



# Hi-Flyer

## Atlanta Decatur Oxford District

North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women

### Message from our President



Good Morning,

The ADOX District is preparing for a very busy fall. I hope you have your calendars ready to participate in all activities this fall. On October 4th, we have the Conference Annual meeting at Bethlehem UMC on Highway 11. It is a short drive for our district so plan to come and bring your youth. October 19th, we will be at Avondale Pattillo for our District Annual Meeting.

We will have a church count for the 2014 attendance plaque. Also we will install new officers for the 2015-2016 year. This is a good looking slate of officers so please come to let them know they have your support. I must say that the ADOX district has been very supportive of the district work and we are looking forward to bigger and greater things. The goal is always to involve more children, youth and young adults. We hope we will be able to add a person as a representative for youth and young adults to the district. God is good and we know that He has endorsed the United Methodist Women and the mission work that we do.

I am now completing my 12<sup>th</sup> year on the district and I must say it has been rewarding. We had a team that pulled together and they were committed to getting the work done. It is a blessing to have all hands pulling together. Thessalonians tells us we are the glory and joy of Jesus and we should always be encouraging. Thank you for being a blessing to others.

Juanita Mullins  
ADOX District President

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.....you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8 (NIV)

Coming Events	
October 4	NGC UMW Annual Meeting, Bethlehem UMC, Athens
October 19	ADOX UMW Annual Meeting, Avondale Pattillo UMC
November 1	NGC UMW Leadership Development, Smyrna UMC
November 15	ADOX UMW Officer Training & Mini Mission, Conyers 1st UMC
December 6	ADOX UMW Executive Board, Redan UMC
February 14	Presidents' Breakfast, Whites Chapel

## News from the Atlanta-Decatur-Oxford District

### ADOX UMW Nominations Committee Slate of Officers for 2015

The Nominations Committee has presented the following slate of district officers for 2015.

President .....	Kathryn Lyn Cook *
Vice President .....	Cassie Ruger *
Secretary .....	Maxine Grant
Treasurer .....	Jo Robinson
Spiritual Growth .....	Mary Cannon *
Education and Interpretation .....	Jo Harbert *
Membership Nurture Outreach .....	Rutheen Majette-Nejad
Program Resources .....	Lesma Gunn
Communications .....	Lauren Spikes *
Latino Coordinator .....	Isabel DeSousa
Parliamentarian .....	Louise Adams
Historian .....	Linda Flanigan
Committee on Nominations, Chair .....	Ann Russell
Committee on Nominations:	Martha Marks, Truett Thedford, Sandy Kruger, Valerie Willis, Emily Grossman, Dorothy Gray

- New nominees are marked with an asterisk.

... And we have a new "baby on Board" this year.

We celebrate with Isabel DeSousa the birth of her daughter Luisel.



### Local Unit End of Year Reports

25 units turned in their end of year report to Juanita.

- We lost 31 members this year. We thank God for their dedication and commitment to their local units.
- We had 151 readers
- 5 gold units
- 15 silver
- 5 mission today
- 21 mission studies





## Social Action Report

Submitted by Iris Green, ADOX Social Action Coordinator

In July, I attended Mission U held at Athens UMC. I did the study on "The Church and People with Disabilities". This study covered Awareness, Accessibility and Advocacy. There are different types of disabilities, visible and invisible. Whether the disabled person is clergy or laity, it's the responsibility of churches to provide accessibility to all.

*"When handicapping conditions are eliminated, people with disabilities can take their rightful places in the community. Thus inclusion becomes a human rights issue and the church can be a part of this liberating movement as it lives out the gospel that proclaims justice for all people."* I liked this quote from the book. I enjoyed my class. My study leader was Jean Bouts.

The ADOX Social Action ladies are always ready and eager to take up the banner to support women and children, especially those suffering because of Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence. Our District is encouraging each unit to push the awareness of Domestic Violence. Include in your plans for 2015 to have a "Domestic Violence Awareness" activity. Make a poster board or brochure. Have a simple plan of action. Find creative ways to make information available to women. Information can be found on the United Methodist Women website and other Internet sources (see below for web site links). 90% of domestic violence victims are women, although men may also be victims. Regardless of who is victimized, domestic violence is a serious problem.

### Websites for more information:

[domesticviolenceunitedmethodistwomen.org](http://domesticviolenceunitedmethodistwomen.org)

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

## Education and Interpretation Report

Submitted by Cassie Ruger, ADOX Education and Interpretation Coordinator

Praise the Lord, because he is worthy to be praised! The past months have been very busy and very exciting. As we listen to God speaking to us as United Methodist Women, we have a lot of work to do in our neighborhoods, our local churches and the world. We must utilize our gift of caring for others, whether it is feeding the homeless, mentoring our youth and children, or caring for the elderly to fulfill the mission of United Methodist Women.



