



Mission Tapestry

Arlington District United Methodist Women

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PURPOSE

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know GOD and to experience FREEDOM as whole persons through JESUS CHRIST; to develop a creative, supportive FELLOWSHIP; and to expand CONCEPTS OF MISSION through participation in the global ministries of the church.

The Mission Tapestry is a publication of the Arlington District United Methodist Women. Its goal is to keep units at the local/ congregation level informed about opportunities for living out our PURPOSE. It is published quarterly—January, April, July, and October.

Articles for publication are welcome and should be directed to ArlingtonDistrictUMW@gmail.com by the 1st of the publication month.

Check out our website at www.ArlingtonDistrictUMW.org

District President's Message

Well ladies here we are four months later. What we thought might be over by now is not. Our lives have changed, and we seem to have a new normal. Unfortunately, that new normal may be without friends and family we have lost to the Corona Virus. I hope we are beginning to see a light at the end of the tunnel, but we must stay vigilant. I plan to think very carefully about going out and will continue to wear a mask. We may have differing opinions, but we all want our families and friends to be safe.

In terms of UMW Conference news, **The Young Women's Retreat for September 11th and 12th, 2020** has been canceled. UMW Conference Annual meeting is going to be a Virtual Meeting, Saturday, October 24th, 2020. The meeting will be streamlined and include voting on the budget as well as the election of officers. Every other year we have officer training and this year is one of those. Training will be held at a later date. I will send information to you as soon as I get it. The Lending Library is up and running again.

The District Leadership Team met June 27, 2020 and decided that the Arlington District Annual Meeting, September 26th, 2020, will be held virtually also. We did this out of an abundance of caution. There is no way of knowing what things will look like in September. This decision allows us to move forward and make **plans that we don't have to change at the last minute, due to circumstances**

that are out of our control. We will let **you how to "come" to the meeting.** Many of us will be learning new technologies. They can be fun, frustrating, and challenging. Who knew we could Zoom from a sitting position!

We still need to be in contact with our UMW sisters, so please continue to call, email, Facebook or whatever you are doing. There is still time to send cards to current and retired Missionaries and Deaconesses.

A few reminders: I will need the list of members who have died this year, and Reading program report goes to Phyllis Kirkman. Certificates of participation will be given for Living Into Our Purpose. Send your form to Dana Conner. Financial Reports go to Beth Meserve. All are due by August 31st, 2020. The year runs from September 1st, 2019 to August 31st, 2020.

As we try to adjust to this new normal it is important to remember that we can still work for social justice, equal rights, and those things that United Methodist Women have been doing over the last 150 years. Go to the National web site and see what is happening.

Pray for each other, our country, and the world. Remember God is with us no matter what.

"The wise don't expect to find life worth living; they make it that way." Anonymous

Doris Douglass, President
Arlington District UMW

Secretary

Janet Keener



Dear UMW Sisters,

What a **Spring** this has been! The COVID-19 pandemic and recent protests have provided much “food for thought.” As a church, we have discovered creative ways to worship together and participate in missions. Several circles meet via ZOOM; others continue to learn this technology.

We have increased our history knowledge, learning about Juneteenth - a holiday which originated *June 19, 1865* with the ending of slavery in Texas. We now have a little improved understanding of Black history. With that in mind, my husband and I watched two movies to enrich our minds and hearts - *Just Mercy* and *War Room*. Both movies were available for rent on Amazon. (*Just Mercy* is, also, a UMW Reading Program book; it counts as reading the book.) *Just Mercy* shares the experiences of a young black lawyer from the north who goes to southern Alabama to work with the *Equal Justice Initiative* to aid black prisoners assigned to death row without true justice just because of their skin color. The story is based on the true experiences of the author, Bryan Stevenson. *War Room* shares **how when we improve our prayer life and reading God’s Word, we can revive our spiritual relationship** with God and our family. By including journaling, posting Scripture passages, and having a private space, we can concentrate and focus to listen to God. The story revolves around a black couple and their daughter as they strive to improve their marriage and family life by rediscovering their relationship with God. It was very inspirational.

