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Cindy Hall – President

The calendar of United Methodist Women has always confused me. We take a break for the summer and when we come back it feels like the start of another year. And then we have annual meetings, which celebrate our achievements for the year but, evidently our year continues. Or does it? Maybe we just have the flexibility to do it how it suits us best. It's probably that, UMW does give us all the flexibility to do as much as we can, whenever we can. I like that. And the more goals we set and reach, the greater the number of women and children we can help and the more we learn and expand our minds, our hearts and our spirituality. Let's start thinking about the goals we want to set for the coming year and be **Bold** about it. Let's be **Bold** and invite new women to our meetings. They don't have to go to our church, they just need a heart for helping women, children and youth. As we recognize at annual meetings the goals we reached this year, I hope we will already be planning great things for next year.

Our Matthew 25 Ministries Pill Bottle project was a huge success and most, if not all, of the units in the LaGrange District answered this call in a big way. The bottles just kept coming in, so I kept sorting, counting and we collected a total of 4,260 bottles! In, May 2000 were taken to Matthew 25 Ministries in Cincinnati, OH where they will go to medical clinics in Central America, mainly Guatemala and Nicaragua. The car was full. And we couldn't fit any more than that, fortunately we learned about a free medical clinic in Morrow, GA, called The Good Shepherd Clinic. They serve people without insurance

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and said the bottles would really save them money and be a blessing to them and their patients. Thank you for the countless hours you spent collecting, peeling labels, washing and delivering the bottles. Instead of 4,260 bottles going to a landfill, they will go to help fill a need for our neighbors, both far and near.

Thank you for all the good work you do in your own communities, and for your pledges to mission which fund the work of United Methodist women across the world.

Grace to you and Peace,

Cindy Hall LaGrange District President

Benita Epps – Treasurer

The United Methodist Women's 2018 year ended June 30th. All remittances that were sent in by June 30th will be included in our conference awards booklet at the annual meeting in October. Thank you for being timely in sending your remittances.

The LaGrange District Pledge to Mission for 2018 was \$15,5000. We ended the year reporting \$16,623.00 in Undesignated Gifts, exceeding our Pledge. Our Total Giving was \$19,493.05 for both Undesignated and Designated Gifts. Thank you for your donations. The breakdown by quarters is given below:

QUARTER	DATES	DESIGNATED GIFTS	UNDESIGNATED GIFTS
1 ST	July 1-September 30	\$1,825.00	\$550.00
2 ND	October 1-December 31	\$4,238.00	\$900.05
3 RD	January 1-March 31	\$4,975.00	\$770.00
4 TH	April 1-June 30	\$5,585.00	\$650.00

Remember to always complete a Remittance Form along with a check made payable to LaGrange District UMW and mail to:

Benita L. Epps



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P. O. Box 968
LaGrange, GA 30241
(706) 333-1972 Email – benitaep@s@yahoo.com

We have Gift to Mission cards available to purchase for \$5.00 each. Cards are available for New Baby, Congratulations, Peace, In the Service of Christ, On Your Special Day, Thank You, and Thinking of You. We also have Happy Birthday variety packs of 5 (\$25) and Christmas variety packs of 5 (\$25)

Communication

INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER APPLICATION North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women RED BIRD MISSION WORK CAMP March 31st through April 6th, 2019

Complete & return to: Kathy Cook, TEAM LEADER, 1413 Hartman Drive, Lilburn, GA 30047 with \$200 non-refundable deposit payable to: North Georgia Conference UMW You will receive additional forms to complete much closer to the date of the trip.

WHO: This Red Bird Work Camp Experience is open to the first 50 women whose registration and deposit are received. Registration deadline is Monday, October 15th, 2018. Complete payment of \$490 must be received by this date (the \$200 deposit is included in the amount). **WHAT:** The North Georgia Conference UMW Team will be working on three separate projects throughout the entire week of Work Camp: 1. Traditional home repair in individual homes; 2. Working with the Community Services on Campus; and 3. Art Camp at the Red Bird Mission School. **WHEN:** Sunday, March 31st through Saturday, April 7th, 2019 **WHERE:** Work Camp takes place on the Campus of the Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky. Campers will stay in cabins equipped with bunk beds, bathrooms, and heat/air conditioning. Meals are provided from Sunday evening through breakfast Saturday, the exception is Wednesday, which is a break day. The team will have options on Wednesday. **HOW:** Individual participants must work out their own travel arrangements to camp. A list of all participants will be provided to help you work out carpools. If any church wants to volunteer their church vans with a driver, please let Kathy Cook know. Her email address is adoxumw@president@gmail.com. **COST:** The cost is \$490 per person. This includes the room and board, work supplies and fees, team handbook, team preparation devotional, T-shirt, UMW registration and insurance, and team bag. The first \$200 non-refundable deposit is paid upon registration. This will pay for the Red Bird Deposit,



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plus all the preparation supplies needed. The additional \$290 must be paid in full by the October 15th registration deadline.

FOR ALL QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT KATHY COOK, 770 403 9337 OR
adoxumwpresident@gmail.com

46TH ANNUAL MEETING

Register On-line: <https://www.etches.com/umw2018annualmeetingoct6th> <or> complete & mail this paper form with check.

