



# Mission Tapestry

Arlington District United Methodist Women

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## PURPOSE of the United Methodist Women

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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—February, May, August, and November.

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](http://www.ArlingtonDistrictUMW.org)

## District President's Message

Dear Sisters in Christ,

The New Year brings with it the promise and expectations of new beginnings. Many of us are taking on new jobs in our Units and Districts. As your new District President, I am learning a new job as well. There is a learning curve for any new job, as you settle in and figure out things. The District Team and I are here to help answer any questions you might **have and if we don't know the answer we will do our best to find out.**

We had a good Training Day with 11 Units attending. Andrew Chapel did a great job hosting the event. Thank you all so much. We watched a short video on a family struggling with food insecurity. The video was from a group called Cooking Up a Story and might be something you could use for a program or to start a discussion on hunger.

Presidents, it is census time. This may be news to you and usually takes place in February and **March. If you don't have a Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator, it is your job to see it gets done.** Please look in the MNO packet you picked up at Training Day for the information or in this issue of the Tapestry.

Vice Presidents, this is the time of year, usually February and March, that we do A Call to Prayer and Self Denial. However, you can do it anytime during the year. The program book is a good resource for program planning and has a program on Call to Prayer. I have found programs and ideas for programs on the national UMW web site. It is a great resource.

Please encourage your women to attend District and Conference events this year. Let us know what we can do to make them better. We are on this journey together. We are going to have a great year, getting to know each other, encouraging each other and working together. **May our faith guide us and Christ's teachings motivate us to do the work he has set before us.**

Blessings,  
Doris Douglass

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## Secretary

Janet Keener



*Dear Sisters,*

What a joy to see everyone who came to our Arlington District United Methodist Women Training Day at Andrew Chapel UMC! The worship time was inspiring. In the small group session for Secretary training, we had some very thought provoking sharing. I was very happy to meet some ladies new to me.

**With Spring approaching, we can feel God's love as we anticipate Lent and Easter. We also look forward** to our Arlington District UMW Spiritual Life Retreat in March and the Virginia Conference UMW Spiritual Life Retreat in April - both of which will be held at the 4-H Education Center in nearby Front Royal! In addition, we have the Spring Prayer Breakfast in April with the Bi-District Day Apart in May.

Be sure to mark your calendars to include these inspiring events of learning and sharing with our Lord on our faith journeys. How wonderful to share on local, district, and conference levels!

God Bless,

*Janet*

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JOURNEY  
OF  
*Faith*

## Treasurer

Frances Ellis



March 23, 2017 – UMW 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Day of Giving to The Legacy Fund

Each Day of Giving gift will be matched dollar for dollar!

On March 23, 1869, eight women gathered at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts, and organized the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, what would become United Methodist Women. Those women raised money to send a doctor, Clara Swain, and a teacher, Isabella Thoburn, to India as missionaries to serve the women of that nation.

Celebrate the dedication and foresight of our foremothers in mission as we lead up to our 150th anniversary in 2019.

Across the years, our ministries with women, children, and youth have fed the hungry, healed the sick, educated millions, changed laws and policies, and transformed lives. What a great legacy we have inherited! For almost 150 years, members of United Methodist Women have been putting faith, hope and love into action. And now it is up to each of us to make sure that we do the same for the next 150 years.

Some people ask us why, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, a women's church organization is still relevant.

Because, in the twenty-first century, one in four women will experience domestic violence.

Because, in the twenty-first century, the more hours of television a girl watches, the fewer options she believes she has for her life.

Because, in the twenty-first century, there are more slaves on earth than at *any other time* in the history of humankind.

We are indeed leaving our daughters and granddaughters with a legacy filled with so many challenges **it can seem overwhelming**. **We'd also like to leave them with a different legacy...one that allows** them to address these challenges head on and affect real change.

And how will we fund the next 150 years and beyond?

**We're asking that each member of United Methodist Women commit to two things. We're challenging you to consider the question "what will my legacy be?" The first thing we'd like to ask you to do** is to increase your annual Pledge to Mission every year. This will keep the current work going at the local, district, conference and national levels.

**The second thing we'd like you to do is to consider giving an additional amount to the Legacy Fund.** We would like you to consider giving in amounts that honor the legacy of United Methodist Women. Maybe that is fifteen dollars, or one hundred and fifty, or even fifteen hundred.