Often I share following the “fruit of the spirit” in Galatians 5:20-23. On several days recently, my various devotional resources have been related through this passage, especially, gentleness, patience, faith, hope, and love. Add grace and mercy, you can feel God’s blessings with us each day. These blessings are visible in *Just Mercy* and *War Room* as well.

May you have a *Blessed* and *Peaceful* summer.

In Christian Love,

Janet



Treasurer

Beth Meserve

Summer is here, and it's unlike any summer in recent history. I hope you are all following the recommended protocols to stay safe during this time. It is hard, and I miss meeting together in person, but it's important to stay healthy. How are you keeping in touch with each other during this time? Our district team would love to hear your ideas.

Our Annual Meeting is coming up September 26. This year we will be meeting virtually. More details will be announced soon. Your district team is working to put together a program that will be interesting and educational. We will be announcing the names of units that have achieved 5- and 6-star status, as well as other accomplishments. Certificates will be mailed to the respective units. I hope you will make plans to attend virtually.

Certain reports are due by August 31 as always. Rainbow Giver forms and Candle Burning information are due to me by August 31, so we can recognize our 5- and 6-star units at our annual meeting. Other 3rd quarter contributions are due no later than September 15 so that I can send them to the Conference on time.

A few reminders:

To be recognized as a 5-star unit, you must give to the 5 channels of Mission Giving which are: Pledge to Mission, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, Special Mission Recognition, and World Thank Offering. An easy way to become a 5-star unit is to have at least one Rainbow Giver. Being a Rainbow Giver qualifies your unit as a 5-star unit. Rainbow Giver forms are included in this publication.

Once you have met the requirements for a 5-star unit, you can become a 6-star unit by also contributing through Candle Burning. The cost per second for Candle Burning is \$.60.

Even during these trying times, the work of United Methodist Women goes on. Please continue to send in your pledge to mission to help continue our important work around the world. Also remember to send in your dues of \$2.50 per member if you have not already done so.

The United Methodist Women organization is depending on us for our support to carry out our mission of **supporting women, children, and youth around the world. Let's help spread the word far and wide!**

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Treasurer

Beth Meserve

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UMW RAINBOW WOMAN

Yes, YOU can become a RAINBOW WOMAN!

Have you thought about you personally giving to all five channels of giving?

A Rainbow Women gives to all five channels of giving:
 \$40 to give someone special a Special Mission Recognition Pin
 \$ 5 Pledge to Mission
 \$ 5 Gift to Mission
 \$ 5 Gift in Memory
 \$ 5 World Thank Offering
 \$60 Total



Your \$60 RAINBOW WOMAN offering must specify that you are giving to the above five channels and designate who you want your pin to go to, who your Gift in Memory is for and that you are giving that \$60 for a Rainbow Woman. If you simply give \$60 to your unit treasurer, you will not be a Rainbow Woman. You must designate that it is for Rainbow Woman giving.

1. Special Mission Recognition Pin in ___ Honor or ___ Memory of:

 (Please check appropriate box) (Name of person being honored or memorialized)

Send pin to: (Name) _____
 (Address) _____

2. Pledge to Mission

3. Gift to Mission Card – Which card to send? _____
 (Thank You, Baby, Birthday, In the Service of Christ, etc.)
 Send card to: (Name) _____
 (Address) _____

4. Gift in Memory: In Memory of:

 (Name of person in whose memory the gift is made)
 Send card to: (Name) _____
 (Address) _____

5. World Thank Offering

Given by (Rainbow Woman's Name) _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 District: _____

All components must be submitted to your Unit Treasurer at one time. We suggest that this Rainbow Woman gift be given in addition to your regular pledge to mission.

