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## *Cindy Hall – President*

Preparing...and then Acting

The United Methodist Women's calendar, I've said before, is confusing to me. But one thing I like about it is that during Advent, things slow down. We have time to focus on preparing our homes and our hearts for Christmas, spend time with family and friends and generally enjoy the season.

In January, however, we get back to focusing on all the many ways that we, through United Methodist Women, advocate for and serve women and children. We do that through our contributions (pledge to mission, quarterly giving, Special Mission Recognition pins, etc), by raising awareness of issues (Maternal Health, Income Inequality, Criminalization of Communities of Color and Climate Justice), contributing to and supporting charities and missions in our local communities and by expanding our knowledge through Response Magazine and the UMW Reading Program.

After not having anyone in the position of Social Justice coordinator last year, we are excited that Sallie Mabon (Greenville UMW president) has agreed to take that on. She is studying up to lead us in 2019, and there are many opportunities coming up that we can take advantage of. Please be looking for these as we send out information via email and the ARC after the first of the year.

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Here is a Christmas gift idea: Murphy-Harpst, one of our National Mission Institutions right here in GA is at capacity with children right now, ages 12-18. They have a Christmas wish list of things the children would like and they are making it easy for us to purchase on line. Here is what they wrote on their Facebook page:

Are you looking for a way to support Murphy-Harpst this holiday season? Please check out our Amazon Wish List! Every Christmas we provide presents for the children in our residential and foster care programs - last year we provided gifts for a record-breaking number of kids! This is the first Christmas many of these kids will receive presents while living in safety and security. We need your help to make it happen!

Visit our Amazon Wish List here and check back frequently- new gifts will be added as more kids come into our care during this busy time of year. Click on this link to see our list and purchase gifts for our kids: See Wish List

I am looking forward to a wonderful new year of work in United Methodist Woman. But for now, I hope you and your family have a peaceful and joy-filled Christmas. Thanks for all the great work you do.

Grace and Peace,

Cindy Hall

## **Benita Epps – Treasurer**

During our district annual meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> we collected \$226 which was sent to Clark Atlanta University for our 2018 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter supplementary designated gift. Effective January 2019, our calendar will change back to traditional quarters from January to December; however, the award year will remain unchanged – July through June (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter through 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter). The LaGrange District Pledge to Mission for 2019 is \$16,000. The remittance form along with other forms can be found on the North Georgia United Methodist Women's website at <http://www.ngumw.org/formslocal>. When submitting a remittance, remember to always complete a Remittance Form along with a check *made payable to The LaGrange District UMW* and mail to:

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## THE LEGACY FUND ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

On March 23, 2019, United Methodist Women will celebrate a 150-year anniversary as a membership mission organization serving women,

children and youth around the world! Every member of United Methodist Women is invited to contribute to the Legacy Fund. Any amount is welcome.

Gifts to the Legacy Fund can be made in several ways:

- Online: [unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacy fund](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund)
- By Phone: 800-278-7771 (Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 [EST])
- By Mobile Phone: Text LEGACY150 to 41444
- By Mail: Make checks payable to United Methodist Women  
475 Riverside Drive  
Treasurer’s Office  
New York, NY 10115

Write “The Legacy Fund” in the memo section



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## Nancy Ricciardi – Membership, Nurture and Outreach



Don’t forget to like our Facebook page.

## LaGrange District United Methodist Women

As part of **Clark Chapel United Methodist Church’s** outreach ministry at Avalon Nursing Home in Newnan, Georgia on 23 September 2018, **the United Methodist Women** oversaw the devotional services. **Using “God’s Assurance of Comfort”** in litany form as a topic based on Psalm 23, each resident in attendance was presented with the gift of a lap quilt as a portion of the scripture was read by a member.

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## Spiritual Growth

As we approach one of the best times of the year, The birth of our Lord Jesus The Christ. Remembering the star that lite up the sky, may His light brighten your life during this season that brings joy, love, laughter, and many happy memories.

## Communication

You can still support Murphy-Harpst with your Publix purchases by using just your telephone number at checkout! Make sure you have signed up with Publix Partners Program.



## Lagrange District United Methodist Women

### 2019 Calendar

District Highlighted and Conference has an \*

**February 23**

\*March 2

Mission U/Exec Bd Meeting  
Finance/E&I information session

Griffin 1st  
TBD

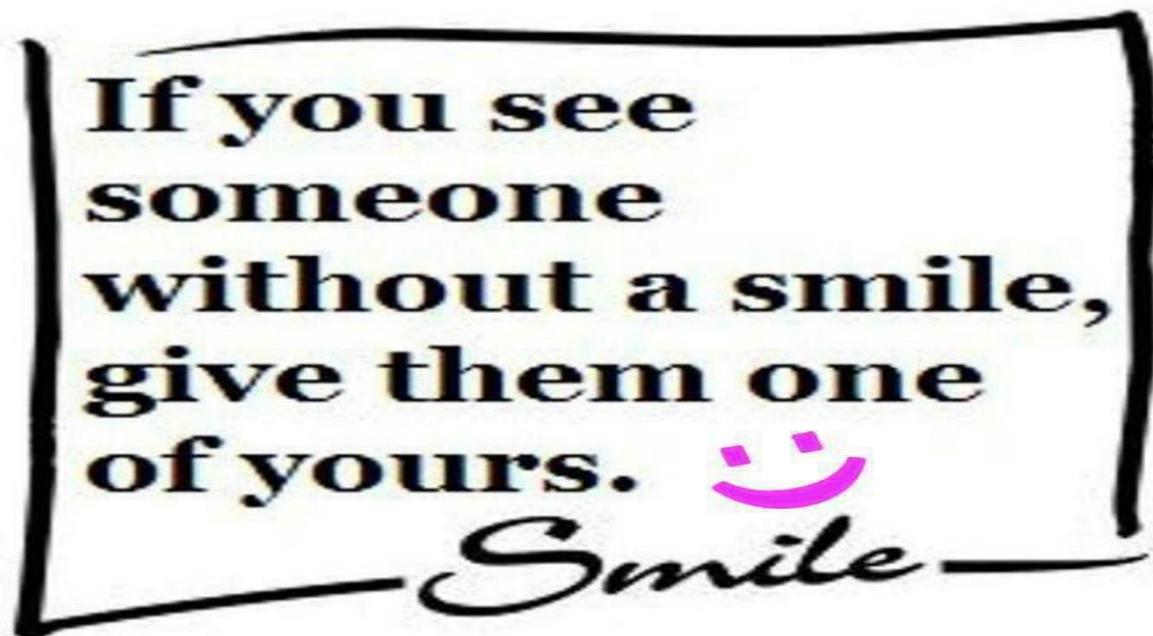
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<b>March 23</b>	Lenten Day Apart	Senoia
<b>*May 3-4</b>	Spiritual Social Action Event Executive Board Meeting during free time	Rock Eagle
<b>*June 12</b>	UMW Breakfast at Annual Conference	Athens
<b>*July</b>	Mission U (date & place)	TBD
<b>August 24</b>	Executive Board Meeting and Party	TBD
<b>*October 5</b>	NGA Conference Annual Meeting	Dunwoody
<b>October 27</b>	District Annual Meeting Newnan Chapel	Pine Mtn
<b>*November 2</b>	Leadership Development	Sandy Springs
<b>November 9</b>	Mission U/Leadership Development	Fayetteville 1st



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*Merry Christmas*