



# Hi-Flyer

## Atlanta Decatur Oxford District

North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women

### Message from our President



As I review the history of the UMW, I find that the local units were intentional about organizing their young ladies and being a role model for them. I have to ask the question: **Have we been intentional in working with the young ladies in our churches? Have we invited them to become a part of our ministry? Have we gone the extra mile? Do we share with the young women what it is that we do as UMW?** "The mission we do is powerful."

In the late 1800's and the 1900's, Methodist women were organizing youth groups in their churches. We have to know our history so we can continue to build on the legacy that has gotten us to this point where we can tell people that we belong to a group of Christian women that is 850,000 strong. We are able to reach around the world and do the mission work that is needed because we embrace the great commission of Jesus Christ to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, and He will be with us forever and ever to the end of the age. If it is of God, no one can stop us.

I believe in our purpose and will continue to work to build the **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN and the mission we do**. I want to encourage you to let God touch you—deeply, and you touch the life of youth and young adults in your church. Use the fruits of the spirit in your everyday life: show **love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law**" (Galatians 5:22-26). Remember that we are **"Doing a New Thing"** this year. It is time for us to turn the page, and we can't do it without our youth and young adults.

Showers of Blessings,  
 Juanita Mullins  
 ADOX District President

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### Coming Events in 2013

- September 21 ADO UMW Fall Retreat, Crossroads UMC, Conyers
- October 5 NGC UMW Annual Meeting, Douglasville First UMC
- October 20 ADO UMW Annual Meeting, Columbia Drive UMC
- November 2 NGC UMW Officer Training, Buford First UMC
- November 16 ADO UMW Officer Training, Stone Mountain First UMC
- December 7 ADO UMW Board Meeting, Lithonia First UMC
- April 25-27 2014 UMW Assembly, Louisville, Kentucky

### "Doing a New Thing"



"Behold, I am doing a new thing, now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19

## News from the Atlanta-Decatur-Oxford District



### Youth and Young Adult Workshop

By Jadah B. Hardeman, Atlanta Decatur Oxford Youth

On July 13, our district had a Youth and Young Adult workshop. It was held at Ousley United Methodist Church. We had 37 people there. Mrs. Yolanda Bivins, a model gave us some tips on how to carry ourselves as young ladies. She talked to us about how to apply makeup, about good nutrition, setting a formal dinner table, how to get in and out of a car, how to arrange our closet to help us be more organized and how to conduct our selves at a job interview. We asked several questions about things we did not know about. We talked about how to use good etiquette when we are out to dinner and what silverware to use. We received a packet to take home with us. We also got lots of sample makeup.

I talked with the girls who went to this event. They said they gained a lot of information from the workshop and it would be something they can use in the future. They also said that the Methodist Men need to do some workshops with the boys to teach them a thing or two.

Mrs. Bivins and her husband are members of Ousley. She began her modeling career at the age of 18 in New York City. She did runway shows and worked Fashion Week on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. She appeared in fashion shows for major department stores. She appeared in ads for the *NY Times Magazine*, *Jet* and *Ebony*, Macy's, Bloomingdale's and Lord & Taylor. Several years later, she was hired as a modeling instructor at the Hudson Modeling School where she taught runway walking/pivots, makeup, nail care, nutrition, exercise, etiquette, wardrobe, interviewing, agency fees, headshots, composite/contact, and resume preparation.

We want to thank Mrs. Bivins and Mrs. Rutheen Majette-Nejad, Membership, Nurture & Outreach and the ADOX District for planning something special for us.

### Social Action and Women's Awareness at Grace Covington UMC

By Jadah B. Hardeman, Grace Covington Youth Member

On July 27, we held our Social Action Program on Women's Awareness. We had an excellent group of women, men, youth and children attending. We opened our program with a sing along and praise and then we had a dramatization of the Lord's Prayer done by Mary Hudgens and her granddaughter. The scripture was read by Mrs. Erica Sellers, which was 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 3:1-5.