**We'd also like for you to prayerfully consider other ways to build the legacy of United Methodist Women.** Maybe you can commit to inviting one woman a month to your unit meeting. Maybe you can commit to providing a ride or even a scholarship to a Mission Encounter event. Maybe you can commit to taking a meal to a new family on a nearby military base. Maybe you can commit to discovering what the needs are in your community and taking one single step forward. Only you know

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what is right for you, but we would like you to commit, on paper, to taking at least one single step **beyond all the amazing work we know you're already doing.** And, as you know, these single steps add up to a legacy transformed.... A world transformed!

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, members of United Methodist Women are breaking the cycle of poverty and abuse. YOU are breaking the cycle of poverty and abuse.

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, members of United Methodist Women are providing safe housing for women. YOU are providing safe housing for women.

And as always, we are already being led by those who have gone before us. We are thrilled that The Legacy Fund Campaign has received over half of its gifts from generous retired missionaries and deaconesses.

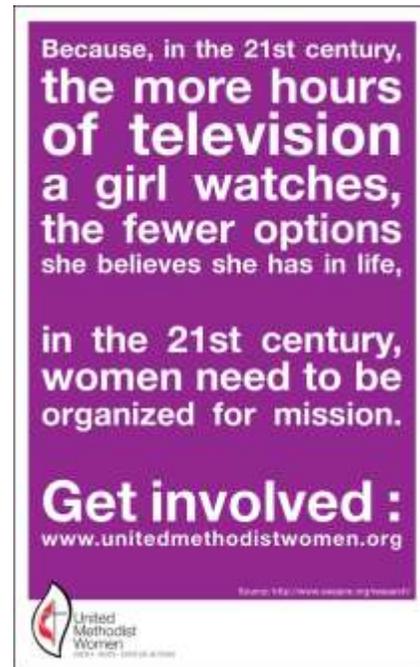
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\*This article is from [Inspiration: Guide for Giving Campaign](#) on the [UnitedMethodistWomen.org](#) website.



Check out our website at



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# Membership Nurture & Outreach

Katy White

It's that time again! Time for membership reporting. Thanks to all of you who did a great job with the new online system last year. With the new system, the national reporting increased from 60% in 2014 to 89% in 2015! We will use it again this year as a great way to share the work of the Arlington UMW with the rest of the country. All reports are due March 30, 2017.

If you need additional support, as well as more information about why we focus so much on reporting membership numbers, I offer these videos from the national office:

Reporting and membership overview: <https://youtu.be/ZAZncrnL6t4>

Completing the Census: <https://youtu.be/OZRC0I-7IMw>

Membership Log: <https://youtu.be/HyfhJ9CDp4g> (this is a new feature that will help capture additional information about your unit and its mission interests.)

Assembly 2018: <https://youtu.be/z5GLxFkPpjA>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give me at call ([804.937.5289](tel:804.937.5289))

All the best,  
Katy

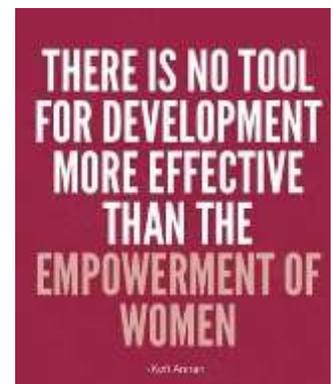


United Methodist Women is the largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members whose mission is fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders and advocating for justice.

Members raise up to \$20 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world.

United Methodist Women and The United Methodist Church's principles and values include:

- Promoting the empowerment of women, children and youth.
- Promoting anti-racism and multiculturalism.
- Promoting inclusion and equity.
- Promoting fair labor practices.
- Promoting economic and environmental stewardship and sustainability.



# Spiritual Growth

Marjorie Long-Brown

## Giving Up or Taking On (2 Peter 1:5)

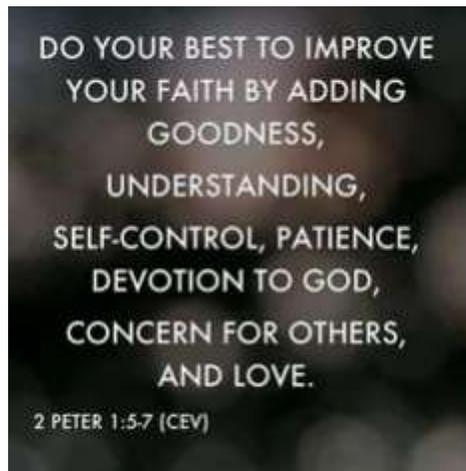
For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge;

It is a tradition in our Christian faith to boast about giving up something for the Lenten season. No more chocolates, movies, or visits to the spa. In some ways we can count this as a sacrifice; however, I would like to suggest that we use these forty days to reassess our faith.

