In Capable Arms: Living a Life Embraced by Grace by Sarah Kovac (Nurturing for Community)

This Far By Faith: Twenty Years at Cass Community by Faith Fowler (Nurturing for Community)

Blessings to all! *Junie*



Books Junie recommends:

"My Life and Lesser Catastrophies" by Christina Schofield

"Good God, Lousy World, and Me" by Holly Burkhalter

"Red Sky in the Morning" by Elizabeth Laird

"The Round House" by Louise Erdrich

Zwolle and Many UMW cluster study on Human Trafficking with speakers from the HUB and CADA. Pictured is



Carol Walsh, Jan Merten from Zwolle UMW, Heather, Shalane Tally from CADA, Cassie Hammett from the HUB, and Jackie Conyer (back row) from Zwolle UMW.

Everyone in attendance was in awe listening to the speakers from CADA and the HUB, and came away wanting to help in what ever way possible. Zwolle UMW has been sending clothes to CADA for those in treatment. The attendees generously donated money to help. A continental breakfast was served along with a delightful lunch.



If you enjoy reading the Grapevine and would like to receive it by email, please send your email address to:

camelliapoint@gmail.com or call Jan Merten at 318 645 4405.

If you are already receiving it by email and your email address changes, please notify me accordingly.

The new schedule for the distribution of the Grapevine:

March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 each year.

Many Thanks!

Jan

Benton UMW News by Pat Mosher, President



We had a very successful Style Show and Luncheon. We were able to invite ladies from the community and have a Fun-raiser as well. We invited Cassie Hammett from "Purchased Not for Sale" from Shreveport for one of our April circle meetings. We invited all church members to attend so we can be aware of Human Trafficking in our area.

We were not able to go to UMCOR because of some policy changes. We are still sending our book bags.

Our Cluster meeting study on Latin America hosted by our Benton UMW. We had many less than we had planned but was enjoyed by all that attended. Thank you to Jan Nelson and Marilyn Turnley for their leadership.

For our June 7th general meeting we are inviting girls and ladies to a self-defense class presented by Susan Sensei from Ark-La-Tex Tae Kwon Do. If you are in the area and want to attend please come. It's at 6:30 pm on June 7, 2016

Special Invitation from First United Methodist Church – Shreveport

United Methodist Women Fall Festival

"The Spirit of Woman-Power"

You won't want to miss this!!! It's a best ever, fun filled, blast from the past.

Saturday, September 10, 2016 – 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

FUMC Shreveport – Bain Hall Admission \$20

Great Speaker, super entertainment, delicious food, and lots of prizes!

Mission Donation Tickets are available at luncheon.

All proceeds go to support UMW and local Missions!

Luncheon reservations available on-line UMW.1UMCS@yahoo.com

or by calling 318-868-2105. Your group can reserve a table for 8 for \$150.

ANGELA COLE—SOCIAL ACTION COORDINATOR

Hello ladies ☺ I'm Angela Cole your District Social Action Coordinator- In this position I have had the privilege of meeting with many more UMW leaders- Together we make decisions that best meet our local, district and state needs- Several of us attended a state wide Social Action Seminar discussing Human Trafficking March 5, 2016 in Prineville, LA- the goal of this gathering was to raise awareness to prevent to detrimental epidemic- our dedicated speakers were Earl Campbell, Rusty Havens, Sean Cardin, Cassie Hammett and Sue Catchings - Each speaker was

inspiring in the own expert field- i went away knowing God's love makes a difference!!!! I look forward to attending more functions like these to increase my knowledge as well as enjoying great Christian fellowship- It's that time of yr to compile our District Social Action report- This enables you to receive the Exemplary Service Award- I have updated the form- it is included in the Grapevine- you can email me angela_cole50@yahoo.com or mail it back to me 1602 Elizabeth Ave Ruston, LA 71270 Include all your unit does- even if it seems un-

meaningful- don't cheat yourself- you do a lot and it makes a difference!!!!

I challenge each unit to include at least one younger women even if she has not joined UMW- your example will encourage them- I believe when a young woman understands our mission (women and children) they will want to be apart of this world wide endeavor- as we continue reaching out and being seen we continue to share God's love and our authenticity

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Please return the forms to me by June 15.



ANGELA COLE
Social Action
Coordinator

PEGGY EVANS—EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION COORDINATOR

Hello! This is Peggy Evans. I am the new Education and Interpretation Coordinator. I am extremely excited to see 2016 begin with wonderful Cluster Groups happening throughout our District. On January 16, Haughton UMC hosted a Cluster Group on the book "Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God" by Cynthia Bond Hopson. Shirley Lindholm, Haughton UMW President stated they served coffee, juice and light breakfast items for the event. The excellent program presenter was Loretta Haskins. A soup lunch was also served since this was a four hour presentation.