If you have any questions about becoming a Rainbow Woman, please contact:
 District Treasurer: Beth Meserve, 507 N Brighton Ct., Sterling, VA 20164; 703-404-0542
 Email: beth.meserve@gmail.com

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"Virginia Conference United Methodist Women: Still Living Into Our Purpose" A Message to our UMW Sisters

Greetings to each of you! Our United Methodist Women's plans, meetings, events, etc. have changed with the COVID-19 pandemic. What has not changed is our work in mission for women, children, and youth all over the world. Some of our advocacy focuses have been touched deeply by the coronavirus such as domestic violence, health for women and children, and economic inequality to name a few. Sisters, even though we are not able to be together at this time physically, there are ways to still connect and do the best we can to continue our work safely. Your Virginia Conference Mission Team met via zoom a few weeks ago and it was a team decision to continue with *Living into Our Purpose (LIOP)* and to give recognitions rather than awards at our Annual Meeting. *Living into Our Purpose* is our "blueprint" for our work. It helps keep us on the path of our foremothers, our purpose and our mission as United Methodist Women. PLEASE CONTINUE READING THIS COMMUNICATION FOR INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE MISSION TEAM REGARDING "LIVING INTO OUR PURPOSE."

Mary Jane Rawley, President

It is an unsettling reality that COVID-19 has seriously impacted our organizational life and **interfered with aspects of our program, including "Living Into Our Purpose," report period September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020.** All has not been lost as many units were able to work on *LIOP* goals for the six months (September to February) prior to the closing of our churches.

It is a time of learning new technology, relying on old fashioned communication and "thinking outside the box." We all need encouragement to move ahead. So, we thought it might be helpful to focus attention on what can be done during the remaining summer months and even beyond. We will do this by referencing the *LIOP* template and including ideas that we the Mission Team would like to share with you. (*LIOP* form attached) So here goes:

1. Purpose (Mission Giving)

Suggestions: Specifically provided by Linda Borrer, Conference Treasurer

1a. "Make and Meet a Pledge to Mission Giving."

Even though this year is a very difficult time, try to be vigilant in encouraging your units/individuals to send in their pledge money so that our UMW Mission Projects can remain open for women, children and youth. This can be done by a telephone call or note to your members which would serve two purposes: (1) staying connected to your members and checking on them; (2) asking if they need anything and then a gentle reminder that pledge money, if at all possible, is still being collected.

1c. "Increase the local organization's Pledge to Mission this year."

There is no set limit on the amount as it could be anything from \$1 on up.

1d. "Qualify as a Five-or-Six Star Organization by contributing to five or Six Channels

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of Mission Giving.” **This is for the period Sep 1, 2019 – Aug 31, 2020**

This is simple to do as any amount paid on your pledge during the year would qualify a unit, as well as \$5 for a Gift in Memory or Gift to Mission Card. One Special Mission Recognition at \$40 and any amount for the World Thank Offering and Candle Burning makes your unit a six-star organization.

1e. “Have one (1) member become a Rainbow Giver.” This must be turned in to your District Treasurer by early August. Only one (1) member at \$60 is a part of the Living Into Our Purpose and qualifies your unit as a five-star organization.

1f. “Participate in the United Methodist Women Legacy Fund”.

Any amount from an individual(s) earns you a point and more importantly insures the future of United Methodist Women.

All of the above can be accomplished by sending your check through your unit treasurer as the first step. She then sends it to the District Treasurer who compiles and forwards it onto the Conference Treasurer. This can be done from your favorite chair at home or from your front porch.

[JUST DO THE VERY BEST YOU CAN](#)

2. KNOW God (FAITH)

2a. “Encourage the practice of Spiritual Disciplines (i.e. scripture, prayer, fasting).”

Suggestion: Begin a covenant group among the members; Members agree to privately read devotionals, scripture, the Upper Room etc. and meditate on the source for the week(s). Members connect regularly by conference calls, round robin emailing or Zoom. Note: Devotionals written by UMW Conference officers are posted on-line every Monday. Email Mary Jane Rawley to be placed on the email list.