Two ladies who attended the North Georgia Conference UMW Social Action program gave an overview of the program. Ms. Marie Davis talked about the environment. She shared many things we can do at home and at church to help save our environment and Ms. Barbara Brown discussed prison ministry. She has been a part of this ministry for about 11 years. One of our youth, Tyra Glover, led us in song. Mrs. Sabrina Glover introduced our key note speaker. She was Deputy Sharron Stewart from the Newton County Sheriff's Department. She has been in the criminal justice field for about 14 years. Deputy Stewart discussed human trafficking in the county and shared with us that Atlanta is known as the leading city in human trafficking. She also discussed senior citizens abuse, and they see a lot of that in some of the home care facilities that are in the county. Another topic was women incarceration. She told us that they now have more than 60 women in jail and sometimes they are in jail because they are taking the blame for a boy friend. We had a question and answer section and the group was very much involved in the discussion. She left pamphlets for us giving us tips on how to practice personal safety for women when shopping, traveling and at home. We also got a handout about being safe on the Internet entitled *Living Life Online*.

Our Social Action Program was very successful if I do say so myself. We hope we are helping to inform the people in our church about the things that are going on in our community. The main goal was to learn about the community services offered through our sheriff's department and to know that they are there working with us to prevent crime.

**Cedar Grove UMW Women's Day Celebrations**  
Submitted by Valerie Willis, Cedar Grove UMW President

Cedar Grove UMW invited others to join them in August for their Women's Day celebrations, "Women Lifting Prayers and Praises to God." On August 3rd, Reverend Kathi R. Chavous, from Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Atlanta, spoke at our prayer breakfast, and on August 18th, Senator Gail Davenport, who represents Georgia State Senate District 44, spoke at the 11 o'clock worship service. We were so blessed to have two dynamic speakers. Both programs were very powerful and the Word of God lifted our spirits. Our program included an awesome praise dance with the combined talents of our little girls and our older adult women. We heard two heart wrenching testimonies from young ladies in our church: one was about God's love and grace through adoption, and the other was about how your faith is tested and restored while serving in the Armed Forces. At our Prayer Breakfast, we sent our guests forth with a blessing to "lift their wings, and let God transform their life" by releasing butterflies in the sky on our church lawn.

The Esther Dorcas UMW is excited about our upcoming planning retreat in November, where we plan to continue to glorify God in 2014 with activities that instill our purpose and our mission as United Methodist Women.



**Mississippi Bishop James E. Swanson at Ousley UMC Men's Day in August**  
Submitted by Janice Walker for Ousley Communications Committee



The United Methodist Men of Ousley UMC hosted Men's Day 2013 on Sunday, August 25. The theme of this year's celebration was "Christian Men Stepping Out on Faith".

Chairman of Men's Day 2013, Dwayne Bynum, explained that the annual event highlights the work of the Men at Ousley United Methodist as they live out their mission of "Reaching Every Man," but he emphasized that "this year's message ...is not only for the men of our community. It is relevant and timely for one and all: male and female, young and old. It is time for each of us to step out on faith in our lives!"

**Around Columbia Drive UMW**  
Submitted by Alma Garrette, Columbia Drive UMW President

The Columbia Drive United Methodist Women are doing a new thing; we have implemented an Internet Circle, "Women in Christ," who meet the first Saturday of each month via the Internet. Once each quarter they meet at a designated location to go over all upcoming activities and projects for the next quarter. This circle is made up of working women, who because of work related responsibilities can't always meet during the usual early evening hours, but can meet later in the evening via the internet. These women are very supportive of and are committed to the purpose of United Methodist Women.

The Unit comes together once a month on Sunday immediately following worship service for fellowship, and a light lunch, followed by the monthly program and group concerns and discussion. Having the meeting on Sundays has given us an opportunity to reach out to the younger women of our church.



**Mountain Park UMW Has a Busy Summer**  
Submitted by Cindy Rikard, Mountain Park UMW President

Mtn. Park UMW had a busy summer that started off with partnering with our UMM to collect assigned items for the NGUMC flood buckets. Our congregation was very generous in this effort. On Father's day, our unit handed out home-made brownies to all the men in the church. June 29th was the day we held our Mission Study on Poverty with Alice Smith as our speaker. We had 36 in attendance and provided a light lunch. In July, our Kareers n Kids circle lead the church in gathering backpacks and schools supplies. We received 102 backpacks and enough supplies to stock 87 of them. These were distributed between our Lilburn Co-op and Gwinnett DFACS. All our circles participated in donating time to preparing sandwiches and lunch bags for the Smart Lunch, Smart Kid program through Action Ministries. Our church was a distribution center for our area and provided 12,000 lunches. The summer program was led by one of our own - Meredith Everett. Great job Meredith!! Many thanks to Lauren Spikes, from our new young women's circle, for attending the Young Women's Task Force meeting through the NGUMW.