When United Methodist Women gather, ACTION happens and I mean Social Action. First UMC of Pineville is hosting an extraordinary meeting on March 5 on Human Trafficking. If you are unaware of the number of humans who are moved through our geographic area that are sold and used as slaves, please come to this meeting. This will be a very important study for your local women. I encourage you to go to the web site www.umwla.org to gather your forms so you may register your group's attendance at the Mission Studies. You will be sending these forms to Peggy Evans, 1612 Shady Lane, Shreveport, LA 71118. Remember, each event does require a follow-up action. I know you will be inspired after attending either of these events.

For 2016, consider what activities your group will want to attend: Mission U in July, Mini-Mission U in August or the District Conference in the Fall. Please discuss how your pledges are being used so all the members of your group understand that pledges don't just pay for paperwork, they actually bring your love into action for women and children.

My e-mail address is plschenk@yahoo.com. My home telephone number is 318-687-2389, and my cell num-



Robin Jones
District Treasurer

"It is true that our mission fields are just waiting for someone to fill the positions and to finance the needs. "

ROBIN JONES—DISTRICT TREASURER

.John 4:35

Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

As usual, I've been procrastinating about writing my article for the Grapevine, but I haven't been able to get the above scripture off of my mind. I usually don't concentrate on this until fall when I see the cotton in the fields. It is true that our mission fields are just waiting for someone to fill the positions and to finance the needs. As UMW women we can be proud that our money supports both national and international missions. Please remember that all of the money that is given for Pledge

to Mission, SMR pins, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, World Thank Offering, and the mission candle goes to fund mission projects.

I wanted to let everyone know that I ordered some cards (Gift to Mission) and received a new one that was very pretty called "Peace." These cards are \$5 each and can be used to recognize events in people's lives. Many people don't need anything, but knowing that a gift was sent to mission in their name would touch them.

Mission U is July 20-23. Remember that some people may need help to attend. There are two scholarships available. The Estelle Dameron is for adults and the Dor-etha Brown is for youth who have never before attended Mission U.

Many first-timers enjoy it so much that they pay their scholarship forward. This is a training ground for the leaders of our studies and is very important to UMW.

Don't forget the Legacy Fund. I haven't heard from many units on this. Remember you can send the money directly to the Legacy Fund.

I will be sending letters to the local treasurers and the presidents in August to reflect your unit's giving for the 4th, 1st, and 2nd quarters. Everyone will then know where they stand on their giving goals.

Thanks to everyone for their sacrifices of time in serving as local treasurers and everyone that gives financially. Please remember that our fields close to home are also white to harvest.



Belinda Hearn
Nominations Chairman

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The following Shreveport District UMW positions need to be filled:

PRESIDENT

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

MEMBERSHIP NURTURE & OUTREACH CHAIRMAN

If you are interested in applying for the above positions, or would like to nominate someone, please contact Belinda Hearn at 318-357-9299 or bonniebea@earthlink.net

Remainder of 2016 United Methodist Calendar

Jun 8-11: United Methodist Church Annual Meeting—Centenary

Jun 15: Reports to: Education and Interpretation and Mission Today

Peggy Evans, 1612 Shady Lane, Shreveport 71118 plschenk@yahoo.com

Social Action Report to: **Angela Cole** PO Box 31, Gibsland, LA 71028 angela_cole50@yahoo.com

Reading Program Report to: **Junie Jamison** 425 Brando Estates Dr, Many, LA 71449

richard.jamison@ymail.com

Jul 20-23: Mission u at Wesley Center

Aug 6: DLT 10 am St. Paul's UMC, 1001 Pierre Ave., Shreveport, La. 71103

Nominations present slate of 2017 officers

Aug 15: 3rd Qtr Grapevine articles to **Jan Merten** 357 Pinecrest St., Many LA 71449 camelliapoint@gmail.com

Aug 15: Send 3rd Qtr Treasurer Report to **Robin Jones** rjones1129@gmail.com

Aug 20: Mini Mission-u 8:30 Registration Shady Grove UMC, Mansfield, LA 71052, off Hwy 481

Sep 30: Each unit send 2017 list of officers to District Sec., **Lanette Butler**, 804 E. Palmetto, Plain Dealing 71064

or lb804j@gmail.com (Please include office, name, address, phone number and cell number)

Oct 14-15: LA Conference UMW Annual Meeting and DELT New Orleans

Nov 4: CWU World Community Day

Nov 12: Shreveport District UMW Annual Meeting—8:30 Registration Christ UMC 1204 Crabapple Drive
Shreveport, LA

Nov 15: 4th Qtr Grapevine articles to **Jan Merten** 357 Pinecrest St., Many LA 71449 camelliapoint@gmail.com

Nov 15: Send 4th Qtr Treasurer Report to **Robin Jones** rjones1129@gmail.com

Nov 18: Send 2017 Local and District Officer Directory Information to **Lanette Butler**

Dec 3: DLT 10 am, Plain Dealing UMC, 300 E. Mary Lee St., Plain Dealing, LA 71064

Dec 31: Send local unit membership roll to **Thomasas Jernigan** 6053 Fox Chase Trail, Shreveport, 71129

tcvsandy14@bellsouth.net

Happy New Year

LA Conference UMW Annual Meeting **Oct 14-15, 2017**—Shreveport District Hosts at First United Methodist Church of Bossier City

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