3. EXPERIENCE FREEDOM AS WHOLE PERSONS (HOPE)

3b. “Present a Program or initiate a project based on District or Conference Social Action Priority.” (Reminder: The Conference Priorities for 2016-2020 are Economic Inequality, Climate Justice, Criminalization of Communities of Color; Maternal and Child Health)

Suggestions:

1. Have a Social Action Study using Zoom: For example, one unit has been doing a Climate Justice Study weekly on Zoom. Could your unit have a study addressing one of the Social Action Priorities and do it on Zoom?

2. Have a Program on one of the priorities during a Zoom meeting, using material from response, guest speakers; relevant book reports(s) from Reading Program; Also, view Faith Talks Podcasts individually at home and discuss at a zoom meeting. The Faith Talks Pod-

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casts are monthly conversations with UMW members exploring themes, many with spiritual growth content, but also with topics relating to our priorities such as Paid Family Leave, Creation Care, Education Inequality. Back episodes are available. Find information on united-methodistwomen.org.

- 3f. "Have at least one (1) member sign up to receive Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy alerts (<http://www.virginiafaithcenter.org>) and use ideas to advocate for justice."**

Suggestion: One volunteer can receive the alerts from the Virginia interfaith Center for Public Policy and share with members by way of letter or email, and the members can study the information and determine whether to advocate for justice while at home, through providing signatures, letter writing etc. Also, Social Action Coordinator, Karen McElfish, frequently sends out emails with information and requests for advocacy.

4. DEVELOP A CREATIVE/SUPPORTIVE FELLOWSHIP

- 4e. "Write to at least five mission workers listed in Prayer Calendar."**
- 4g. "Submit names of deceased members to District MN & O Coordinator by Aug. 31."**

Suggestions: The two items above can be easily accomplished while at home.

5. EXPAND CONCEPTS OF MISSION

- 5c. "Select a Mission Institution or Project which is supported by funds from the United Methodist Women National Office or the Ministry Grants of Virginia."**

Suggestion: Conduct a poll on-line if consensus is required for allocation of funds.

Wesley Community Service Center, the only National Institution in Va., continues to need our support, especially at this time of COVID-19. Wesley is currently holding a fundraiser raffle, May 10-June 20 to raise funds for much needed repairs. For information: google Wesley Community Services Center or link: thewesleycenter.ouraffle.org.

- 5d. Have or participate in at least one current mission study during the year.**

Suggestion: This year we won't have Mission Encounter, but National Office has informed us that there will be an adaptation of one of the studies, "Finding Peace in an Anxious World." The study guide has been adapted to be used easily either individually or in virtual small groups. Study leader trainers have also worked to create a series of companion videos to enhance the study. Available very soon.

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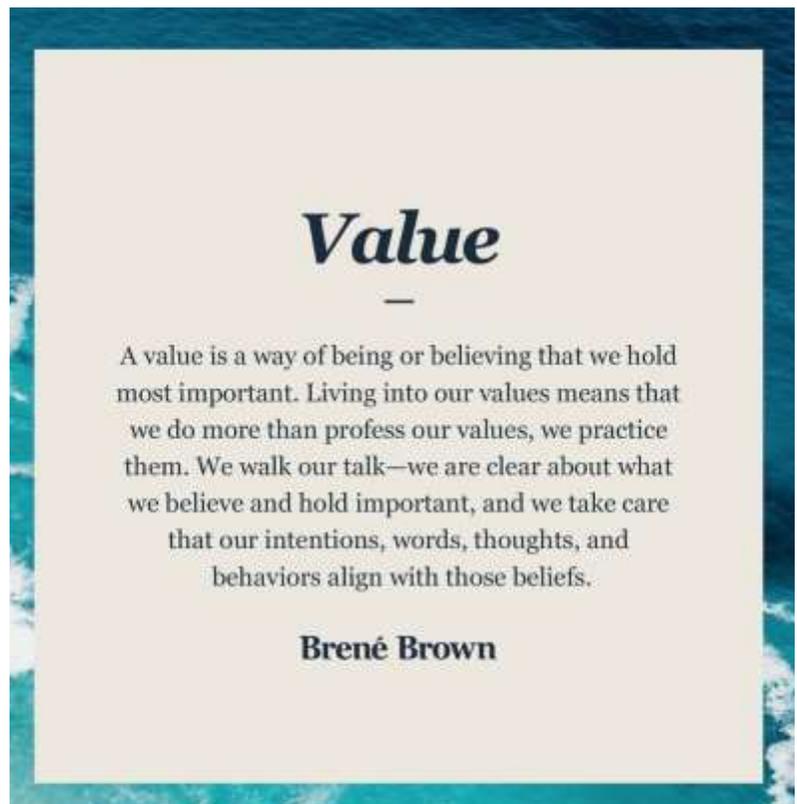
A final thought: Let us remember to stay connected with our UMW sisters who may not be moving as quickly in adapting to technological advancements. Keeping them invested as valued members is essential; We cannot afford to lose them. The old -fashioned methods, calling or writing a note, still work.