**Remember the old Timex watch that “took a licking and kept on ticking”? Our faith is like that watch.** So many things disrupt our faith and test our commitment to Christian service, but armed with our faith we can be like that old Timex watch. Faith, whether in Lent or throughout our lives, is foundational to belief, trust and service to God.

**Sisters in Christ, I leave with you this challenge: Instead of a sacrificial “giving up for Lent,” increase our love and service to God by living up to our purpose to be in mission to the world.**

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# Social Action

Lisa George

Report from the Social Action Desk –

**Happy New Year Arlington District UMW! We're way past January 1, but 2017 is a new year for us. Many changes already and more to come.**

I went to the United Methodist Day at VA General Assembly last Thursday. It was an incredible experience and I highly recommend it to every United Methodist in the Commonwealth. Just being in the halls of the General Assembly Building with all the hustle and bustle was exciting, but shaking the hand of my Legislative Delegate Kaye Kory was icing on the cake. I was able to talk to her Legislative Aide and expressed my concerns about bills that are pending and how I want Delegate Kory to vote on those bills. Most of them have already died in Committee or Subcommittee but the one that is most important was tabled until next Assembly session. It is the bill proposing that the length of time a person/family can stay on public assistance in the Commonwealth be reduced to 12 months. Poverty is a deep hole to crawl out of, and public assistance for only 12 months is not even enough to build a ladder. I am going to be watching this bill carefully and already know Delegate Kory is against shortening the time on assistance.

**This brings me to the National/Federal level of Government. There's not much I can do to change the laws in this country. I'm just one person, right? Wrong. I am writing letters to my Senator and Congressman every day. I am calling their offices every day. I am sending emails and text messages. Every day. Please join me in this campaign and let your voice be heard! One phone call, one email, one letter can make a difference.**

**Here is the contact information for Senator Kaine and information on how to find out your Congressman's information to write/call them too. I have received a response from Senator Kaine's office for every letter and email I've sent to him. Here's how to contact them –**

The Honorable Tim Kaine  
231 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
202-224-4024  
<https://www.kaine.senate.gov/contact>

To contact your VA Legislator and VA State Senator for your voting district –

Go to <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation> and log on as a registered voter (if you are) or sign-up to be a registered voter (if you're not already), fill in the required information (your address) and get your VA State Legislator and VA State Senator for your voting district. At this site, you can also scroll down and find your U.S. House of Representatives congressman's name and information. If you have trouble with this, please let me know and I will do whatever I can to help you find your elected officials.

Please consider joining me in this campaign. Now is the perfect time to get in contact with your elected officials and let them know what you want them to know. Let your voice be heard! If you have any questions, please let me know. If I don't know the answer I will do my best to find it for you.

Thank you.

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# Education & Interpretation

Beth Meserve

Greetings, ladies!

Welcome to a new year of United Methodist Women. My name is Beth Meserve, and I am new to the District Leadership team this year. I was born and raised in North Carolina, but I have lived in Sterling, VA for the past 28 years and consider it my home now. I was raised Southern Baptist, but began attending Biltmore United Methodist Church while living in Asheville, NC. When we moved to Sterling, we joined Sterling United Methodist Church. Through the invitations (yes, multiple invitations) of friends, I began attending our local United Methodist Women meetings. I found that I have a heart for missions, so the position of Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation is a perfect fit for me.

**It is amazing what we can accomplish for God's work when we work together. One way to keep your unit on the right track is to incorporate the Living Into our Purpose form into your planning.** The items there include many ways to give to missions, both by giving your time, and by giving your money. Use your Prayer Calendar to pray for our missionaries, both home and abroad. The Response magazine holds many stories about our ongoing mission efforts.

**You can be a missionary, yourself. One easy way to spread God's love in our world today is to smile.** As you go about your grocery shopping, smile at others you pass in the store. When you go to the post office, smile at the other patrons. My younger son told me that having someone smile at him instantly brightens his day, particularly if it's been a rough day. **What a simple way to bring joy to another human being, and show them God's love.**

**Another way to spread God's love is to join us in the 100 Days of Prayer for our Nation, initiated by Church Women United, with whom we are affiliated.** From January 20 through April 29, we are encouraging everyone to pray for our nation. Pray for: Unity, Healing, Reconciliation, Tolerance, Equality, Compassion, Perseverance, Justice, Civility, Respect and our Shared Humanity, Fairness, Steadfastness, and Cooperation. You will find more information at [www.churchwomen.org](http://www.churchwomen.org).