Name: _____ PLEASE PRINT

Phone Email _____

Church District _____

Emergency Contact: _____ LIST NAME & PHONE

Check Age Group: Teen 20's 30's 40's 50's 60's 70's 80+

First time attending UMW Annual Meeting? Yes No

Will you need free ***childcare***? Yes No

Special Needs/Limitations: HEARING ASSISTANCE | MOBILITY | OTHER

\$20.00 MEETING & LUNCHEON, prior to September 24, 2018

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS? GLUTEN FREE DIABETIC

OTHER _____

\$10.00 Meeting Only, prior to September 24, 2018

Guest of Conference (CONFERENCE TEAM, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS, PRESENTERS, ETC.)

September 25, 2017 or later: Meeting Only-No Lunch \$15

Make checks payable to: **NGC UMW**

Registrar M Emerson

1045 Chatham Rd

Buford, GA 30518-4901

Registration deadline is

September 24, 2018.

No Lunch Available for Late Registrations Made or Post-Marked on or after 9/25/18

Translation: \$15 at the door the day of the event does NOT include lunch or informational packets



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No Refunds, Substitutions OK

Check#

Annual Meeting Agenda:

8:15am – 9:15am Registration
9:30am – 12:00pm Worship Service
& Business Meeting
12:00pm – 2:00pm Awards Luncheon

*****Childcare is Free! *****

Deadline to reserve is 9/24/2018.

Bring a sack a lunch for each child.

Name _____ Age _____

Dietary Restrictions / Allergies _____

Emergency Contact _____

Leadership Development Training

Register On-line: <https://www.etches.com/umw2018LDDnov3rd>

or complete & mail this paper registration with check.

Leadership Development Day Is Where District & Local Unit Officers & Circle Leaders Can Get Practical guidance & how-to info about their roles & responsibilities, share success stories and acquire available resources.

**Agenda: 9:00–9:30am Pre-registered attendees Check-In, light refreshments provided
9:30-10:15am Opening Plenary & Announcements | 10:15-12:00pm Officer Trainings/Workshops Noon-1:00pm Lunch with activity or video**

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Church _____

District _____ I am an Officer at my church for our

Local UMW Unit/Circle a District UMW Officer Conference Other **SELECT ONE**

OFFICER TRAINING/WORKSHOP BELOW Presidents Vice Presidents Treasurer

(District Treasurers Only) Historians Program Resources Membership Nurture

Outreach Nominations Parliamentarians Secretaries Communications



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Coordinator A Way Forward (each district & local unit sends rep) Education & Interpretation Coordinator Social Action Spiritual Growth Coordinator List Special Needs/Limitations if any: HEARING ASSISTANCE | MOBILITY | OTHER: \$10 includes LUNCH > DIETARY RESTRICTIONS? GLUTEN FREE DIABETIC OTHER: * Childcare is Free, but you must register by 10/13/2018 to reserve. Remember to bring a sack a lunch for each child LIST NAME(S), AGE(S), DIETARY RESTRICTIONS / ALLERGIES:**

Make checks payable to: NGC UM Registrar M Emerson 1045 Chatham Rd Buford, GA 30518-4901 Registration Deadline POST-MARK PAPER REGISTRATIONS BY OCTOBER 13TH | ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSSES MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 20TH No Lunch (or Resources) guaranteed for Late Registrations | No Refunds; Substitutions OK!

Nancy Ricciardi – Membership, Nurture and Outreach

Don't forget to like our Facebook page.

Karen Polston- Spiritual Growth

Our world is changing, we can feel it in the air. As we move into Autumn we prepare for the changing of beautiful colors of leaves, crisp mornings into cool days. Time to reflect on the Harvest of our Summer, we look forward to delicious apples, pumpkins and other crops from the Fall. We also are brought closer to our Heavenly Father, realizing that His Promises to take care of us never fail. This is a time of reflection of how He has brought us through beautiful days and tremendous storms. We need to understand that we are never a lone and we also have many sisters and brothers in Christ are here for us. We need to learn how to ask for help when we need it. And with Jesus living in us we need to be able to see the needs of others around us. Help when we can and to pray for those people and situations when we are not able to help them personally. The most important thing we can do for ourselves is to spend time with God. He wants a personal relationship with us and our lives should reflect that to others. It should be the Jesus living in us that radiates out to others. This is where we can share what has happened in our lives since we became believers in Christ. Personal study time, prayer time and group settings help us grow in our relationship. As we look to the change of this season, may we remember everything that God has blessed us with. We look forward to a new beginning of everyday and to a new

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season excited to see what wonderful things God has planned for us. I am looking forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting.



2018 District Calendar

October 6, 2018	UMW Annual Meeting	Rome 1 st UMC- Rome, Ga
October 21, 2018*	*District Annual Meeting	Clark Chapel UMC- 2:30
November 3, 2018	Leadership Development	Johns Creek UMC- Johns Creek
November 10, 2018*	*District Leadership Training	Manchester 1 st UMC- 10:00
*LaGrange District Dates		

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