Looking to the Future: We anticipate that changes will be made to the *L/OP* template for 2020-21 to include more realistic and attainable goals. We look forward to Annual Meeting and a time of recognizing you for your accomplishments. We pray that all will stay connected, encouraged, safe and healthy.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR PURPOSE. JUST DO THE VERY BEST YOU CAN!

Peace and blessings,
Your Sisters of the Virginia Conference UMW Mission Team,
Mary Jane Rawley, President

The 2019-2020 Living Into Our Purpose form can be found at
<https://www.vaumw.com/conference/education-interpretation/>



Social Action

Cheryl Moore

Be the Light

Even though we are now in the time of year when the days are long and the sun is bright, there is so much darkness in our world. The news reminds us that sickness, death, unemployment, and systemic racism are still holding us all in their grip. When will we see the light at the end of the tunnel? Where is God in all of this?

The Introduction to the UMW Program Book 2019-2020 reminds us that “God’s first creative activity was creating light and separating it from darkness to make sense of the existing chaos.” As United Methodist Women, we are committed to reflecting God’s light – shining it into dark places and advocating for love and justice for all of God’s children.

1 John 3:17 asks “How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?”

For me, the things that need to change in my community, this country and the world can often seem overwhelming. I’m just one person with limited time, energy, and resources. Fortunately, as a United Methodist Woman, I am never alone. As the song by Sister Sledge reminds me, “I’ve got all my sisters with me.” And we all know that sisterhood is a powerful force!

We’re also fortunate that UMW helps narrow it down by offering us specific social justice priorities to learn about and act upon. Even small steps can make a big difference. I encourage you to gather your sisters (virtually, of course) and decide how you can work to:

- End Maternal Mortality (unitedmethodistwomen.org/mchealth). Learn about what is being done in your community to save the lives of women and children.
- Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline (unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjustice) Find out if your local school system is trying to reduce racial disparities in school discipline. Read and discuss books about systemic racism. On my shelf currently are “White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Race,” by Robin DiAngelo; “So You Want to Talk About Race,” by Ijeoma Ouma (this one is part of the UMW Reading Program); and “How to Be An Antiracist,” by Ibram X. Kendi.
- Ensure Just Energy for All (unitedmethodistwomen.org/climate-justice) Research local environmental issues and find out how your legislators have or are planning to vote on them. Send an email or call their office to either say “thank you” or persuade them to do the right thing.
- Advocate for A Living Wage for All (unitedmethodistwomen.org/living-wages) Support legislation to raise the minimum wage and paid sick days. This is another opportunity to connect with your elected officials and advocate for the most vulnerable among us, especially during the pandemic where so many have lost jobs or have had to continue working without adequate protections.

For more ideas, sign up for action alerts at unitedmethodistwomen.org/action.

As both the Bible and Sister Sledge remind us: We are family, and families take care of each other. So please take care of yourself, your loved ones, and all of God’s family here on earth. Be the light for all to see!

