At the North Georgia UMC Annual Conference, we presented UMCOR Layette and other aid kits to demonstrate our faithfulness to our mission of providing assistance to women, youth, and children far and near.

Our Social Action Committee recently led us in an UBUNTU Service Event focusing upon the need for Maternal and Child/Infant issues including the need for child advocates in our court system.

Among other mission activities and projects, we participated in anti-sex trafficking programs, filled shoeboxes for Christmas gifts for children in Latin America, and gave financially through pledges and special offerings that support the 2019 Legacy Fund and our District and Conference Mission Institutions.

Thank you—all of you!

As we turn our attention to 2018 and its seen and unseen challenges, I urge as many of you as possible to plan to attend the UMW Assembly May 18-20th in Columbus, Ohio. Based upon our past experiences, we know that we will receive a special blessing as United Methodist women unite to cause bold and courageous actions to occur.

Sincere best wishes in Christ’s name,

Addie P. Shopshire-Rolle, Ph.D.
President, ACPK UMW

Thank you to the UMW of Cliftondale for extending your hospitality to the Executive Committee for our September meeting!
BETHEL UMC UMW TO CELEBRATE WOMEN’S DAY
“Embracing the Power of WE”
By Marilyn Sullivan, Bethel UMW President

The United Methodist Women of Bethel United Methodist Church cordially invites you to celebrate Women’s Day. There will be two main events for your spiritual pleasure.

The Women’s Day Brunch is scheduled for Saturday, November 18th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at the Holiday Inn on Virginia Avenue and will feature "The Millennium Woman & Women in the Bible," a play by UMW’s own Catherine Lemons and a Silent Auction. Tickets are only $30.00 pp.

The Women’s Day Service is scheduled for Sunday, November 19th, 10:00 AM, at Bethel United Methodist Church, where Rev. Michael D. Stinson is the senior pastor, at 1215 New Hope Road, SW; Atlanta, GA 30331. The guest speaker is Minister Elizabeth Pollard, Associate Minister of Ben Hill UMC.

Both events will recognize efforts of the women at Bethel whose mission is to reach out to the community with the Gospel.

For more information about Women’s Day or any of the mission activities, please contact Marilyn Sullivan at 404.349.6978.
The United Methodist Women of Central United Methodist Church will host its annual prayer breakfast, **Saturday, November 18, 2017**, at 9:00 a.m. at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church. The theme is “A Call to Community to Do Greater Works.” **Kimberly E. Anderson, Esq.**, will be the keynote speaker. The cost of an individual ticket is $30.00.

For more information, please contact Jackie Sykes at **sykesje@bellsouth.net**.
Greetings!

This has been a wonderful year for the Atlanta College Park District United Methodist Women. I am proud of the way YOU have stepped up with your commitment of support with your presence and giving. I thank all of you. We are in the process of planning for our ACPK Leadership Development Training on December 2, 2017 at Central United Methodist Church. All Local Unit Officers are asked to attend the training. Please plan and prepare to participate in this event. Please contact me at jcwinsto@aol.com or 404.219.4174 if you have questions.

Blessings,
Christine Winston, Vice President, ACPK UMW

Atlanta College Park United Methodist Women
Leadership Development Training
Saturday, December 2, 2017
9:00 am – 12:00 noon
Central United Methodist Church
501 Mitchell Street, SW - Atlanta, GA 30314

“A Call to Community—to Do Greater Works”

Name ____________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________

__________________________________________________

Phone ____________________ Email ____________________

Church _____________________________________________

Emergency Contact __________________ Phone __________________

Currently UMW Officer: Yes ____ No ____ Member Only _____ Other _________

Current Position in Local Church UMW __________________________

Agenda:
Registration and Continental Breakfast 9:00 - 9:30 am
Opening Session 9:30 - 10:00 am
Workshops/Closing 10:00 - 12 noon

Workshops: (members who are not officers may also choose a workshop)
President & Vice President _______ Secretary ________ Treasurer ________
Spiritual Growth ___________ Social Action ________ Communications _________
Committee on Nominations _______ Membership Nurture Outreach _________
Education Interpretation __________ Program Resources ________
Historian ___________ Parliamentarian __________

