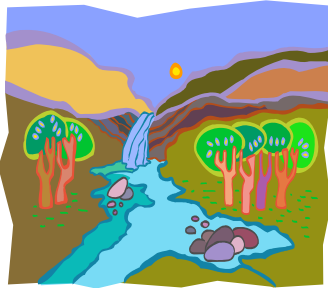




DISTRICT DOINGS
Athens-Elberton District
United Methodist Women
Spring 2013



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

Ladies of Athens-Elberton District, by now you are aware of our theme for the year.

“Doing a New Thing”, this can mean different things to many of you, but as a team please think about what we as United Methodist Women can do this year that will be a New Thing. Make an effort to Do a New Thing in your spiritual life, your local units and your local church. For inspiration study Isaiah 43:19.

Our District Leadership Training at Chapelwood UMC on January 26th was very well attended and informative. We appreciate the wonderful facility and gracious hosts at Chapelwood for hosting the meeting. If you are an officer of a local unit that was not able to attend and you need information, do not hesitate to contact any of the District Officers, they are so willing to be of assistance.

United Methodist Women are bound together to one another and God. Almost every decision we make and action we take reflects our call to be set apart as people of God. In this complex

world, we sometimes fall out of kilter with our covenant and drift from that holy spark that claims us for God. Join us at our ***District Lenten Day Apart*** service on March 16th at Young Harris Memorial UMC in Athens. Please put this on your calendar, it would be wonderful to see every unit represented that day.

As a new district president I would like the opportunity to visit each of you, I know that will take time due to so many meeting conflicts, but please invite me to one of your meetings as a guest or as a speaker. I look forward to being with each of you. If you have a specific topic and would like one of our district officers or committee chairs to present a program, we are here to serve you. The district officers are very committed United Methodist Women and would be happy to help.

To help with communications between the local unit and the district, we have re-organized the **Zone leaders** that will be contacting each unit President on information and events within the district and conference.

Be Blessed and Be a Blessing and Do a New Thing in 2013

Esther Porter

Athens-Elberton District
President

FROM THE DISTRICT TREASURER

I hope you found the **2013 District Officers' Training Event** in January helpful. We had excellent attendance and a good meeting at Chapelwood UMC. There was new information to share about the new treasurers' forms and manual in keeping with our theme for this year "*Doing a New Thing.*" If you were not able to attend the training and would like to receive the new forms and manual by email, please contact me.

The Athens-Elberton District gifts to missions through all channels of giving were **excellent** in 2012. **Total gifts to mission for the North Georgia Conference last year were \$354,879.50 while giving from our District totaled \$49,693.77.**

We will not have a sacrificial giving this year but ask you to consider extra supplemental giving to the National Mission Institutions in North Georgia with your pledge remittances each quarter. The focuses this year are:

- Murphy Harpst Children's Centers (due February 28th)
- Wesley Community Centers, Atlanta (due May 31st)
- New Bethlehem Community Center, Augusta (due July 31st)
- Clark Atlanta University & Paine College (due October 31st)

I look forward to seeing you March 16th at **Lenten Day Apart** at Young Harris Memorial United Methodist Church in Athens.

Blessings,
Kae Brown
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FROM THE HISTORIAN

At the North Georgia Conference UMW meeting of the District Historians which was held at Ousley UMC February 2nd, a new project for the year was introduced. During the Spiritual Growth Retreat in May at Simpsonwood, a booklet will be made to distribute to UMW attendees that will highlight UMW members in each district that are outstanding or have served above and beyond. These UMW members may be living or deceased.

The names of those nominated will be due to the Conference UMW Historian by the first week in April. The info submitted should include a picture (if possible) and a paragraph describing each UMW member's outstanding qualities and service to UMW. **I would like all UMW units in the Athens-Elberton District to have the opportunity to nominate someone.**

NOTE: Please forward your local unit History forms to me no later than by March 11th. I will forward the info and numbers to the Conference. You may email them to me sherrtrain@gmail.com or mail to Sherrie Train, 1151 Elder Ridge Road, Bishop, GA 30621.

Blessings,
Sherrie

Local Unit News

Princeton UMW hosted the February meeting for Lanier Gardens on Feb. 15th. The ladies enjoyed the wonderful music provided by Matt Tunerville, pianist from Princeton UMC. Marianne Stipe made beautiful butterfly bookmarks for all the ladies. Special homemade Valentines were made for all the shut-ins at Princeton by Linda Corley. For the month of March our unit will be providing layette items for the district as their March service project. We continue to give a monthly check to our local Athens IHN (Interfaith Hospital Network), which cares for homeless families in our area.

