

The Echo

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It's so hard to believe a year has gone by.

We will be having our Fall district meeting in a month. It will be good to see all of you again.

What has everyone been up to? I had a crazy busy summer and have not been able to do so many things I had hoped I could. I guess many of you have been in the same situation. Sometime, we lose contact with people when life gets busy. Just like it seems that it has been a long time since I've seen many of you.

I'm thankful that God is constant though. I couldn't live a day without Him. My daily walk with the Father takes first place in my life no matter what is going on. I hope that you are walking daily with the Lord as well, and if you have slipped away a little, this is the time to get back on track.

The Fall is a refreshing time of year when we move from the heat of summer to a few cooler mornings and hopefully evenings. I urge you to refresh your soul in Christ this season. Get prepared for things to come and keep your eyes on Jesus. I think it's time to start listening to the still small voice that whispers callings in our lives. A calling is a blessing. God has called us All to serve in some way. If you feel the Lord calling you please answer.

We are losing a precious officer this year. Geniene Moore, District Secretary, will be moving on to a true retired life. What a blessing for her. I wish you all the trips your heart desires, my dear friend. So now Augusta District, let's celebrate Geniene! Thank you for your service sister! We love you!

See you All October 21 @ Pierce UMC, Jackson Rd. Augusta,

In Christ,

Jennifer Cheely Augusta District UMW president

The Augusta District United Methodist Women

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**** If you are interested in serving on our District team Please contact Gerrye Jenkins ****

Please send me your incoming 2018 UMW Unit's President and Treasurer's name, address, phone number, and especially email address. If your unit's President or Treasurer will stay the same please send me an email stating such. If any of their information has changed please notify me.

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www.ngumw.org

As we end 2017, it's never too early to start thinking about your unit goals for 2018. Often times we don't remember the Five Star, Five Star Plus goals until closer to the summer time when many of our members are on vacation.

- **REMEMBER** our year for those awards runs from August 1st to July 31st.

- **FIVE STAR** units gives to each of the five channels of giving:

*Pledge to Mission *Special Mission Recognition Pins *Gift in Memory *Gift to Mission
*World Thank Offering

- **FIVE STAR PLUS** units gives to the five channels PLUS to Candle burning or Minute Women. You can give candle burning in HONOR or in MEMORY of someone, or you personally can be a Minute Woman.

North Georgia Conference UMW 2017 Supplemental Giving

Supporting the UMW National Mission Institutions located in North Georgia

- ✓ 3rd Quarter (January 1st to March 31st)

Paine College, Augusta. Predominately African-American institution of higher learning which provides opportunities for many students who might not otherwise have a chance to obtain a college degree.

- ✓ 4th Quarter (April 1st to June 30th)

New Bethlehem Community Center, Augusta. New Bethlehem Community Center is a revitalized and enthusiastically re-involved in its ministry which spans almost 100 years in the Augusta, Georgia Community. The Center provides life supporting programs and services to help people in need help themselves, including an after-school program, summer camp, computer classes, GED, and Narcotics Anonymous.

- ✓ 1st Quarter (July 1st through September 30th)

Murphy Harpst Children's Centers, Polk County. Murphy-Harpst has been serving children since 1914. Today it offers services designed to meet the needs of these children and youth with severe emotional and/or behavioral problems. Their mission is for all to become self-sufficient, contributing members of society.

- ✓ 2nd Quarter (October 1st through December 31st)

Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta. Predominately African-American institution of higher learning which provides opportunities for many students who might not otherwise have a chance to obtain a college degree.

Every Day of the Year

World Thank Offering. The World Thank Offering is an opportunity to respond to God's abundance and grace as felt in life, in joy at special events, in strength in times of sorrow, in community, in God's promises, and in God's gift of Jesus Christ. Accumulate "thanks" funds throughout the year. Be sure to report World Thank Offering by the end of the Fourth Quarter.

Augusta District Spiritual Growth Coordinator - Colleen Tarpley

HOWDY!.....HOW ARE YA'LL? May seem like a very strange way of beginning an article on spiritual growth, right?

Well, some of you may remember this was a very familiar greeting from a country comedian whose name was Minnie Pearl....Minnie's trademark was always a beautiful wide brimmed hat with a price tag still hanging from the edge. Now, I don't remember her ever telling us how much she spent, but, it got me thinking about Jesus (I do that a lot)...and the price he paid for us ALL! And knowing what he has done for us, what have WE done for HIM - for the glory of God? Spiritual growth is a process of becoming more and more like Jesus. We are all "called to do greater works." As a group of United Methodist Women, let us extend our love and support beyond our group or circle as we seek to do greater works for God."