Registration Deadline: November 24, 2017
(online registration @ www.acpkumw.org)

Send completed form to: LaMarian Dabney, 424 Tazor Street, SW - Atlanta, GA 30314 or lamarian@bellsouth.net.
Questions may be directed to Christine Winston, Vice President at jcwinsto@aol.com or 404-219-4174.
Bethel UM Women Experience UBUNTU Celebration and Global Village Project
By Catherine Hart, Communications Coordinator

What an awesome UBUNTU celebration the ACPK women experienced on August 19. Bethel UMW donated 192 disposable diapers, with an additional 204 diapers donated by Catherine Lemons, Jo Ann Morton, Louise Foster, Patricia Stinson, Connie Smith, Jacqueline Hicks and Marilyn Sullivan. BUMW attendees included Catherine Lemons, Jacqueline Hicks and Marilyn Sullivan. ACPK Pres. Dr. Addie Shopshire-Rolle is pictured with them.

On August 16, BUMW embraced the church’s theme: “The Power of We” by tapping the talents and gifts of many church members to participate in a mission opportunity with the Global Village Project (GVP). The mission was to prepare lunch for the GVP students, girls from 11 to 18 years old. And it was a great success.

Under the direction of Marilyn Sullivan, several teams spun into action to prepare food for 45 girls of refugee status from fourteen different countries and their teachers/leaders at Clairmont Presbyterian Church. To watch the girls enjoy their meal and interact was a delightful experience.

Others, you may not have seen, but who made donations to this project in a powerful manner were Action Ministries Feed the Hungry, Jessie Bell, Rebecca Fisher, Lola Herring, Jacqueline Hicks, Lillie King, Barbara and Ray Leaphart, Diana Reid and Marilyn Sullivan.

The kitchen crew met at 6:30 AM to prepare fried chicken, green beans, yellow rice, chips, watermelon and water. This crew was comprised of Barbara and Ray Leaphart, Darlene Neely, Myrtle Moore and Marilyn Sullivan. In addition, the serving fellowship crew of Johnnie Ball, Carolyn Brown, Mary Dillard, Diane Easley, Louise Foster, Jacqueline Hicks, Dora Jolley, Lillie King, Darlene Neely, Marilyn Sullivan and Brenda Tuggle rode the church bus to GVP to serve. Samuel Ball was the gracious driver and Rose Marie Lockett met the bus there.

As a keepsake, Bethel UMW received a lovely letter of thanks and picture from the students at GVP.
SAVE THE DATE

UMW Book Review
Saturday, December 30, 2017

BROKEN AND BLESSED
God Changes the World One Person and One Family at a Time
By Jessica LaGrone

Category: Nurturing for Community

Cost: $13.38

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  Fellowship Hall
Warren Memorial United Methodist Church
181 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd., S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30314-3137
Rev. Lawrence L. Young, Senior Pastor

For information, contact Eloise Sykes at sykes346@att.net
MISSION TODAY UNIT REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for a unit with a membership of 14 or less:
Mission Today: Complete 5 items, 3 must be asterisk items
Silver Mission: Complete 6 items, 3 must be asterisk items
Gold Mission: Complete 9 items, 5 must be asterisk items

Requirements for a unit with a membership of 15 or more:
Mission Today: Complete 10 items, 5 must be asterisk items.
Silver Mission: Complete 12 items, 5 must be asterisk items.
Gold Mission: Complete all 17 items.

___*1. Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting of the unit to pray for people in mission and for our mission work with women, children and youth.

___*2. The unit will make and meet its pledge to mission.

___*3. The unit will add at least two new members to its roll.

___*4. The unit will have at least two members subscribing to Response magazine.

___*5. The unit will have at least two programs from the program book during the year.

___*6. The unit circle or subgroup will conduct at least one mission study a year.

___*7. The unit will implement the charter for racial justice policies in at least two ways during the year. Some suggested plans of action: Plan a joint unit meeting with a unit of difference racial/ethnic background using programs from the program book. Develop bi-racial/cultural or multi-racial/cultural Koinonia groups. Or Hold a joint Vacation Bible School. Hold pulpit exchanges. Share joint worship services on special occasions. Encourage the church to sponsor a refugee family.