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Spiritual Growth

Phyllis Kirkman

Dear ladies,

I am trying very hard to make a decision regarding my offices within the district. As much as I love my church, I am disappointed by all the restrictions they are placing upon us to reopen. I want to encourage you but am not sure how effective I can be. Please give me some feedback.

In the meantime, I did find a few tidbits for you. These first two come from Today's Gift.

"Fear not that life should come to an end, but rather fear that it should not have a beginning." JH Newman

"Our fears lock us up if we let them. They can prevent us from tasting adventure, from experiencing new wonders. We are often terrified of unknowns and fret about what might happen if we try something new. We worry if new people will like us - if we will fit in. It is natural to be cautious about the unknown, and anything new is just that. But we can keep our caution from becoming fear by taking action, with the faith that we never encounter anything we can't handle in some way. Unknowns are merely joys we haven't met yet. We hold the keys to our own cages and can free ourselves when we use our courage and inner strength to overcome our fears."

"It's the deepest channel that runs most true." Kate Wolf

"The greatest rivers spread themselves out wide and lazy over the earth. They roll over on themselves like giant turtles turning in the warm sun. A river flows, drawn to the oceans, carving ever deepening channels, nestling snug in the earth's welcoming lap. The current is strongest in the deepest channel. Boat navigators know that finding that channel means finding the swiftest current and the safest voyage home. When we look at a river, or at another person, we see only the surface. What keeps our attention is usually some movement or activity on the surface. But there is more than meets the eye, especially to people. When we overlook someone because that person is quiet or simple, we may be robbing ourselves of an eye-opening discovery. Which deeper things can I look for in my day?"

As many of you know, I work at Dollar Tree. Today I found several books I would like to share with you. The titles are: Words of Peace, The Light of Prayer, In Time of Comfort, and Choose Hope. There are also several Bible Study books, a series on the Gifts of the Spirit. You may find them helpful. I encourage you to take a look.

In Christian Love,
Phyllis Kirkman

Spiritual Growth Mission
Study: 2020

**FINDING
PEACE
IN AN
ANXIOUS
WORLD**



Program Resources

Phyllis Kirkman



Arlington District UMW READING PROGRAM REPORT 2020 (Sept 2019 through Aug 2020)

Unit name: _____

Name of person completing form: _____

Telephone and email: _____

Total number of books read _____ (with or without completion of a plan)

Number completing Plan I * _____

Number completing Plan II * _____

Number completing Plan III* _____

Number completing Plan IV* _____

TOTAL number completing a plan _____

TOTAL number of adult & youth readers _____ (count even those who have read only one book)

TOTAL number of children readers _____

TOTAL number of children receiving certificates * _____

TOTAL number of children's books read _____

TOTAL number of Subscriptions to RESPONSE _____ (count total number of individual and UMW unit subscriptions)

*List names of those who completed plan on the next page

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO ME NO LATER THAN Sept 1, 2020.

Phyllis Kirkman
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Program Resources

Phyllis Kirkman

Unit Name: _____	Total number of readers: _____
Total number of Books read (Adults): _____	Total Number of Books read by children: _____
List names of Children Reading 5 books:	
List Names completing plan I:	List Names completing plan II:
List Names completing plan III:	List names completing plan IV:
Person in your Unit who has read the most books: _____	Number of books read: _____

Please complete form and send by Sept. 1, 2020 to:

Phyllis Kirkman, Secretary of Program Resources, 8234 Winder St., Vienna, VA 22180.

Please note: If I do not receive a form from a Unit, that unit will be counted as “not participating in the reading program)

Books that qualify for the Reading Program Report are taken from the Years 2015-2020. Only books read from September 2019 through report date (September 1, 2020) can count on this report. (Any books read after this date can be counted toward next year).

Herndon UMW

Greetings from Herndon United Methodist Women!