As United Methodist Women, our goal is to turn our faith, love and hope into action on behalf of women, children and youth both at home and around the world. If you have any questions, please contact me. I will be happy to help you.

Beth Meserve  
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# Program Resources

Phyllis Kirkman

Hi everyone.

I wish more of you had attended Training Day. However, I will attempt to up-date you somewhat. As many of you know, I am new to this position. My name is Phyllis Kirkman, my phone number is 703-280-1305, my e-mail is [umwspirit@gmail.com](mailto:umwspirit@gmail.com). Please feel free to contact me should the need arise.

At Training Day, I issued a challenge: To have every member in your unit read at least one book. The categories I would most recommend are Education for Mission or Nurturing for Community. Keep in mind that we also have books for children and youth.

Just in case you did not realize it, children and youth are also welcome to participate in a reading program. They receive a certificate if they read 5 books. Children 6 and under may be read to, which will count for both child and adult.

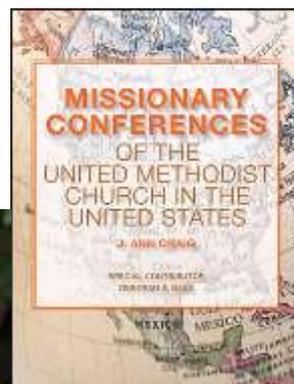
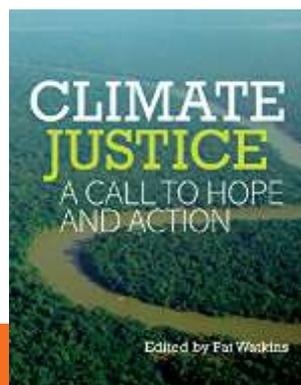
I would also like to make you aware that there are programs connected to our mission studies for children and youth as well.

I hope that each unit does purchase books to promote reading among your members. Some are available through your library; more through the interlibrary loan system. Books can also be requested through the conference lending library; usually by an individual.

Our unit has started a book club which meets once a quarter. This is a good way to encourage others to read the same title and then get together to discuss it. Some of the books will generate quite a discussion.

I wish you a successful year and happy reading!

Phyllis Kirkman  
Secretary of Program Resources



Mission  
Studies

Reading  
Program



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Event	Date
Arlington District UMW Training Day @Andrew Chapel	January 28
UM Day @ General Assembly	February 2
Arlington District Spiritual Life Retreat @ 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal	March 10-11
<b>1st quarter Treasurer's Report due</b>	March 15
Day of Giving-Anniversary of United Methodist Women	March 23
Arlington District UMW Spring Prayer Breakfast @Vale UMC	April 22
VA Conference UMW Spiritual Life Retreat @ 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal	April 28-30
Bi-District UMW Day Apart @Friendship UMC	May 20
UMW Day @ Ferrum College	June 3
<b>2nd quarter Treasurer's Report due</b>	June 15
VA Annual Conference @ Hampton	June 16-18
UMW Breakfast @ Conference	June 17
Mission Encounter @ Bon Air UMC, Richmond	July 28-29
<b>3rd quarter Treasurer's Report due</b>	September 15
VA Conference Young Women's Event @ Camp Overlook, Harrisonburg	September 15-16
Arlington District UMW Annual Meeting @ Arlington Temple	September 23
VA Conference UMW 45 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting @ Trinity UMC, Richmond	October 28
Arlington District UMW Mini-Mission Encounter @ tbd	November 11

Arlington District  
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Arlington District  
United Methodist Women  
**Spiritual Life Retreat - March 10-11, 2017**  
Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center  
Front Royal, VA



600 4H Center Dr., Front Royal, VA 22630



“The Right Clothes” Colossians 3: 12-15

**Retreat Leader: Rev. Seounyoung Kim**  
District Superintendent of York River District



A native of South Korea, Kim graduated from Sookmyung Women’s University in Seoul where she received her B.S. in Physics. She came to the United States to study Computer Science at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa. During her study toward a Ph.D., she was called into Christian ministry as pastor and moved to Washington, DC to attend Wesley Theological Seminary, where she received her M.Div. She was ordained a deacon in 1999 and elder in 2003. She became the first Korean woman ordained in the Virginia Conference.

