

DISTRICT DOINGS

Athens-Elberton District United Methodist Women



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From Beth Beeson, District Spiritual Coordinator

Be Christ in Someone's Christmas

We no longer celebrate Christmas with wise men following a star. There are no angels singing to shepherds on hillsides caring for their flocks. Heavens, if we even know of a baby being born in anything but a sterile environment, we are horrified.

Instead we are so busy with decorating, shopping, wrapping, baking, going to parties or gatherings we hardly take time to breathe. When the season is over we are left with many bills, leftovers, a few more pounds than we wanted, or sometimes just an empty feeling. Maybe this year you think you will slow down, do less of everything and enjoy more.

The birth of our Savior came in the stillness of a cool dark night. He didn't come down a chimney, with bells or reindeer. He came to save the lost, sick, and forgotten of society. He came to save each of us from our sins. This year be Christ for someone else. Give to someone who can't afford presents. Make or just take food to others who may not be able to enjoy the flavors of the holidays. Do something for someone with no expectations of anything in return, maybe not even letting them know who did the favor.

Invite the lonely person into your home who has no one or family with whom to share the holidays. Take time this season to be Christ to someone who may not know Him.

He came to save the lost and forgotten, let's keep Christ in Christmas this season.



***Please Make Plans with YOUR United Methodist Women's Unit to attend the
ATHENS-ELBERTON DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S
2014 LENTEN DAY APART - SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2014
PRINCETON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - ATHENS, GEORGIA***



2014 THEME - MAKING IT HAPPEN!

REV. DIANE SHEDD, GUEST SPEAKER

9:00 a.m. Registration, Fellowship and Lite Breakfast; 10:00 a.m. Lenten Day Apart Service

Everyone mark this special day on your calendar and bring a friend!



....you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8 (NIV)

ATHENS-ELBERTON DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2014 CALENDAR

January 25, 2014	Executive Committee Meeting	Lanier Gardens, Athens
March 15, 2014	Lenten Day Apart	Princeton UMC, Athens
May 3, 2014	Executive Committee Meeting	Antioch UMC, Nicholson
September 20, 2014	Mini Mission Event	Winder First UMC, Winder
October 19, 2014	Annual Meeting	St. James UMC, Athens
November 15, 2014	District Leadership Training	Young Harris UMC, Athens

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2014 CALENDAR

March 1, 2014	Faith, Fun, Everyone (Formerly 20-30-40 Something)	TBA
April, 2014	Ubuntu Service Day (Mission Work Experience)	(To be determined in each District)
April 25-27, 2014	UMW Assembly	Louisville, Kentucky
June 10 -12, 2014	NGC Annual Conference	Classic Center, Athens
June 11, 2013	UMW Breakfast	Classic Center, Athens
July 17-19, 2014	Mission "u"	Athens First UMC
October 4, 2014	UMW Annual Meeting	Bethlehem UMC
November 1, 2014	Leadership Development	Smyrna UMC

ATHENS-ELBERTON DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2014 EXECUTIVE TEAM

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Esther Porter, Princeton

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Kae Brown, Tuckston

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Pam Ward, Athens First

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Parliamentarian

Marjie Graham, Tuckston

MISSION COORDINATORS:

*Spiritual Growth

Beth Beeson, Tuckston

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*Membership, Nurture & Outreach

Shirley Breedlove, New Hope at Between

*Social Action

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ZONE LEADERS:

Athens

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Lavonia

Barbara Spurlock, Bold Spring

Monroe

Carolyn Towler

Winder

Karen Martin, Winder First

Winterville

Delores Wages, Winterville First

Barbara Spurlock, Zone Leader for Zone #4, Franklin/Madison counties, expresses her appreciation to all of her unit churches for their generous responses when she calls them. Most of the eleven churches are small, but they responded in a big way by contributing more than 90 Flood Buckets for UMCOR in June. Each of the Zone 4 unit Presidents always call Barbara back when called, and respond positively. Thank you for your continued support.



Blessings for the New Year!!