

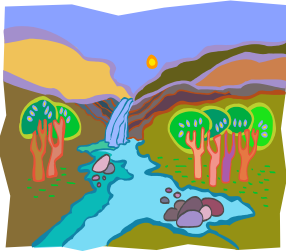
DISTRICT DOINGS



Athens-Elberton District United Methodist Women Late Summer/Early Fall

2013

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



"Doing a New Thing"

Behold, I am doing a new thing, now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19

As we wind down our year, one of the things that stands out in my mind is the Flood Bucket project. This was a big challenge for our conference, but have no fear, when women take it on it will get done. Our conference shipped **518 buckets to UMCOR**. Thanks to all of you in the Athens-Elberton District for being dedicated servants and assisting with our part of the project. We supplied 250 each of the following: bottles of detergent, dish soap, clothes pins, purchased 20 buckets and sent extra monies to help with other expenses. We had more units participate in this project than any other we have had in the past. **So thank you so much. This is Doing A NEW Thing.**

How many of you have reflected on our **UMW Purpose** outside a meeting. What are we doing personally to help us have a closer relationship with God, are we spending time with him in pray and study? Are we building creative supportive fellowships with persons who are different from ourselves? Are we becoming whole persons through Jesus Christ? Are we growing in

our Understanding of how God is at work in the world?
Are we Participating? Are we Praying? Are we Giving?

Are we Attending? Are we Serving and Bringing our Whole Selves to the Work of the Real Needs of Women and Children of the World?

*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.

As I am getting acquainted with so many of you by coming to your meetings or by our phone conversations, I am amazed and excited over the many things You are doing in the name of the Lord as his servants. We have many small units and some very large units. Size does not seem to matter with the United Methodist Women. Some of the small units do more mission work that some large ones. Keep up the Good work and share it with us in the *District Doings*. Sharing is a way to encourage others.

Our 41st annual meeting of the United Methodist Women for the North Georgia Conference will be October 5th at Douglasville First UMC, the theme for this year is "**Faith, Hope and Love in Action**".

What a way to live our lives each day, with Faith, Hope and Love in all that we do.

Be Blessed and Be a Blessing

Esther Porter, District President

THE TREASURER'S CENTS...

The 2013 UMW year closed on July 31 and Athens-Elberton District had another great year in missions!

I have just completed the annual reports for the North Georgia Conference and the Athens-Elberton District reported twelve *Five Star Plus Units*, two *Five Minute Units*, thirty-five *Rainbow Women*, twenty-five *Minute Women*, and ten *Memorials*. The Athens-Elberton District gave enough money through candle-burning to support missions for nearly 32 minutes. AND, we exceeded our pledge by more than \$3,000.00!!

In addition, you donated more than \$1,400 to purchase supplies for the UMCOR Flood Bucket project. Five hundred eighteen buckets were completed at Annual Conference in June thanks to your donation of supplies and funds! After expenses for purchasing the needed additional supplies we were able to send over \$600 to North Georgia Conference UMW to help defray

expenses for transporting these buckets to UMCOR. Just think what a blessing this project will be to those receiving these buckets when a disaster strikes.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our **UMW District Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 20, 2013 at Athens First United Methodist Church**. Again, thank you for your commitment to the purpose of United Methodist Women and for making 2013 the success it was!

Blessings,
Kae Brown, District Treasurer
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2013 **ATHENS-ELBERTON DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ANNUAL MEETING**



GERRY SISK

The **Annual Meeting of the Athens-Elberton United Methodist Women** will be held on **Sunday, October 20, 2013 at Athens First UMC, 327 N. Lumpkin St., Athens**. Our speaker will be **Gerry Sisk**. For the past 20 years, Gerry has a combined ministry experience as head of two women's ministries for two of the largest church congregations in Georgia, speaking to hundreds of women each week and hosting conferences for thousands. And although she speaks to thousands, she also regularly spends time with small groups, mentoring and nurturing young women who are new Christians. She has taught numerous women's conferences and seminars in places ranging from Georgia, to Vermont, to Idaho. You can find out more about Gerry at her website: www.gerrysiskministries.com.

Annual Meeting is also the time when we recognize all the hard work that your local units have done in the name of United Methodist Women. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Haugen at **706-367-9984** or khaugen@windstream.net. The annual meeting will begin at **2 p.m. with registration and fellowship, followed by the program at 3 p.m.**

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON OCTOBER 20 AT ATHENS FIRST UMC!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2013
FOR A DAY OF FELLOWSHIP, UMW MISSION INFO, FUN AND PERSONAL ENHANCEMENT !!
ATHENS-ELBERTON DISTRICT UMW'S 20/30/40 AND MINI MISSION EVENT
Watkinsville First United Methodist Church
9:30 a.m. Registration - 10:00 a.m. Program

BREAK-OUT SESSIONS INCLUDE:

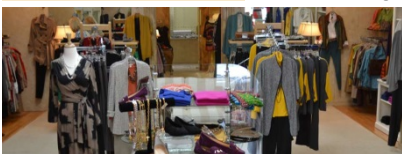


Is your Self Care being nurtured?