#### Retreat Schedule

##### March 10

3:00 pm – Registration  
4:00 pm – Gathering  
5:00 – 5:25pm – Worship  
5:45-6:45pm – Dinner  
7:30-9:00pm – Session I

##### March 11

7:45am – Breakfast  
8:30am – Arrival of Half-day  
Participants & Worship  
9:00 – 10:45am – Session II  
11:30am – Lunch  
12:00-1:00pm – Session III  
1:15-2:00pm – Closing Worship &  
Communion

**Register Early! Limited Availability!**

#### Spiritual Life Retreat Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Retreat (\$90.00 includes lodging and 3 meals) Friday 3:00pm – Saturday 2:00pm

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Only (\$42.00 includes lunch only) Saturday 8:30am-2pm

\_\_\_\_\_ Special Dietary Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Please send registration form and payment by March 1 to Frances Ellis, 2933 Fox Mill Rd., Oak Hill, VA 20171

Make check payable to Arlington District UMW



Arlington District  
United Methodist Women  
Spring Prayer Breakfast

## “COMMUNITY IN MISSION”

SPEAKER: Joanna Dietz – Minister of Mission & Service at Braddock Street UMC, Winchester

Please join us for an exciting day of fellowship, prayer, food, music, and mission as we learn more about reaching out to others in need as a community of women in faith.

APRIL 22, 2017

9:00 a.m. – Noon

Breakfast & Child Care Provided

VALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
11528 Vale Rd., Oakton, VA 22124

# Save the Date

**VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

## **Spiritual Life Retreat**

**April 28 – 30, 2017**



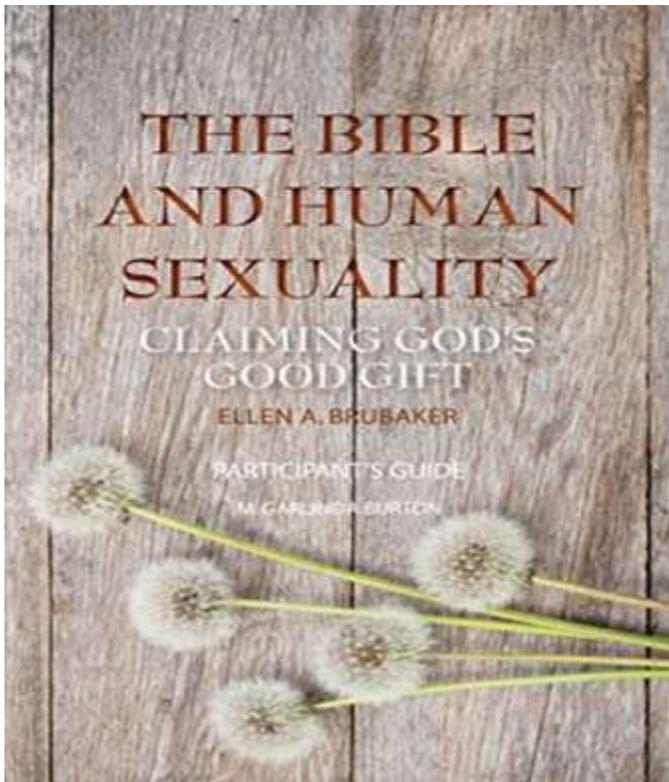
## **The Spirituality of Relationships**

Retreat Leader:

**Rev. Dr. J. Denise Honeycutt**

Executive Director, Center for Mission Innovations  
United Methodist Global Ministries

Northern Virginia 4H Center  
Front Royal, VA



Arlington & Alexandria  
 United Methodist Women  
 Bi-District Day Apart

May 20, 2017

9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Friendship UMC

3517 Gallows Rd., Falls Church, VA

Cost: \$15.00 includes Registration and Lunch

Speakers

Rev. Dr. Rob Vaughn

Esther Barkat

Explore the Bible and human sexuality as two essential components of our Christian faith. The Bible is part of the foundation of our faith. Human sexuality is part of who we are as human beings, created by God and called good.

Bi-District Day Apart Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Care Needed - Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of children: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form and check for \$15.00 made out to Arlington District UMW.

Mail to Frances Ellis, 2933 Fox Mill Rd., Oak Hill, VA 20171-1527

Deadline to register is May 5, 2017