

# United Methodist Women

West Market Street United Methodist Church

## UPDATE

May 10, 2010



**Assembly 2010**  
**St. Louis, Missouri**  
**Faith. Hope.**  
**Love in Action!**

About 150 United Methodist Women (and men!) from our Western North Carolina Conference joined about 7,000 others from across the country and even around the world in attending Assembly 2010 in St. Louis, Missouri - April 29 - May 2. It was a great weekend...full of inspiration, fellowship, expanding our horizons, and yes...fun! **WOW!**



Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women at Assembly 2010

### From the President...

As I write this I am looking forward to our luncheon on May 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be celebrating and honoring 16 infants with Gifts to Mission...and we hope that several of our honorees and their mothers will be with us! It is a wonderful tradition that we look forward to every year. A list of those special children, and the sponsors honoring them with a Gift to Mission is included in this Update. Many thanks to all of our sponsors, and to Laura Judy and Leah Overman for coordinating this special celebration of our babies! Those Gifts to Mission will go to support mission projects and mission personnel around the world that work to make a difference in the lives of women, children & youth.

I hope you will make plans to attend one or more of the United Methodist Women events that are coming up this summer. Each event is a GREAT way to expand your concepts of mission, and enjoy the fellowship of other United Methodist Women from

across our conference, and our Greensboro District. The School of Christian Mission is right here in Greensboro at Greensboro College...with several choices about how you can participate...even for one day! Let's have a big group from West Market! I will be glad to share more information with you about any of the events...just give me a call at 207-3479! We always have some folks going from West Market...and there is always room for YOU!!

I just returned from the United Methodist Women Assembly in St. Louis, Missouri. It was a GREAT weekend! Assembly happens every four years, and this was the 5th Assembly that I have attended. Each one is a new and exciting experience, and it is always inspiring to be surrounded by so many faith-filled Christian women. Just singing & worshipping together with 7,000 United Methodist Women is a special treat! I know at least a couple of you watched some of the live webcast from the Assembly...that

was an exciting new opportunity. Another new opportunity was a large computer lab in the interactive experience hall with workshops on connecting & using social media. I was privileged to teach two workshops on *Using Facebook for United Methodist Women*...it was fun! Lots of news, video, and photos from the Assembly are being shared on the new United Methodist Women website at [www.umwmission.org](http://www.umwmission.org), on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/umwomen](http://www.facebook.com/umwomen), through our conference UMW website at [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org), and on our conference UMW Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/wnccumw](http://www.facebook.com/wnccumw). Check those out!

Thank you for your commitment to mission as a member of United Methodist Women. Through that commitment, YOU are making a difference, every day, in the lives of women, children, and youth around the world. Have a great summer!

Shalom, Lynne Gilbert

### UPCOMING UMW EVENTS...JOIN US!

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT** - Lake Junaluska - June 18-19. Theme: *Grounded in Love*. No advance registration is required...you can still decide to go!

**SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION** - Greensboro College - July 15-18. Registration Deadline: June 21st. Theme: *Faith. Hope. Love in Action*. Mission Studies: For the Love of God: The Epistles of John; Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity; and The Beauty & Courage of Sudan. Attend as a full-time student (nonresident cost is \$35.00) or attend a one-day overview(\$15.00). Registration forms are available from Lynne Gilbert.

**ANNUAL MEETING** - Lake Junaluska - September 10, 11 & 12. Theme: *Faith. Hope. Love in Action*. Housing reservations can be mailed on or after July 1, 2010...contact Lynne Gilbert for a reservation form.