**United Methodist Women  
District Fall Retreat**

**Crossroads United Methodist Church  
2460 Highway 138 NE  
Conyers, GA  
September 21, 2013  
8:30 am until 12:00 pm**

**Please Print**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Lunch (select one): Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ Club/Turkey/ Ham \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \$10.00 includes Registration and Meal

Registration Deadline: September 16, 2013

**WORKSHOPS**

Select two workshops (1 per hour)

9:25 -10:20a.m.

10:25 – 11:20a.m.

1. Nutrition		
2. Spiritual growth/ meditated prayers		
3. Line dancing		
4. Human Trafficking		

**Make check out to: ADOX UMW**

**Mail registration form with check to: Maxine Grant, ADOX Secretary**

**1220 Berryhill Drive**

**Lithonia, GA 30058**

**770-482-2121**

**[maxinecgrant@yahoo.com](mailto:maxinecgrant@yahoo.com)**



### Social Action Message

Submitted by Iris Green, Social Action Coordinator

#### Our Task

Continue working to **Save** women and children from traffickers,  
becoming aware by **Opening** our eyes to see injustice being done to others.

We are all **Children of God**, made in His image.

Elected leaders must hear our concerns. Be **Involved** in letter/petition writing to your representatives.

In knowing God, we **Always** remember that Christ is with us.

Seeking wisdom, we can **Learn** to stand up for those that are marginalized and oppressed.

Let us **Advocate** for changes in unjust laws.

As UMW, we answer the **Call** to be in mission to women and children.

Pray about the situation and **Trust** God.

Choose an **Issue** that interest you.

Knowledge is **p Ower**. Learn about the problem.

There will always be **Need** for action.

As Social Action persons, let us continue working until, as *Amos* 5:24 states

***"Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream."***

### Education and Interpretation Report

Submitted by Cassie Ruger,  
Education and Interpretation Coordinator



A special THANKS to all who participated in the Mission 'u' event. We are so proud of the ADOX District for having the most participants. I had the pleasure to attend this event at Athens First UMC. The facility was beautiful and accessible to everyone. I was very fortunate to have two youth from my church to attend this event. They were very excited and had a wonderful fellowship time with other youth.

Our theme for this year was "Learning Together for the Transformation of the World" with around 200 participants, including youth and children. The studies for the event were *The Call: Living Sacramentally*, *Walking Justly*, *The Roma of Europe*, *Poverty*, and the Children and Youth Study on migration, *Leaving Home*, *Finding Home*. The study leaders really poured themselves into presenting the information and involving the students to give their all. Also, the worship time was very moving, both before the classes and at the end of the event.

I participated in the class on *The Call: Living Sacramentally*, *Walking Justly* and it left me pondering these questions: Do you remember your baptism? How do you explore the scripture? How do you see your Holy Communion? Do we share with others what God has done for us? How do I answer the call? What does the call mean?

Study the scripture and ask God to shape your prayers to receive what God wants for you. Through faith the call was answered by the following believers: ABRAHAM, MOSES, SAMUEL, JONAH, MARTHA, SAUL, MOTHER TERESA, ROSA PARKS - **You** and **I** can be added to the list to answer the CALL. I encourage **you** to have these studies with your United Methodist Women's group. A list of persons willing to teach Mission Studies for 2013-2014 can be found in page 8 of this newsletter and also in the latest issue of *The Reflector*.



**Atlanta Decatur Oxford District Upcoming Events**  
Submitted by Alma Garrette, ADOX UMW Vice-President

**District Fall Retreat**, Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30a.m., at Crossroads UMC, 2460 Highway 138 NE, Conyers 30013. The following workshops will be available:

Janie Deadwyler, a member of Columbia Drive UMC, will be the facilitator for **Human Trafficking**. Why Human Trafficking? It's to draw attention to efforts to eradicate modern-day slavery and how it affects women and children, especially young girls. Trafficking includes forcing people into prostitution or other forms of sexual exploitation, illegal adoptions, and early marriages.

