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From the President's Desk:

I feel extremely privileged to serve as the 2020 AROS District UMW President. I look forward with great anticipation to seeing what God WILL do through us this year. He has assembled an amazing board compiled of strong leaders with various gifts. We have already been hard at work meeting and planning programs for our local UMW units. Our goals this year are:

1. To encourage, support and nurture each other to the best of our abilities. This includes all leaders and members involved in the national, conference, district and local UMW. Our support also includes the charities and institutions in our state and local area. AROS District has identified Family Haven (located in Forsyth Co) as the nonprofit where we will concentrate our efforts physically and financially.
2. To communicate effectively to all of those interested in education, events and initiatives of the UMW.
3. To increase attendance and involvement at our 2 district events. These events are the Service Day at Bethel UMC (Dawsonville) on Saturday 3/21 and our Fall Gathering at Chamblee UMC on Saturday 10/24. Both events will be great opportunities to share ideas with other churches in our district. We are especially excited that our Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson will preside.

Before serving on the UMW district level, I had the opportunity to serve the UMW on the local level at Johns Creek UMC. For the last 40 years, I have been involved with owning and managing a small business that records and distributes educational programs presented at conferences throughout the country. One of my greatest passions is serving as the Faith Community Nurse at Norcross Cooperative Ministry. This agency provides emergency assistance to families in the area. It gives me the unique opportunity to combine my faith and my nursing background to serve the "least of these".

Our board has pledged to work closely with each local unit. Please reach out to us this year if we can assist in any way. It is my hope to be able to visit each church in 2020 to see your needs as well as how you all are uniquely serving in your corner of the district. Please let us know if you have any programs that you would like to invite other churches to attend. Also let us know if you are doing something that you feel other churches might like to hear about. We want this year to be a year of collaboration and encouragement.

Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine **by his power at work within us!**

Donna Galucki
President
AROS District UMW



JENNIFER TEAHAN

Social Action Coordinator
AROS District UMW

As mentioned at the Annual Meeting in October, our district social action project for 2020 will again be Family Haven. I recently emailed Amy Barfield, Executive Director at Family Haven, to ask if she can attend our Social Action Event (formerly the Lenten Event) in March, and she not only enthusiastically agreed, but also said "the support the UMW gave Family Haven [last year] always seemed perfectly timed...I want to thank you for the impact the UMW had on my spirits and Family Haven."

Wow! What a wonderful compliment and evidence that our hard work and donations are very much appreciated. Thank you all so much for everything you did to help out Family Haven and make this a successful project! I hope we can make an even bigger impact in 2020.

To that end, we will be holding the District Social Action event on March 21 at Bethel UMC in Dawsonville. Amy Barfield will be a speaker, and as we did last year, we will put together activity/snack bags for the Family Haven kids. We are asking UMW units to bring items for these bags, and each bag will contain: 1 juice box; 1 pack of fruit chews; 1 granola bar or pack of crackers, pretzels, or chips; and 1 compact activity that will fit in a medium brown paper bag (e.g. coloring book/small box of crayons, activity book, small puzzle or game, etc.).

If you would like to donate to this, please bring a complete set of items for however many bags you would like to pack. The district board will provide the paper bags, and we will all pack them during the event.

I think there is no better time than Lent, when we are contemplating the service and sacrifice of Jesus, to find ways to serve others. I hope you and other members of your unit will join us at this event. If you have any questions about it or anything related to Family Haven, feel free to contact me or Amy Barfield (amy@familyhavenga.org).

Also, if there is a social action project your unit is doing that we can highlight in upcoming newsletter articles, I'd love to hear from you.

Jennifer Teahan
Social Action Coordinator
AROS District UMW

AROS District UMW Service Day-Spring 2020

(Formerly Social Action/Lenten Day Apart Event)



Date: Saturday 3/21/2020

Time: 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Location: Bethel UMC – Dawson County
100 Lumpkin Camp Ground Road South
Dawsonville, GA 30534

Featured Speaker: Amy Barfield
Executive Director of Family Haven

Please join with other District UMW members to hear how Family Haven is serving local women and children who are victims of domestic violence and how our local UMW units can help.

We invite you to join a hands-on activity following the program as we put together kits for the children being served by Family Haven. We look forward to sharing food and fellowship with you while supporting our 2020 Social Action Project.

RSVP via email or text by 3/16/2020:

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CAROL HENRY

Spiritual Growth Coordinator
AROS District UMW

Ladies, allow me to introduce myself as I begin serving as the Spiritual Growth Coordinator for AROS District UMW. I am a retired nurse who relocated to Georgia from New Jersey on Dec, 25th 2006. The proud mother of one son and grandmother of four beautiful children. Blessed to be married to the love of my life for 46 years before he went home to be with the Lord in January 2016. A proud member of St. James UMC since 2007. Currently serving as Devotional team leader for the Senior ministry. My favorite scripture are Psalms 23 and Jeremiah 29: 11. To God be the Glory for All He has done.