Augusta District Secretary/Communication Coordinator- Geniene Moore

Before I write my articles for The Echo, for the past eleven or twelve years, I talk to God and about it and then I listen to see what he is laying on my heart to write. He told me to plead and beg for someone to take my position on the District Team. Not really, He didn't tell me that. I told me that. I feel I should share this:

In my lifetime, I have had many rewarding experiences. My first and foremost reward is being a wife and a mother to my two children, then my 30 year teaching career to hundreds of children, the opportunity to babysit my 4 grandchildren, the years I taught Sunday School and worked with the Youth at Shiloh, AND serving on the Augusta District UMW team. There have been many people throughout the district and conference that I've grown to know and many have touched my life and have influenced me. I have admired and look up to many of you. I feel that I was put on this earth to serve and I can't remember too many years when I wasn't serving others in some capacity. I really want someone to have the opportunity to experience the reward that comes with serving on this Team. I'm not going away and I hope to still serve the district in another capacity or position if I am needed. But I feel that there is someone else out there in this District who will do a fabulous job as District Secretary.

**United Methodist Women are the most caring, the sweetest, kindest, most compassionate, loving, serving humble women; true examples of: Faith, Hope and Love in Action.



The Legacy Fund

United Methodist Women is celebrating its 150th anniversary by strengthening and passing on its mission inheritance with The Legacy Fund. The forward-looking permanent endowment will provide a firm foundation for generations of United Methodist Women to come as they engage in mission with the women, children and youth of their day.

The Legacy Fund's income will ensure a regular source of support for the core expenses of being in mission. It will provide for administration of United Methodist Women's grants, scholarships, mission personnel, membership nurture, leadership development as well as enable the organization to make needed technological updates of its data and communications operating systems.

The total program of United Methodist Women is mission. United Methodist Women service, advocacy and transformative learning opportunities equip members to be agents of change and promote the empowerment of women that is essential to address the root causes of so many conditions harming women, children and youth. The Legacy Fund will provide a stable source of support for core expenses of mission, and in doing so, it will free future generations of United Methodist Women to raise and budget their Mission Giving dollars in a different way that enables them to connect even more directly with women, children and youth.

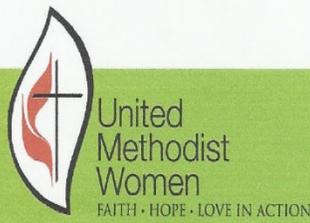
Every member of United Methodist Women is invited to contribute to The Legacy Fund. **Any amount is welcome.** Consider commemorating the year United Methodist Women foremothers first organized for mission with gifts in increments of 1869—\$18.69, \$186.90, \$1,869, etc. Or you may want to honor United Methodist Women's years of service with gifts in increments of 150—\$15, \$150, \$1,500. Members are also invited to name The Legacy Fund in their will or as a beneficiary of an insurance policy or pension.

Gifts to the legacy fund can be made in several ways:

- Online at unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund
- Phone: 800-278-7771 (8 am – 6 pm EST, M-F)
- Text Legacy150 to 41444
- Check made out to United Methodist Women, Treasurer's Office, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115. Write "The Legacy Fund" in the memo section.

March 23, 1869, eight women gathered at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts, to organize for mission focused on the needs of women and children. They started the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, a predecessor organization of United Methodist Women, and through it raised money to send a woman doctor, Clara Swain, and a woman teacher, Isabella Thoburn, to India as missionaries to serve the women and girls of that nation.

Those visionary women left a legacy that has moved generations of women to engage in mission focused on the needs of women and children of their times for going on 150 years. In the 21st century, women still need to organize for mission. Make it happen with a gift to The Legacy Fund.





Happenings in the Augusta District

Grovetown UMW –

In May our unit collected items for UMCOR Layette kits and took 3 kits to Annual Conference. During the summer we worked with Concerned Women of Grovetown to call and then distribute bags of food to 15 families, who had signed up with the local school. Our other projects included the congregation in collecting items. In Apr. we collected items for The Lydia Project. In July and Aug. we collected school supplies for Concerned Women of Grovetown. In Aug. we are also collecting items for rehousing kits for Action Ministries.

Union Point UMW

On 8-20-17 our church welcomed our new pastor, Rev. Micah Wright with a dinner after Church. Members of the UMW decorated the fellowship hall with Sunflowers and Moon pies to highlight the impending eclipse.

Milledgeville UMW

Sylvia Moore, member of the G.A.P. circle, attended the North Georgia Conference U.M.W. annual conference breakfast on June 14. Sylvia and her husband, Wayne, were church delegates to North Georgia Conference.

Members of G.A.P. circle will begin their program year with a dinner and planning session on September 18.