Jeanell Spence-Settles will lead our **Meditative Prayer** Workshop. Ms. Settles is a member of Warren Temple United Methodist Church on the LaGrange District. Her study will be an exploration of making meditation your daily prayer through meditative techniques and the art of journaling. We look forward to all of you signing up to increase your meditative prayer life.



Nutrition Directions, Inc. facilitator will focus on **Nutrition for Life** covering areas of concerns that affect girls and women; i.e. diabetes, heart disease, healthy eating habits, etc.

Back by popular demand is **Line Dancing**. Ms. V. Michelle Douglas a member of Columbia Drive UMC will lead the women through various routines.



**Annual Meeting**, Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00p.m., at Columbia Drive UMC, 2067 Columbia Drive, Decatur 30032. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Eric Powell, Wesley Chapel; Covington, GA. Rev. Powell has been a long-time supporter of United Methodist Women, participating at Mission U and working with youth and adults. Rev. Sharma Lewis, ADOX District Superintendent, will install the new officers.

**ADOX Officer Training/Mini Mission Study**, Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30a.m., at Stone Mountain First UMC. All incoming officers should be in attendance.

**Registration form for the Retreat is on page 4.**



**Youth and Young Adult Workshop**

Submitted by Rutheen Majette-Nejad, Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator

A special "Thank You" to all who worked so willingly to make the Youth and Young Adult Workshop in July a tremendous success. We had 37 attendees. I must say "hat's off" to Yolanda Bivins for sharing her skills and expertise in the world of fashion, etiquette, interviewing techniques and much more with those beautiful girls and young women. All of us left more knowledgeable and we can now share with others.

Thanks also to our past North Georgia UMW President Delores Carhee for her presentation and to District President Juanita Mullins for working diligently to always keep ADOX #1 in NGC.

**From the Desk of the Secretary of Program Resources**

Submitted by Marie D. Davis

As Secretary of Program Resource, I have ordered materials for 2014. Some of you ordered your materials in advanced. Please come to the Fall Retreat ready to pick up your orders. I will have them bagged and set aside for your local unit. All preordered materials must be picked up at that time. I will have some extra materials on hand for those who did not place an order. It is exciting to know that our local units are working together to fulfill our purpose as United Methodist women.



## North Georgia Conference UMW News

### Mission Opportunity at Annual Meeting on October 5

This year at the NGC UMW Annual Meeting at Douglasville First UMC we will not be doing or collecting a hands-on UMCOR mission project. Instead, we will be taking up a special offering to support our National Mission Institutions. Many conferences are not home to even one National Mission Institution, and in North Georgia we boast five! On October 5 we are asking each United Methodist Women in the conference to donate at least \$5.00 to support the National Mission Institutions in North Georgia:

- Clark Atlanta University
- Murphy Harpst Children's Center
- New Bethlehem Center, Augusta
- Paine College
- Wesley Community Centers, Atlanta

*Nearly 100 National Mission Institutions in the United States supported by United Methodist Women's giving are empowering women, caring for children, educating and building youth, looking after the neglected, advocating for social justice issues, creating economic opportunities and changing neighborhoods.*

Checks can be mailed to ADOX UMW Treasurer Jo Robinson and she will send them to the Conference.

### Let Juanita know if you would like to ride a chartered bus to the Annual Meeting and send bus fare to Jo by September 15th



We have people who are interested in riding the bus to Douglasville. Please get your names in early. We are assigning seats as you send me your name. The cost of the bus ride is \$20.00 per person. We will make two stops. The bus will start in Covington, make a stop at Ousley, and then go on to Douglasville. Please come to the place that is closest to you. Your **fee is due by September 15**. You should send your money to Jo and mark it for bus to Douglasville. We can take 8 youth with us free of charge, so get those names in to me as soon as possible. Let's make this a fun trip as we sit back and leave the driving to a professional. Looking to hear from you soon. As of now, we have 8 adults and 2 youth.