___*8. At least one member of the unit (other than Conference or District officers) will attend the Conference or District Mission Education Event.

___*9. At least two members (other than Conference or District officers) will attend the District or Conference Annual Meeting.

___*10. The unit will have at least one person join the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information.

___11. Members shall write to five people listed in the prayer calendar at least twice a year.

___12. The unit will participate in the Campaign for Children in two ways. Help sponsor a church or community program related to children and youth needs. Sponsor a children’s Sabbath promoted by the Children’s Defense Fund. Get involved with children in mentoring, tutoring, and “Big Sisters” programs. Write letters email or call a congregational representative and or others in government regarding children’s issues.

___13. The unit will be a 5 Star unit contributing to all 5 channels of undesignated giving.

___14. The unit will contribute to a mission project, such as UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief), RRISA (Refugee Resettlement & Immigration Services of Atlanta), or other United Methodist Women National Mission Institutions.

___15. Each unit, circle or subgroup meeting will include a “Response Moment” where an article from the Response magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.

___16. Have at least two people from the unit circle or subgroup complete one of the Reading Program plans and report on one of the books. And encourage all members to complete Plan one.

___17. The unit will have invited a District or Conference officer other than a member of that unit to one or more of the unit meetings during the year.
THE CROSSWORD

REFLECTION FROM LIMITLESS
“What UMW has learned from young women”

Young women sometimes feel intimidated to speak.

Young women sometimes feel like the token young person in their UMW group.

Young women sometimes feel alone even in a group of UMW.

Young women sometimes feel like things would be better if they had a peer mentor to bridge the age gap within their women’s group.

As we enter 2018, here’s what we can do to eliminate some of these "sometimes I feel":

- Provide a script in advance of asking a young person to present. This gives them an opportunity to make it their own and to ask questions about issues they do not understand.

- Be genuine in your request for a young woman’s participation. Recruit several young women and invite the young women to "bring a friend along.” This will eliminate tokenism.

- Do your home work: Response, the National UMW Web site, our conference UMW (NGUMW) and North GA Conference Web sites, www.ngumc.org have numerous examples of young women doing incredible things for the kingdom through UMW. Share those stories with young women you encounter. Empower them to rise up.

Do you know a young woman who has been active who might be willing to mentor or be a sounding board for the new young woman in your group? Even if the mentor is not in your unit, keep contact information for willing mentors readily available in order to make connections.

Blessings,
Tonya Murphy

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TREASURER’S CORNER

WILLS: THE FUTURE IS WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT

Learn about Wills and Bequests
What are the benefits of making a bequest?
1. You leave a lasting legacy to be remembered
2. You lessen the burden of taxes on your family
3. You may receive estate tax savings

How can I learn more?
CONTACT US
WATCH A VIDEO
DOWNLOAD A BROCHURE

How do I make a bequest?
A bequest is one of the easiest gifts to make. With the help of an advisor, you can include language in your will or trust specifying a gift be made to family, friends or United Methodist Women as part of your estate plan.

VIEW BEQUEST LANGUAGE

What are my options?
A bequest can be made in several ways:
1. You can gift a specific dollar amount or asset
2. You can gift a percentage of your estate
3. You can gift from the balance or residue of your estate
4. You can make a beneficiary designation of certain assets

How do I get started?
CONTACT US
REQUEST AN ESTATE PLANNING GUIDE
CREATE AN ONLINE ACCOUNT

For more information visit: http://umwgift.org/?pageID=166

Dont’ Forget!
Save your coins and make a difference in the lives of many.
ACPK UMW ANNUAL MEETING
A Time of Consecration and Remembrance

"A Call to Community - to Do Greater Works"
John 14:12 NRSV
Always Learning!

NGUMC UMW ACPK District Leadership Training
# ACPK District United Methodist Women

## 2017-18 Dates to Remember

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This year is coming to an end and as we start to prepare for the Holiday Season, let us give God thanks and praise for all of our blessings.

Blessings, Christine Winston, ACPK UMW Vice President