- Norris-Hicks Circle members continue to be very active in their missions. Eight of these ladies attended the Mission U Studies at Epworth by the Sea during the summer. Arlene Mueller will present one of these studies at one of the church's Wednesday night dinners; a group from the Norris-Hicks Circle will go to one of our local nursing homes on the first Wednesday in September and host Bingo for the residents.

Wesley Chapel UMW

The Wesley Chapel UMW is planning Fall Food Drive to help Putman Christian Outreach. We also are participating in the Belk Sale Charity fund raiser Christmas Sale.

Marvin UMW

We contributed to the layette mission and donated to the ice machine fund. Our plans this year are providing meals for our Christmas at the Crossroads (money raiser). The UMW is also working with other ladies at the church in making new Chrismons for the Christmas tree (to be completed by Christmas 2018). From Amelia Akin, President UMW Lewis Memorial UMC. We lost one of our former members, Nita Milburn, and plan to donate money to the playground equipment fund in her memory.

Mesena UMW

Mesena UMW has been busy working on Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. We held our Annual Spaghetti Lunch after Worship on August 20. This is a fundraiser to help pay for the shipping of the OCC Shoeboxes. In August we also had an "Item Shuffle" where we divide items that have been brought in for the Shoeboxes month by month. We divide them by category so the boxes are easier to pack in October. We have a very active group and encourage our whole church to bring items all year for OCC. We had a Mission Report from Judy Candler of Thomson FUMC. She and others from their group of 10 people have been to Honduras for years. They are part of a Medical Team. It was very informative and made us aware of the type of help that is needed there.

Shiloh UMW

Shiloh presented a handmade quilt to Carrie Serigney who has been going through Chemo and by the way she completed all her 18 treatments. The quilt was made by Cindy Fuller and Shirley Dozier. Carrie said the quilt was a Blessing. Each square was handwritten with prayers for her healing. Carrie said it was also a great way for her to share God and his glory and love with other patients that needed hope in the Lord during their illness too. Carrie says she will treasure her quilt forever. A quilt was also presented to Kay Schlein, our Unit president as she went through her radiation treatments. The quilt was made by Connie Anderson and Tina Luken. Shiloh honored Rev. Kim Webb with going away gifts at the May meeting. Contributions to The Heifer Project were given in memory and honor of several members. Shiloh also assembled 6 Layette kits which were taken to Annual Conference.

Berlin UMW

This has been a very busy time for our ladies as we united together to serve our community. Thinking of you baskets were prepared and delivered to several of our members. Our "Woman of the Year" Award was presented to TWO very deserving ladies - Joan Ashley and Karen Winkfein. A one-time contribution was made by our UMW to purchase a sheep through Heifer International, which was given in loving memory of Cynthia Atkins.

10/21/2017



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Augusta District Historian- Judy Reeves

Ladies of the Executive Committee of the Augusta District UMW met at JAVA HOUSE in Harlem, Ga on January 7, 2017. Officers were assigned to present helpful information at the Training scheduled at Union Point UMW on January 21.

At the Training Jennifer Cheely, Augusta District President UMW, introduced the women to Layette Kits for UMCOR this year's project for Annual Conference. Also, we learned about Days for Girls-Empower girls through menstrual management.

Nancy Gallagher, District Treasurer, explained methods of keeping and filing financial records. District Secretary, Geniene Moore, explained the opportunity to file unit Census Information Online. Historian, Judy Reeves, showed scrapbooks that she is keeping for her Unit at Mesena UMC and for the Augusta District UMW.

January 30 several officers of the Executive Committee Augusta District UMW were able to display a servant's heart as we provided and served coffee and pastries at Quest UMC, Grovetown, Ga. "Coming Apart Together" was a Conference presented to any leadership by Dr. Len Sweet.

Several Units showed how busy they have been by meeting Mission Today Requirements. Congratulations to all of them.

We were reminded that the Augusta District is in need of certain officers. Julia Prather, Harlem UMC, has filled the office of Parliamentarian. Judy Reeves, Mesena UMC, has become Historian.

United Methodist UMC UMW Stand with the Discipline (#101 pg.53 emphasis in the original) "We proclaim no personal gospel that fails to express itself in relevant social concerns; we proclaim no social gospel transformation of sinners."

A Day of Service was proclaimed through work of several Augusta District UMW ladies working outside on the grounds of New Bethlehem Center. They raked, planted flowers, and shared lunch in celebration of being able to serve this neighborhood outreach.

We continue to enjoy fellowship and sing. "Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing My Great Redeemer's Praise!"

2017 has been productively busy serving Jesus Christ through the UMC, Augusta District UMW. PTL!

Judy Reeves
Historian
Augusta District UMW

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*The organized unit of
United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose*



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