PLEASE JOIN US ON MARCH 16TH AT YOUNG HARRIS MEMORIAL UMC

FOR

LENTEN DAY APART AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

973 Prince Avenue – Athens, GA

The 2013 Theme is ***STAYING FAITHFUL***

Guest Speaker:



Writer and Author ***BEVERLY VARNADO***

Registration and Fellowship – 9:00 a.m.

(Program Resources, Reading Program Books Available For Purchase)

Worship – 10:00 a.m.

To arrange for Childcare, please contact Beth Beeson, District Spiritual Growth Coordinator

by Friday, March 15th at 706-899-0055 or bcsastt@aol.com



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



START A READING PROGRAM!

If your **unit** does not participate in the **UMW Reading Program** you are missing a great opportunity to learn more about mission around the world. You may read from the **Reading Program Plans from 2009-2013** book lists. Participating in Reading Program is one of the criteria for becoming a **Mission Today Unit**. If your unit already participates in the Reading Program, your unit is challenged to increase the level of participation. The Reading Program consists of **Four Plans**. Does your unit have books from the 2009-2012 lists that you are willing to lend to other Athens-Elberton District UMW units? If so please contact Anita Dean. Remember adult readers can read youth program books for credit. If you read a youth book to a group, then your unit may count all the people, young and old in the group as readers.

The Reading Program encourages members to think critically about current issues through an annual selection of member-reviewed books. It offers an excellent opportunity to deepen your spirituality and to broaden your understanding of our mission work.

Interested? For more information on the **UMW Reading Program** please contact **Anita Dean at 706-850-0114** or by email at ahhweber@charter.net. You may also go to www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/ and click under Programs.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH MISSION PROJECTS

The **Conference UMW** has many items leftover from the last **UMCOR** mission kit collections. At this year's **Spiritual Growth Retreat May 3-4 at Simpsonwood Conference and Retreat Center**, kits will be completed that have already been started, but still need a few items. The **Athens-Elberton District UMW Units** will collect the following items and bring them to Simpsonwood to complete the kits. Also, if you have extra items or completed kits, please bring them along as well and they will be loaded on the first trailer to a collection center.

The below items are needed - **Units will be contacted by their respective Zone Leaders with details for collection and delivery.**

If you bring:

1 sweater, 2 sleepers or gowns



.....you can complete a **LAYETTE KIT!** (We already have the 6 diapers, 2 diaper pins, 2 wash cloths, 2 receiving blankets, 2 t-shirts or onesies.) A kind donation of several dozen hand-made sweaters has been offered, so you can just bring along sleepers if you don't have access to the sweaters!

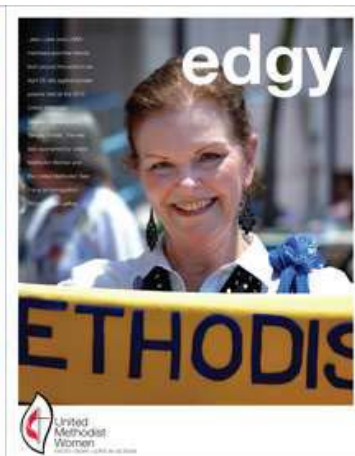
If you bring:

3 packs of 150 count lined paper, 1 pair BLUNT children's scissors or 6 pencils



.....you can complete a **SCHOOL BAG!** (We already have hand sewn school bags, crayons, rulers, pencil sharpeners.)

***HELP US MEET THE NEEDS OF BABIES, CHILDREN AND YOUTH,
HERE AT HOME AND FAR AWAY!!***



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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.

UMW Scenes from Across the District.....



Below are deadlines for submitting information to be included in *District Doings*. Please forward your unit news and photos via email or mail. We want to know what the local units are doing throughout the district so that *WE AS UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MAY STAY CONNECTED*.



Deadlines for *District Doings* and getting info to Communications Coordinator Pam Ward:

FEBRUARY/EARLY MARCH

Deadline February 20

AUGUST/EARLY SEPTEMBER

Deadline August 20

DECEMBER/EARLY JANUARY

Deadline December 20

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