

## **UMW TUESDAY MORNING CIRCLE – AGENDA JANUARY 21, 2020**

Present:

1<sup>st</sup> Time Visitors:

Purpose: Together

Devotional: Kim

**Our last meeting** was November 12, 2019 with Sherry, Gale, Eileen, Becky, Sally and Bonita. Bob Hirsch visited.

Final pledges and thank banks were submitted so everything would be available at the UMW Circle meeting tonight. We are requesting money from the treasury be gifted to the Special UMC Conferences as part of our mission giving.

Pastor Gale reported on the women's retreat to Augusta and Aiken. Twelve ladies attended, Jessie Porter was our driver. Gail planned a full schedule of activities for all of us, and we had a lovely time getting to know one another better.

We will meet Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> to decorate the hallway for Advent/Christmas to coincide with our sock collection for the women's shelter/school closets and the homeless. Kim, Becky, Eileen and Bonita will be there. Suzie Sims is preparing the collection boxes for the socks. Everyone is welcome to help. The theme is stockings hung by the fireplace with caring.

Christmas luncheon will be at Gail O's on December 7<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

Bonita passed out the new list of Day Circle members and shut-ins.

We are looking for 2020 fundraiser ideas.

2020 Souper Sundays are scheduled for January 12, February 9 and March 8. Eileen, Sally and Bonita signed up for soup. Becky will bring crackers. Bonita will make sign-up sheets, put notes in the bulletin and get the "condiments" to be ready for our first event. Keep it simple! Proceeds to kitchen and missions (same as last year).

We discussed helping the UMM prepare and/or serve a meal for must. This idea needs to have full UMW discussion. Presented at UMW Night Circle meeting. (TOO MANY RULES AND REGULATIONS NOW. MIGHT TRY ANOTHER PROJECT)

## New Business

Why are we here? Missions! \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
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At the start of a new year, it's time to renew our commitment to United Methodist Women by our pledges. Pass out pledge cards. Review why we pledge.

Thank Banks. Pass out.

Review of the Night Circle Meeting at Gail O's on November 12.

Pledges and thank banks are turned in. \$306.56.

Discussion to distribute treasury funds to 8 recipients. (The attached January 14, 2020 Treasurer's report – attached - lists these in detail) Our 2019 Souper Sunday proceeds were included.

Helping UMM with a MUST dinner was discussed. Too many rules and regulations. May have to come up with a different idea, but women are willing to help.

A "Valentine" dinner celebrating our LRUMC men and their contributions to our church was suggested and well received. A simple dinner of steak or chicken, baked or sweet potato, salad, rolls, dessert and drink will be held February 15<sup>th</sup> at the church. There will be no cost or donation, but reservations are required so we know how much to provide. Jane and Paula will take care of the meat and everyone else is asked to bring the rest. Need a sign-up list at the next meeting. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. NEED TO GET THE WORD OUT! Guest speaker? Paula is checking this out. Jessie will spearhead decorations.

Review of Christmas Luncheon – delicious. Beautiful day. Gail provided 45 Christmas cards which we all signed for our shut-ins and those on our prayer list. Bonita stamped, addressed and mail the cards. We sent 42.

Christmas/Advent decorating and our church-wide sock drive was well-received by the congregation and those receiving the socks. Both women's and children's socks were requested by the women's shelter. We did keep some for school closets when needed. The men's socks were targeted for the homeless. Socks are the #1 requested item.

Our first 2020 Souper Sunday was January 12. About 50 people attended. We had 9 different soups. 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-in or congregation needs. Next Souper Sunday is February 9<sup>th</sup>.

UMW AROS District has announced 2 meetings for the upcoming year. Our UMW theme for 2020 is **“LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE” FROM MATTHEW 5:16**

Saturday, February 15, 2020 10 a.m. till noon is the Leadership Brunch at John’s Creek. Information about the reading program, Social Action projects on all levels, and mission Studies will be discussed.

Saturday, March 21, 2020 10 a.m. till noon will be the first district-wide event. This is Open to all UMW members and friends. This is a Social Action event held at Bethel UMC in Dawsonville. Information coming soon. Speaker will be Amy Bartles, Executive Director of Family Haven, which is a domestic violence shelter in Forsyth Co.

Saturday, October 24 from 10 a.m. to noon at Chamblee UMC is the Fall Gathering. More details to come.

Please put all these events on your calendar, and let me know which ones you plan to attend. We can carpool from the church.

Also...there is a Methodists in Advocacy training meeting on January 28 and February 6 at Trinity UMC in downtown Atlanta. If you have questions about how the legislature works or how best to communicate with your legislators, this may interest you. Issues this year are climate care faith talks, a bill to stop bee killing neonics on National Wildlife Refuges, lead-free drinking water and stopping water pollution from coal plans.

Other Business?

Prayer Requests?

Our next UMW Tuesday Morning Circle meeting is February 18<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Classroom.

WHEW!!