We are finding new ways to adapt in this time of quarantine. Zoom meetings have proved to be an invaluable resource to keep us connected. Typically, our leadership team meets monthly to discuss business, but we have instituted a twice-monthly schedule with Zoom to provide an extra “check-in” meeting as a time for additional fellowship. Many of our circles are continuing to meet via Zoom. We’ve found the silver lining of “virtual” meetings is that it has allowed some of our groups to grow with added members whose constraints made it challenging to get to in-person meetings, such as mothers of small children, those with mobility issues or health concerns, or those without transportation. Our UMW book club just met virtually to discuss “America’s Original Sin,” and has added members who would otherwise not be able to join us in person during the pandemic. Additionally, we have added a mid-day Bible study of Ruth and Esther, and Zoom allows some women to join in during their lunch break from work! We are preparing a half day virtual Leadership Retreat via Zoom to see how we can continue to serve **United Methodist Women’s purpose while our church building is closed. Our fall Women’s Retreat is in the planning stages, and while we hope to have an in-person gathering, we will also meet virtually if necessary and perhaps even have a combined retreat to reach those beyond our community. We are seeing the advantages of the virtual meeting technology and encourage other units to utilize it as well. If your church is not offering Zoom, it costs \$15 a month and your UMW could purchase an account. Even when we are ready to gather in person again, we see the “virtual” options as part of our mission going forward.**

Blessings,
Jennifer Thompson
Herndon UMW



A Community of Women

You are invited to participate in an Online Discussion of the 2020 United Methodist Women Social Action Bonus Book:



This 4-session webinar, led and facilitated by VA Conference United Methodist Women members Karen McElfish, Karen Booker and Melissa White, will be offered via ZOOM and will help you process and discuss what you are learning from this relevant, accessible and honest landmark book for our times!

When are the sessions?

- Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 pm on July 23, July 30, August 6, and August 20, 2020 via Zoom
- *Themes, Chapters and Links included for each session are:*
 - * July 23 – Guiding Question: What does the work of racial justice mean for us right now? We will focus on Chapters 1 – 3: Is it really about race? What is racism? What if I talk about race wrong? Registration link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckf-GprjItGdVBvm8SbBblMjrhab13hOag>
 - * July 30 – Why am I always being told to “check my privilege?” and What is intersectionality and why do I need it? We will focus on Chapters 4 and 5. Registration link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qcOigqz4rGdSjG9sM3vanW-pSMVOLP7pH>
 - * August 6 – What are some of the educational inequities faced by people of color? We will focus on Chapters 7, 8 and 13: How can I talk about affirmative action? and What is the school-to-prison pipeline? Why are our students so angry? Registration link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcldOmtrjoqGNMf9nZjPNFE83UjrzAl-po>
 - * August 20 – How can we take action? Our final session will focus on Chapter 17: Talking is great, but what else can I do? Registration link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtcOCqrTMrGtTXdZXTOr8bIkmg9s_GYI2
- Prerequisites: Read the Chapters in So You Want to Talk about Race by Ijeoma Oluo listed for discussion prior to each session. (Available on Amazon)
 - * **Can't attend all 4 sessions? That's ok...register and attend the ones that you are able to attend!**
- Additional resources and materials will be posted on the Virginia United Methodist Women website:
<https://www.vaumw.com/events/>
- What format will we use for discussion:
 - * Introduce each session theme with an overview of the topic and key points
 - * Small group discussion in break-out groups to which you will be assigned
 - * Wrap-up time to share your reflections with the whole group.

June, 2020

To: United Methodist Women of the VA Annual Conference
From: Wesley Community Service Center Board of Directors
(Nancy Yarborough, Marta Pizzeck and Melissa White are your UMW representatives)

It's time for the Wesley Community Service Center's Annual PECAN SALE! We are receiving orders NOW...and will continue to process orders until Schermer's Company no longer has them available!

Our annual Schermer's Pecan Sale fundraiser is a wonderful way we as United Methodist Women can support our beloved National Mission Institution, the only one located in Virginia! **All proceeds support Wesley's human service programs for Portsmouth families and children** confronting food insecurity, educational opportunities, income challenges and social isolation. We trust you will want to continue to support our pecan sales as you have so done so faithfully in the past! If you are a Facebook user, be sure to LIKE our Wesley Community Service Center page so you can see all the wonderful things that are happening at the Wesley Center!