God bless you, and congratulations on your attendance of "Mission u" at Athens First UMC in Athens, Georgia. I truly believe we met the objective of the theme: "Learning Together for the Transformation of the World". All of the studies tied back to the theme.

Our Spiritual Growth study: **How is it with your Soul?** The work of the soul was covered in four areas- Pray, Learn, Mentor and Transform. As the author stated, it is hoped that the study will encourage you to respond with a resounding *"It is well with my soul."*

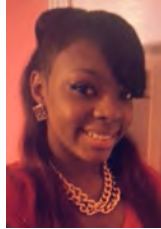
The Geographic Study: **The Roma of Europe**. This study deals with the injustice of people in Eastern Europe, especially women and children.

The Social Issue: **The Church and People with Disabilities**. This study helps you engage in advocacy to help the church become more welcoming and accessible to those with disabilities. The youth study

also was engaged in developing a new understanding of and attitude to people with disabilities. We will be getting a list of instructors for these classes soon. Our Mission Study topics for 2015 are as follows: *Finding Joy in Christian Living, Latin America, and The Church and People with Disabilities*.

We must listen for God's voice and seek direction as we make plans for the work of mission and be advocates for women, youth, and children. We must put our faith into action.

May God Bless and keep you.



## Youth in Action

Submitted by Jadah Hardeman  
Member of Grace, Covington UMC and  
the NGC UMW Limitless Task Force

This year at Annual Conference, our theme was “**Together We Make Disciples**”. I attended the United Methodist Women Breakfast. The Historians from each district presented four youth or young adults from their districts. Pictures and brief summaries of these young women were placed on the tables as center pieces.

Youth and young adults from the Limitless Task Force, along with the conference officers, gave an overview of the things we have participated in. One young adult spoke on the many mission projects that the local churches could donate to UMCOR. Another youth focused on the UMW Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky. I talked about the Faith, Fun and Everyone retreat held at Wesley Chapel of the Griffin District.

I also attended Mission u, which was held in Athens, Ga. The UMW had an Ice Cream Social and a fun fashion show at one of the local churches. The ladies and the youth got to model some very humorous and unique outfits. The next day was the opening of Mission u. The youth introduced the different studies that were offered. The four studies for 2015 are:

- **Spiritual growth:** How Is It with Your Soul?
- **Geographic:** The Roma of Europe (Part 2)
- **Issue study:** The Church and People with Disabilities
- **Children and Youth Study:** The Church and People with Disabilities

The class that I took along with the other youth was based around disabilities. In my class, we learned about different disabilities and their causes, but I also learned that your disability does not affect your possibilities. We did different activities and performed different skits that related to disabilities. We even did a timed project where we had to try to achieve different activities that a disable person has to do on a day-to-day basis. This allowed us to step into their shoes. We were presented with great information that we could take back to our churches.

## Vice President's Report

Submitted by Alma Garrette  
ADOX UMW Vice President



The ADOX District United Methodist Women was well represented at the Annual Conference held this past June. The UMW Breakfast had in attendance over 200 people, and as usual the meal was enjoyed by many. Quite a number of school bags were collected for UMCOR (United Methodist Commission on Relief) and, as always, ADOX was the leader.

Autumn will soon be approaching and Mother Nature will begin to change the landscape around us, and so shall the UMW go from our activities of the Spring and Summer to those of the Fall and Winter. This all begins with the NGUMC UMW Annual Meeting on October 4, 2014 at Bethlehem UMC., 709 Christmas Ave., Bethlehem, Georgia. The ADOX Annual Meeting is on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00p.m., at Avondale Pattillo. Our guest speaker will be our own District Superintendent, Rev. Sharma Lewis. On the program will be the Liturgical Dancers from Grace Covington.

The Conference Leadership Development Day formerly known as Leadership Training will take place on November 1<sup>st</sup> at Smyrna First UMC, 1315 Concord Road, Smyrna, Georgia. It's important that all officers attend this training to prepare themselves for the ADOX District Training On November 15<sup>th</sup> at Conyers First UMC.

## Conyers First Haiti Mission Projects

Submitted by Carole Nation, Conyers First UMW President

Members of the Elizabeth Circle at Conyers First United Methodist Church have been busy making "pillowcase dresses" for children in Haiti. Toni Kelechek, a church member, and her team of six, are going to Haiti in October. They will be taking about 250 clean water systems for villagers in the mountains. The approximately 50 pillow case dresses will be delivered to families in the villages and to an orphanage. The Elizabeth Circle is also donating boys' underwear, and one circle member is making drawstring shorts for boys. Lisa Irwin, Circle Chairperson, heard of the Haiti Clean Water project, and invited Toni to speak to their group.



