

UMW TUESDAY MORNING CIRCLE – MINUTES JANUARY 21, 2020

Lamira, Linda Horning, Sally, Kim, Bonita, Eileen, Pastor Gale and Jean Jones were present. No first time visitors.

After reading The Purpose, Kim offered a devotional about how God walks through everything with us while we work for the Kingdom. We reviewed the minutes from our last meeting on November 12, 2019

In new business, we passed out new thank banks and pledge cards. Four pledge cards were returned today. Mission suggestion for the new year is Cherokee Women's Shelter (Bethany Place). Linda Horning will investigate and report back.

Then we caught up with things that have transpired since our last meeting – at the final UMW Night Circle meeting, a review of the Treasurer's Report and list of the many missions our UMW. (A list of those distributions is attached).

The idea of having a dinner celebrating our LRUMC men was well received. Paula will check on prices for steak and chicken and availability of dates at church. February 15th was mentioned. We would have meat, potato, salad, rolls, beverages and dessert. Keep it simple. Although this honors the men, everyone will be invited to the dinner. Invitations will be distributed and an RSVP will be required to provide the correct number of meals. Possibility of a guest speaker. Jessie will spearhead the decorations.

The Morning Circle decorated the hallway in our education building and collected socks for men, women and children. The theme was "Stockings Hung by the Fireplace with Caring." Over 100 pairs were given to the Cherokee Domestic Violence Center (both women's and children's socks were requested) and the homeless. Some were kept for a school closet. Socks are the #1 requested item by those in need. Our ladies also helped to take down all the church decorations.

Our Christmas luncheon at Gail O's was wonderful. Her gift of hospitality always makes us feel at home. Everything was lovely and the food was delicious. Gail provided 45 Christmas cards which we all signed for shut-ins and those on our prayer list. We sent 42 cards. Bonita addressed and mailed these cards.

Our first 2020 Souper Sunday was January 12. About 50 people attended. We had 9 different soups. This was a very exciting start to the new year. Set up and volunteer efforts were great. It was decided to put left over soup in containers and freeze them for shut-ins or congregational needs. Donations received will go to the kitchen fun and UMW missions.

UMW Atlanta Roswell District (AROS) has announced 3 meetings for 2020. The UMW theme for this year is "LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE" FROM MATTHEW 5:16.

1. Saturday, February 15, 2020 Leadership Brunch at John's Creek UMW. Info about the reading program, social action projects and mission studies will be discussed. Bonita will attend.
2. Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 10 am to noon fist district-wide event. Open to all UMW members and friends. Social Action event at Bethel UMC in Dawsonville. Speaker is Amy Bartles, Exec. Director of Family Haven, which is a domestic violence shelter in Forsyth Co. So far Kim, Dorothy Paula and Bonita will attend. RSVP required. Carpooling from LRUMC leaving at 9:00 am. Church-wide gathering of items to prepare kits for Family Haven children beginning in February. Kits include: juice box, fruit chews; granola bar (or pack of crackers, pretzels or chips), and one compact activity (coloring book/crayons, activity book, small puzzle or game). These will be delivered to the meeting in March.
3. Saturday, October 24 from 10 am to noon will be the Fall Gathering at Chamblee U.MC. More details later.

In other business, Bonita will not be available to set up the March Souper Sunday. Linda and Eileen offered to be the leads for that day. Everyone can help.

Prayer requests were received.

Next UMW Tuesday AM Circle meeting is Feb. 18 in the Fellowship Classroom.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita Cox

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