Contact Juanita at [nita1949@bellsouth.net](mailto:nita1949@bellsouth.net)  
or 770-786-7539

Send money to Jo Robinson (checks made out to ADOX UMW)  
143 Pinecrest Ave., Decatur, GA 30030

**For more information about North Georgia Conference UMW activities**

See the NGC UMW Website

<http://ngumw.org/>

OR

Read the NGC UMW newsletter, *The Reflector*

<http://ngumw.org/pages/detail/2241>

OR

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Mail form with check to: Elaine Mathews, 117 Moudy Lane, Eatonton, GA 31024

"DOING A NEW THING"



*Behold, I am doing a new thing, now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19*

North Georgia Conference  
United Methodist Women  
**Annual Meeting**  
Douglasville First UMC  
6167 Prestley Mill Rd  
Douglasville, GA 30134  
770-942-3146

**OCTOBER 5, 2013**

**9:30am – 2:00 pm**

**Please Print**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Church \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Check Age Group Teen  20  30  40  50+

First time attending UMW Annual Meeting? Yes  No

Are you a guest of the Conference? Yes  No

The Registration deadline is September 16, 2013.

\$20.00 Meeting and Luncheon, prior to September 16, 2013 Check # \_\_\_\_\_

\$10.00 Meeting only, prior to September 16, 2013.

*There will be a \$10 late fee for registrations received after September 16, 2013.*

Make checks payable to NGCUMW. (NO REFUNDS)

**Registrar:** Memoree Emerson

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**You can now register  
online at:  
[www.ngumw.org](http://www.ngumw.org)**

**Annual Meeting Agenda:**

8:30am – 9:30am — Registration  
9:30am – 12:00 pm — Business Meeting  
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm — Lunch  
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm — Awards Luncheon

**Free Childcare** will be provided. Deadline to reserve is September 16, 2013. Please pack a lunch for each child.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

## Persons Willing to Teach Mission Studies for 2013-2014

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## United Methodist Women General Conference News



Assembly 2014: Louisville

**April 25 - 27**

**Early registration has begun!**

**For details about special rates, or to register online go to:**

<http://new.gbqm-umc.org/umw/news/events/item/index.cfm?id=1143>

### **Make It Happen: Faith, Hope and Love in Action**

At the 2014 Assembly, we will celebrate, share sisterhood and remind one another how faith hope and love in action turns the impossible into reality every day. In more than 100 workshops, women will help one another reach new heights in spiritual growth; develop leadership skills; cultivate new ways to strengthen our mission work; and learn more about environmental sustainability and best practices for incorporating these principles into our daily lives when we return home.

We are committed to creating systems and practices at Assembly 2014 that are good for the earth and its peoples. Program resources, souvenirs, exhibits, paper usage and more will look different because of this commitment. Please share this with your conference and be proud that United Methodist Women cares enough to challenge itself to change.

### **You Can Help Make It Happen**

- Bring your own reusable water bottle and fill it up at the faucet or purchase one at Assembly.
- Carpool or take public transportation to the event.
- Bring your own utensils. While silverware is available at KICC, using your own utensils is far more sustainable.
- Be open to change our awareness, actions and habits!

### **Scripture**

The biblical foundation for Assembly 2014 is the feeding of the 5,000 found in *Mark 6:30-44*.

### **Offering**

The 2014 Assembly Offering will go toward maternal health and environmental justice. United Methodist Women sees these important issues as inextricably linked and critical for the thriving of women, children and youth. These offerings will further our vision of a world in which mothers and their children can be nourished by clean water, air and soil, in which food is free of dangerous chemicals and our health care systems provide equal care for all of God's people.

**If you cannot attend the Assembly, here is one way you can still participate**

### **Call for Prayer Shawls and Baby Blankets**

**Calling all United Methodist Women members with knitting, crocheting or sewing skills! Create prayer shawls and baby blankets for those in need!**

**In the months preceding Assembly, United Methodist Women members should take completed prayer shawls and baby blankets to their local churches to be blessed. Send the shawls and blankets to Linda C. Douglas, United Methodist Women, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 1504, New York, NY 10115 by March 1, 2014.**

### **Spread the Word**

Visit <http://new.gbqm-umc.org/umw/assembly/> and download, distribute and post the promotional materials available there. Help spread the word by asking "Will you Make It Happen at Assembly 2014?" We hope so!