## Cedar Grove Activities

Submitted by Valerie Willis, Cedar Grove UMW President

Cedar Grove has been blessed this summer with the support our Christian Sisters by their joining us in Prayer, Praise, Fellowship, Breaking Bread, and Worship with their attendance at our Third Annual Prayer Breakfast and our Woman's Day Celebration.

We were delighted to have as our speaker Pat Days. Her eloquent message was titled "Being a Godly Woman". We closed our breakfast with a spiritfilled exercise of blowing bubbles throughout the room, encouraging everyone to blow out any fears, pain, defeats or disappointments and inhale the ultimate

love of God who is the fixer of all our inadequacies. We were so honored and grateful to have our District Superintendent Rev. Sharma Lewis join us at the Prayer Breakfast.

Our Speaker for our Woman's Day Service was Minister Sandra Farmer. She shared with us a passionate testimony of Faith and delivered a powerful message from the Book of Ruth "A Woman's Divine Instruction".



This Fall we will be having our Annual Yard Sale/Fish Fry on Saturday October 18th, from 9am to 3pm. Please join us for this event. More info will be sent later.



## Zoar UMW Activities

Submitted by Rhonda Jameson, Zoar UMW

On Sept 28<sup>th</sup> Zoar UMC will celebrate our 203<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Looking back over the past year, we realize all the blessings we have to be thankful for and, looking forward, we see a bright future for Zoar. One group of UMW ladies have been working on a handmade quilt that will be auctioned off at the Homecoming Celebration. The proceeds will go towards UMW missions.

This summer has been one of community outreach for the women of Zoar UMW. In July, Elisabethe Mack led a UMW Program called "Christian Women for Such a Time As This". The study emphasized our responsibility as Christians to reach out to those in our community who are hurting through poverty, addictions, mental health issues and gang interaction. It was an excellent study and we had a great discussion on why more people don't get involved and the strongholds we allow to hold us back.



Our Dorcas Circle, led by Lathel Thomason, reached out to our community by leading a bible study for senior citizens at the Centerville Community Center. Lathel said the enthusiastic response they received from the very first meeting blew her away. A total of 19 people pulled tables together to participate in the lesson and asked them to please make this a regular meeting. They started the study in July and will continue each month through at least October. Elisabethe Mack who volunteers at the Centerville Community Center and was instrumental in organizing the bible study group and also a Prayer Bead workshop led by Shirley Flahive. Shirley had a total of 15 participants for the Bead workshop.

In August the UMW hosted an old fashioned Ice Cream Social for all of the women of the church. Not only did we have tasty ice cream treats but we were also treated to a wonderful talk from Missionary Jean Claude Masuka Maleka who serves Christ in Cote d'Ivoire on the west coast of Africa. Jean Claude who is originally from the Congo, has worked to plant new churches in Kenya and Cote d'Ivoire. He was fascinating and sang a traditional Swahili song for us before describing the important work he and his group are doing. Our UMW group is very interested in supporting Jean Claude and his group. Afterward several ladies met to discuss starting a book club to read selections from the UMW recommended reading list. Our first discussion meeting will be at the end of the month.



In Sept about 20 UMW ladies are looking forward to a weekend retreat at Collinswood. There will be two UMW programs as well as time for fun, hiking and dinner in Monroe.

## North Georgia Conference UMW News

**The following President's message along with other articles, forms, news and more helpful information will be found on the NGC UMW Web Site at**

<http://www.ngumw.org/>

I just returned from Florida after visiting an old friend who moved away from Zoar UMC years ago. As we reminisced about "the good old days" both of us realized that what had helped us to become such good friends was the time that we spent together in Bible studies, Spiritual Growth Studies and prayer chains. What an amazing foundation for both personal friendships and an organization of Christian women who come together **to know God** more fully.

Those "good old day" memories reminded me of the first time I was asked to do a program outside my local unit. Probably the ladies at Covington First UMW had no idea that I had not slept for a couple nights; I was so nervous about speaking before their group! But isn't it amazing how you can grow toward being the **whole person** that Jesus intends you to be? I now look forward to sharing stories of Biblical women, Bible studies, UMW programs, and any other opportunity to be with UMW groups.

I don't know what women do who don't have a **creative supportive fellowship** to help them get through life! The last two years have been a time of family losses for me, and I don't know how I would have made it through those times without the prayers and encouragement of my UMW sisters. What a blessing to be part of a group that not only rejoices with you when you're going through the good times and celebrates with you, but also are there during the tough times lifting you up.