Spring Devotional:

"The light of My Glory is shining on you, beloved. Look up to me with worship in your heart. Let the radiance of My Love fall upon you and soak into the depths of your being. Savor these moments alone with me. The more you keep your gaze on Me--in quiet times and busy times--the better you can reflect My Glory to other people. Staying conscious of Me when you're busy can be quite a challenge. But I have created you with an amazing mind that can function on more than one "track." Practicing My Presence involves dedicating one track to your relationship with Me. This practice has many benefits: When you are aware that I am present with you, you're less likely to do or say something that's displeasing to Me. When you're struggling with difficult circumstances or painful feelings, awareness of My presence offers courage and comfort. I can use everything in your life for good--transforming you into my likeness with ever-increasing Glory." (Embracing Joy in His Presence Jesus Always)

"Bless someone with a smile today and I'm sure they'll bless you back."-Carol



SUSAN TIDRICK
Communication Coordinator
AROS District UMW

"The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day he created Spring."

Bernard Williams

Welcome to Spring!

The Officers of the AROS District UMW are excited to begin work with each and every unit to continue the history and commitment of Methodist women everywhere and move forward with the work that God has called us to do in our communities and the world. We encourage you all to attend District events and meet other District UMW members. We look forward to seeing you in 2020.

As we begin this year, we hope to communicate more often than a newsletter three times a year. Please feel free to contact me with any insertions into our next newsletter in May or if you would like us to broadcast events sponsored by your units.

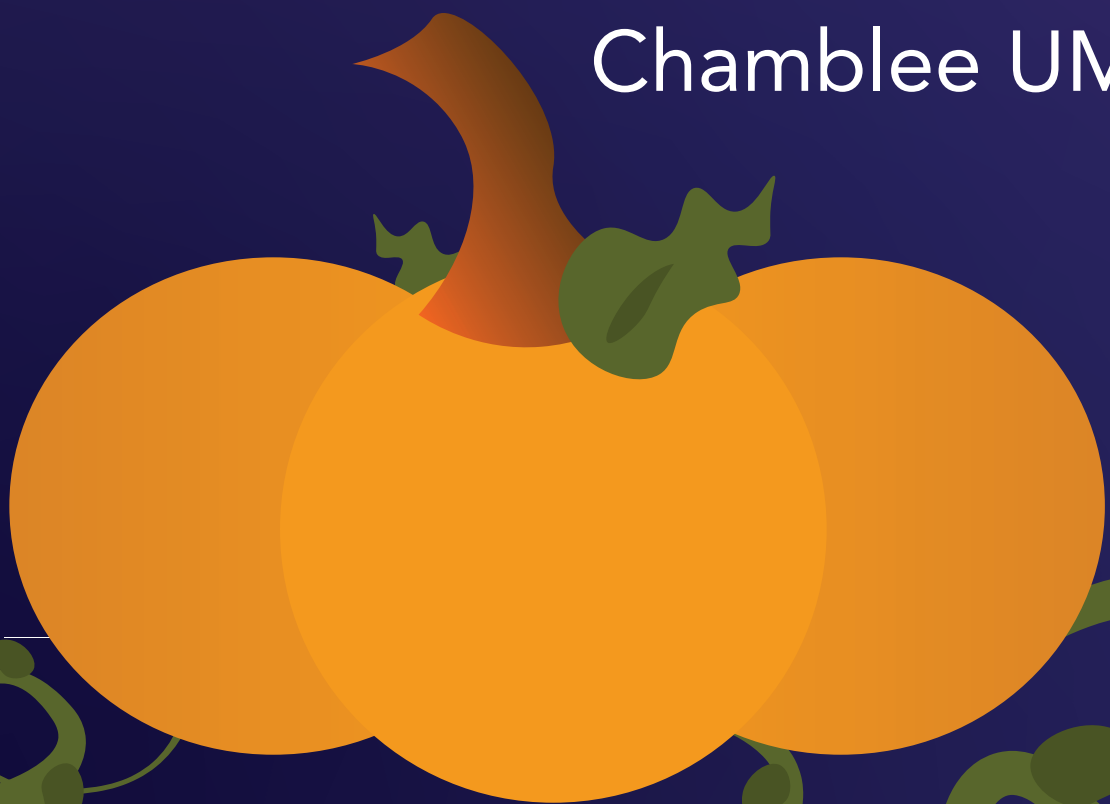
In Christ,

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SAVE THE DATE!
**AROS District UMW
Fall Gathering**

Guest of Honor:
Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson

Saturday, October 24th
10am–Noon
Chamblee UMC



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2020 AROS District Calendar

January 4, 2020

AROS Board Meeting – Johns Creek UMC

February 15, 2020

AROS District Leadership Brunch – Johns Creek UMC

March 21, 2020

AROS District Social Action Event – Bethel UMC

May 16, 2020

AROS Board Meeting – Sardis UMC

August 29, 2020

AROS Board Meeting – Chamblee First UMC

October 24, 2020

AROS District UMW Annual Meeting - Chamblee First UMC