**More information** about each of these events is also available on our conference UMW website. Check it out at:

[www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org)



## Our Mission Giving...



A Report from Our Treasurer

(Based on Gifts Received through April 30, 2010)

Amount Pledged	\$7,688.00
Number of Members Pledging	84
Amount Paid on Pledges	\$5,127.00
Circle Special Projects	\$276.50
Special Mission Recognition/ Gift to Mission/Gift in Memory	\$165.00
Call to Prayer & Self Denial	\$307.00
Prayer Shawl Ministry	\$30.00

**Have you made your pledge to mission for 2010?** It is not too late. Talk to your circle treasurer, or contact Norma Funderburk. **Thank you for your Mission Giving. YOU make mission possible!**

Norma Funderburk, Treasurer; Phone: 379-9257;  
Email: [nfunderburk@triad.rr.com](mailto:nfunderburk@triad.rr.com)

### Hands-On Mission Projects: UMCOR Health Kits UMCOR Birthing Kits

The hands-on mission projects this year at the **Spiritual Growth Retreat** (June 18-19) and the **School of Christian Mission** (July 15-18, Greensboro College) will be **UMCOR Health Kits** and **UMCOR Birthing Kits**. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) ships health kits, birthing kits, and other relief kits around the world...providing basic necessities for persons in need, often because of natural disaster and war. There is an especially high and continuing need this year because of the earthquake in Haiti.

**Would you and/or your circle be willing to prepare a kit** for us to take to the School of Christian Mission? Each circle leader has received a handout with details about preparing health kits and birthing kits.

Just let Lynne Gilbert (207-3479) know if you are preparing a kit. If no one in your circle is planning to attend the School of Christian Mission, Lynne will be glad get it from you and deliver it.



## Infants Honored with GIFTS TO MISSION at our May Luncheon

Gifts to Mission through United Methodist Women were made in honor of each of these children.

Gift to Mission is one of the five channels of undesignated Mission Giving. The Mission Giving of United Methodist Women makes a difference in the lives of women, children and youth around the world.

### Infant names and Sponsors:

**Molly Caroline Anderson** – Lynn Jones

**John Augustine** – Circle 7

**Christopher Russ Bost** – Carolyn Russ

**Jackson Crown Callahan** – Diane Druce

**Walker Clark** – Elizabeth Fisher and Circle 2

**Max Covington-Chavez** – Circle 6

**Stella Farney** – Circle 7

**Brooks Hitchcock** – Circle 1

**Hmira Hoang** – Circle 4

**Samuel Kluttz** – Becky Brown, Circle 2 and Circle 8

**Robert Lanier** – Circle 4

**Isaac Benjamin Maxwell** – Circle 5

**Wyatt Medlin** – Circle 5

**Nicholas Daniel Sanders** – Barbara Sanders and Circle 6

**Adam Takas** – Circle 6

**Caroline Wall** – Miriam Wall and Circle 6



## United Methodist Women...

### Did you know?

**Did you know...** that almost 700 United Methodist Women arrived one day early for Assembly 2010, and spent an entire day serving in mission in agencies and communities all over St. Louis? It was called an Ubuntu Day of Service. **Ubuntu** is an African word. Archbishop Desmond Tutu describes the meaning like this: "One of the sayings in our country is Ubuntu - the essence of being human. Ubuntu speaks particularly about the fact that you can't exist as a human being in isolation. It speaks about our interconnectedness. You can't be human all by yourself, and when you have this quality - Ubuntu - you are known for your generosity. We think of ourselves far too frequently as just individuals, separated from one another, whereas you are connected and what you do affects the whole world. When you do well, it spreads out; it is for the whole of humanity."



### GREENSBORO DISTRICT UMW ANNUAL MEETING

August 24, 2010 - College Place United Methodist Church - 6:00pm Dinner; 7:00pm Program/Meeting. Reservation information will be available from Lynne Gilbert.

### PLANNING DATES FOR 2010

June 18/19	Spiritual Growth Retreat, Lake Junaluska
July 15-18	School of Christian Mission, Greensboro College
August 24	Greensboro District UMW Annual Meeting/Dinner, College Place UMC
Sept. 10-12	Annual Meeting, Lake Junaluska
October 4	UMW Executive Meeting
<b>October 4</b>	<b>UMW General Meeting</b>
Nov. 21	Greensboro District UMW Officer Training for Local Officers, Grace UMC
December 6	UMW Executive Meeting
<b>December 6</b>	<b>UMW General Meeting</b>

**The PURPOSE of United Methodist Women** - The organized unit of 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.