One of the greatest blessings I have experienced through United Methodist Women has been through **expanding my concept of mission**. I would never have imagined the sense of joy and fulfillment that can be had through putting together layette kits, school bags or health kits for UMCOR! So often we see news reports about tragedies at home or around the world and it just leaves us feeling helpless and powerless. But how rewarding it is to know that we belong to a denomination and an organization that sees its very purpose to be about serving others!

Do you know someone who would benefit, like I have, from being part of United Methodist Women and sharing in this great **PURPOSE**? Why not ask them to your next circle meeting, or unit meeting, or district meeting, of the Conference Annual Meeting (Saturday, October 4 at Bethlehem UMC), or Leadership Development (Saturday November 1 at Smyrna First UMC.) You might be the person to start them on their way to a lifetime of involvement and enrichment through their participation in United Methodist Women!

With a **PURPOSE**,  
Sue



## North Georgia Conference UMW Annual Meeting Registration Form

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE UMW ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2014 Bethlehem UMC 709 Christmas Ave, Bethlehem, GA 30620 <a href="http://www.bigwhitechurch.com/directions">http://www.bigwhitechurch.com/directions</a>	
REGISTER ONLINE @ <a href="https://northga-reg.brtaapp.com/2014UMWAnnualMeetingOCT4">https://northga-reg.brtaapp.com/2014UMWAnnualMeetingOCT4</a>	
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
EMAIL	PHONE
CHURCH	UMC
DISTRICT: Chose One: Athens Elberton   Atlanta College Park   Atlanta Decatur Oxford Atlanta Emory   Atlanta Marietta   Atlanta Roswell   Augusta   Gainesville Griffin   LaGrange   Northwest   Rome Carrollton	
Address, City, State, Zip:	
Emergency Contact Person Name & Phone:	
Age Group: Teen   20   30   40   50   60   70   80   90+	
Are you a first time attendee? Yes   No	
Childcare Available if registered by 9/24; Will you need free childcare? Yes   No If yes, remember to pack a lunch for each child & enter names & ages of children that need childcare:	
Lunch available if registered by 9/24; Please select: MEETING ONLY \$10   MEETING & LUNCH \$20 If lunch, any special requests: No   Yes: Gluten Free   Vegetarian   Other:	
PAYING ONLINE   GUEST OF CONFERENCE   MAILING CHECK M Emerson, Registrar, 1045 Chatham Rd, Buford GA 30518	
Special Needs/Limitations: Hearing Assistance   Mobility   Other:	

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You may also register online at

<https://northga-reg.brtaapp.com/2014UMWAnnualMeetingOCT4>



## United Methodist Women National Office

### UMW Reading Program for 2015

"The Reading Program encourages members to think critically about current issues through an annual selection of member-reviewed books. It offers an excellent opportunity to deepen your spirituality and to broaden your understanding of our mission work.... For 140 years, United Methodist Women have been involved in mission that includes prayer, study and action. The Reading Program is a study opportunity, but it should also lead to action. "

The Reading Program Web site provides descriptions of the program, the current book lists, and links to e-books on the lists that are available from Barnes and Noble and Amazon.



Go to <http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>  
for more information

**MAKE IT  
HAPPEN!**

Assembly 2014: Louisville

**If you were unable to go to the Assembly,  
let the Assembly come to you with Assembly Workshop Take-Aways  
available at**

<http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/assembly/workshops>

Examples of some of the topics covered are:

Creating Culturally Diverse Worship  
 Creating Inclusive Congregations  
 Dis-Ability: Practicing Inclusion  
 From Digital Rookie to Digital Pro  
 Generation Transformation  
 Inclusive Language: God of Many Names  
 Liturgical Dance  
 Social Justice as a Spiritual Pursuit  
 What Makes a Great Spiritual Growth Retreat?  
 Caring for Our Elderly Parents  
 The Christian Consumer  
 Creating a Healthy Environment  
 Ending Domestic Violence, Getting Men Involved  
 Fair Trade  
 Linking Service With Justice Advocacy in Your Community  
 "Making Judgments"  
 Migration Is a Global Concern  
 Race and Immigration in the United States  
 Resisting the Rollback of Civil Rights  
 Young Women's Access to Education Globally  
 What Are Our Grandchildren Inheriting? Faithful Living in a Climate-challenged World  
 Building Multicultural Congregational Partnerships-The Role of United Methodist Women  
 Charting a New Course: Letting Younger Women Lead  
 Communicating Across Generations  
 Leaving Our Legacy  
 Strengthening Communities