Self-Care/Time Management -Tanya Adcock, St. Mary's Healthcare, Athens



Women's Health - Shelley Nichols, St. Mary's Healthcare, Athens



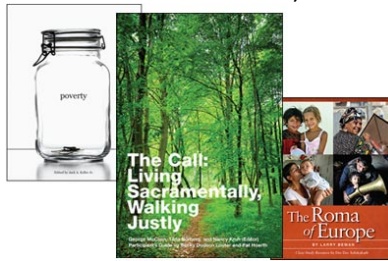
Accessorizing – Melissa Fambrough

OVERVIEW OF MISSION STUDIES:

Spiritual Growth - The Call: Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly (Patricia Bell, Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator and Mission u Dean)

Geographic - The Roma of Europe (Reverend Eric Powell)

Social Issue – Poverty (Dr. Kay Haugen, Athens-District District UMW Vice President)



This year we are combining the **20/30/40 Event and the Mini Mission Event**. We are asking each unit to work on their youth and young adults. Make it your goal to bring youth and young adults along with the other UMW members in your church. **Please mark your calendars and join us for a morning of fellowship with the Athens-Elberton United Methodist Women!**

A NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED (PLEASE BRING SNACKS FOR YOUR CHILDREN).

PLEASE RSVP by Wednesday, September 11th with the number of Ladies/Youth attending from Your UMW Unit TO: Sandra.darnell@charter.net or 706-769-9379.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2013
41ST ANNUAL MEETING NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
DOUGLASVILLE FIRST UMC, 6167 PRESTLEY MILL RD, DOUGLASVILLE, GA



HARRIETT JANE OLSON

Our 2013 speaker will be **Harriet Jane Olson, General Secretary/CEO of United Methodist Women**. This year at annual meeting we will not be doing or collecting for a hands-on UMCOR mission program. **Instead we will be taking up a special offering to support our National Mission Institutes**. Many conferences are not home to even one National Mission Institute, and in North Georgia we boast five! *Clark Atlanta University, Murphy Harpst Children's Center, New Bethlehem Center, August Paine College, Wesley Community Centers in Atlanta.*

While we are asking for \$5 per member, if you are feeling particularly blessed, or would like to be a special blessing to these ministries, please consider giving multiples of \$5 to support these mission institutions. What a wonderful way to put our faith, hope and love in action to support women, children and youth right here in our own conference! You may bring your individual and/or unit donations to Annual Meeting or you may send them to the Conference Treasurer, Elaine Mathews.



Doing a New Thing

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2013 UMW CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT CALENDAR
(Athens-Elberton District UMW Events in BOLD)

March 16	Lenten Day Apart	Young Harris Memorial UMC
May 3-4	SPIRITUAL GROWTH EXPERIENCE	Simpsonwood Conference Center
May 18	District Executive Committee Meeting	Campton UMC, Monroe
June 12	Conference UMW BREAKFAST	Classic Center, Athens
July 18-20	Mission U (Formerly Cooperative Mission)	Athens 1 st UMC
Sept. 21	Mini Mission Ed. & 20-30-40 Something Event District Executive Committee Meeting	Watkinsville First UMC
October 5	Conference UMW ANNUAL MEETING	Douglasville First UMC
October 20	District Annual Meeting	Athens First UMC
Nov. 2	Officer Update/Leadership Training	Buford First UMC, Buford
Nov. 16	Local Unit Leadership Training & Update (2014)	Tuckston UMC

LOCAL UNIT NEWS FROM ACROSS THE DISTRICT...

The **New Bethel UMW**, Elberton hosted guest speaker Michael Emmett from Mere Servant Ministries during their May meeting.

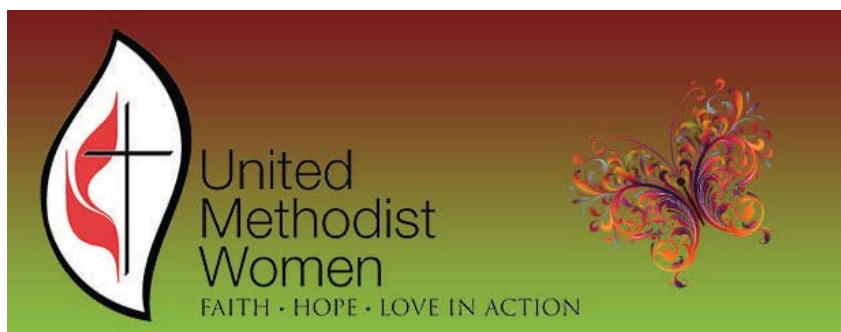


More New Bethel Unit news... Over a period of six months shoes were collected after seeing a presentation during a unit meeting last year from member Savannah. A collection of between 250 to 300 pairs of shoes for the children and adults was gathered. The shoes were distributed to the people of Belize. Donations came from as far away as Pennsylvania (as a result of Facebook). Relatives of the unit members also bought bag after bag of brand new shoes for this project.



The **New Bethel UMW** is currently collecting shoes, gloves and scarves for the people of the Kentucky.

Midway UMW, Auburn hosts Bread of Life Ministry. Unit members Lynn Hull and Linda Schindler head up the ministry and are assisted with volunteers from the church. The four-year old Bread of Life Ministry provides 200 meals each month to the elderly and disabled in the community.



2013 DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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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.

The next *District Doings* Deadline is Tuesday, October 1st. Please note the change in deadline as we will publish another newsletter before year's end. Please forward your unit news and photos to me at pward@uga.edu.



Or Pam Ward, 141 Rabbit Run Road, Nicholson, GA 30565