In addition to this letter, you are receiving a Pecan Order and Payment Form. We are hopeful that our UMW partners at the Church, Unit and District levels will "pool" your individual orders and submit one order for the number of cases you need. Please indicate the address to **which the Schermer's Company will ship to you, free of cost, your order via UPS!** Please provide an address where someone will be available to receive the order Monday through Friday. (A case = 24 bags. Orders for fewer than a case of pecans, will need be sent to the Wesley Center for the person ordering to pick-up or with the person ordering paying the additional cost of shipping from the Center to you.

Fully paid orders received at the Wesley Center each week will be phoned in each Wednesday to be shipped by the company to the address you indicate in your area each Friday. Remember that orders for one or more case is shipped directly from the company in Georgia free of charge.

For additional information and questions, please email the Center at: renyat-tabanks@gmail.com; or call 757-399-0541.-----

Thank you in advance for your support!



**Wesley Community
Service Center, Inc.**

Pecan Order and Payment Form

Please return to: WCSC, P.O. Box 1396, Portsmouth, VA 23705
Orders will be received until pecans no longer available from Company

Price per 1 lb. bag = \$11.00 Case contains 24 bags = \$264.00
Shipping by case from company is free of charge!

Name of Person submitting order: _____

Church/Unit/District: _____

Address for Delivery*: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of Cases: _____ Total Amount enclosed for Order: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Check made payable to: Wesley Community Service Center Memo line: pecans
Mail payment to: Wesley Community Service Center, P.O. Box 1396, Portsmouth, VA 23705

*We recommend you choose an address for delivery that will be able to receive shipment from UPS Monday through Friday.

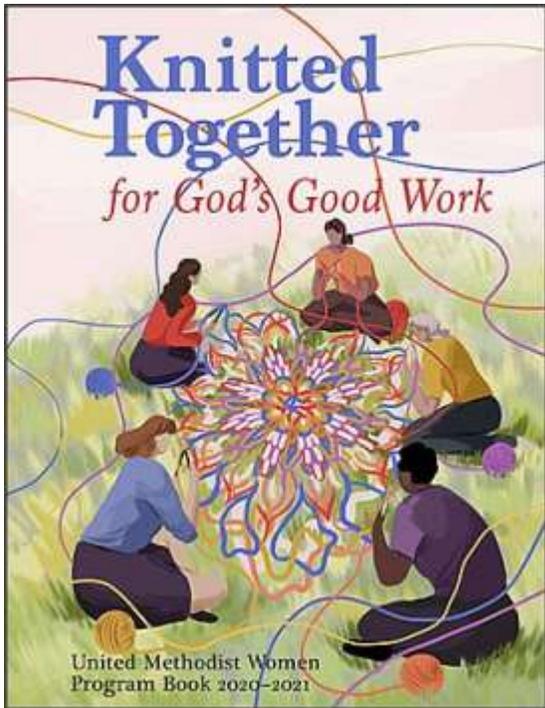


Arlington District United Methodist Women 2020 Calendar

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WOMEN
shall be a
community of
women whose
PURPOSE is to
know GOD and
to experience
FREEDOM as
whole persons
through
JESUS CHRIST;
to develop a
creative,
supportive
FELLOWSHIP;
and to expand
CONCEPTS OF
MISSION
through
participation
in the global
ministries of
the church.

Event	Date
Bi-District Day Apart @ Dumfries UMC	Cancelled
VA Conference Mission Encounter @ Smith Mountain Lake	Cancelled
VA Conference Young Women's Event @ Camp Overlook	Cancelled
VA Conference Social Action Book Discussion via Zoom	July 23, 30 August 6, 20
Arlington District Annual Meeting via Zoom	September 26 at 9 am
VA Conference 48th Annual Meeting—Virtual	October 24
Arlington District Mini Mission @ tbd	November 14 at 9 am



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