August, 2017

Greetings to the Mississippi River District -

This has truly been a very busy summer for me and exciting, as always one thing after another. Dwight and I had the opportunity to spend lots of fun time with our families.

I am so sorry that I did not attend Mission U this year. However, I have heard great things about the event and I look forward to attending our District Mission studies.

As always we have lots of Events coming up; Ladies please plan to attend, and I look forward to seeing you all there.

Conference Social Action Day: Saturday, August 26, 2017 at Aldersgate UMC, Jackson.
Registration starts at 9:00 A.M. Human Trafficking by Marissa Castellanos, Maternal and Child Health by Dr. Debra Shelby and Bullying/Teen Suicide: Kimberly Yeiter. Cost for lunch $10.00

Our District Annual Day will be at Troy First United Methodist Church in Troy, TN on Sunday, September 24th. Registration will begin at 2 pm and our speaker will be Mrs. Beth Brown.

Our 45th Conference Annual Meeting will be held at Murray First UMC Saturday, September 30, 2017. Please remember to bring a gift basket for the Silent Auction.
Online registration for Assembly 2018 to be held in Columbus, Ohio at the Greater Columbus Convention Center will begin September 1, 2017 and closes April 9, 2018:

Early registration fee $295.00 (9/1/17 – 11/30/17)
Online registration fee $330.00 (12/1/17 - 4/9-18)
Paper mail in form fee $330.00 (9/1/17 – 4/9/18)
These fees do not include Hotel fees.

We will have our 2nd Annual Memphis Conference UMW work day Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Reelfoot Rural Ministries. Watch for registration form to follow soon.

See you there!!

Grace and Peace
Melba

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Ripples to Remember

August 31 – Mission Today reports due to Lynda Pratt – 731-414-6861
September 1 – Mississippi River District History info to Pat Rice
Treasurers Reports due to Marsha Neal
September 9 – District Executive Team Meeting at Sorrells Chapel – 9:30AM
September 15 – Memorial Report to Linda Akers
September 24 – Mississippi River District Annual Day – Troy UMC -2:00
September 30 – Conference Annual Day – Murray 1st UMC
October 15 – Mississippi River District Directory Info to Vicki Williams
November 4 – Conference UMW Work Day – Reelfoot Rural Ministries
November 11 – Leadership Training – St. Louis
November 15 – Final Treasurers Report to Marsha Neal

News from Marsha Neal – Treasurer
Just a reminder that 3rd Quarter reports need to be to me by September 1. Keep up the good work! Final reports need to be in by November 15.

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News from Linda Akers – Spiritual Growth

As part of our District Annual Day, we will be honoring women in our churches who have deceased since last Annual Day. Please send me those names by September 15, if you haven’t already. Mail, call, or email me.

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News from Shirley Smith – Vice-President

Just wanted to remind everyone that District Annual Day will be September 24 at Troy UMC, 226 Westbrook Street in Troy. Registration begins at 2:00 with meeting beginning at 2:30PM. Our speaker will be Beth Brown from Pleasant Valley UMC. Beth is a long time UMW advocate and has served in many capacities, including Conference President. We are looking forward to a great afternoon. Hope to see everyone there!

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Committee on Nominations – Pat Calhoun, Chair

Our committee wishes to announce the following ladies be elected to serve the 2018 year in our district. They are as follows –

President – Melba Mitchell  
Vice-President – Shirley Smith  
Secretary – Vicki Williams  
Treasurer – To Be Determined  
Membership, Nurture, Outreach – Glenda Rice  
Communications – Lynne Ayers  
Program Resources – Carolyn Simpson  
E & I – Lynda Pratt  
Social Action – Beth Adams  
Spiritual Growth – Kim Vernon  
Committee on Nominations – Betty Bock, Chris Cheatham, Iris Deegan, Barbara Eller, Lynda Lewis, Deborah Morris, Angie Terry, Betty Young

1016 Turner Street Union City 38261 731-886-1112
# 2018 Proposed Budget

**MS River District UMW**

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**Pledge to Mission 2018**

$52,000.00
News from Carolyn Simpson – Program Resources

The deadline has passed for units to submit their member’s Reading Reports. I would like to thank those who read this year and kept up with their reading so it could be reported.

It is time to start thinking about next year’s reading. Annual Day is September 24 at Troy UMC. We usually have a Book Sale at Annual Day, but we will have a Book Swap this year. If you have books that you have read and would like to swap them for ones that you have not read, bring them to Annual Day. Write the category and year the book is from inside the front or back cover so those swapping will be able to complete a Plan. Books from 2013 can be read through December 31 of this year for next year, along with books from 2014-2018.

This is a good way to get a new book, save some money and a tree!

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Greetings Sisters in Christ -

Oh Me, Oh My 2017 is flying right on by. It seems like just yesterday that the Brownsville and Dyersburg Districts were uniting to become one. Of course, we had a few hiccups during the transition, but with the guidance of the Good Lord we were able to work through those hiccups.

2018 is in the very near future and to avoid hiccups with the 2018 Directory, I would like to remind everyone that information for local unit officers will be due on October 15th. Local Units can email me the information at kvtwill01@hotmail.com or snail mail to 3303 Hwy 79 N Brownsville, TN 38012. The struggle was very real on the 2017 Directory with the merging of the two districts, but, prayerfully, 2018 will be a lot better. I have already begun receiving updated information from the local units for 2018 officers and I thank you for this. With that being said, the only way we can ensure a timely delivery of the 2018 Mississippi River District Directory is to receive the requested information by the due date. We would like to thank all the local units in advance for their help with this endeavor.
Also, don’t forget the Mississippi River District Team will meet on September 9, @ Sorrells Chapel at 9:30 AM. A special thank you to the ladies of Sorrells Chapel for their generous hospitality.

The upcoming Annual Day for the Mississippi River District is September 24 @ Troy UMC and Conference Annual Day is on September 30. If the Lord is willing and the creek don’t rise……. Hope to see you at both of these events.

God Bless!

Vicki Williams
Mississippi River District Secretary

We kept at it, repairing and rebuilding the wall. The whole wall was soon joined together and halfway to its intended height because the people had a heart for the work. Nehemiah 4: 6 (The Message)

News from Our Local Units

Oak Grove United Methodist Women held their annual summer “indoor” picnic in July. Guest speaker was Christy Smith from UMCOR. She told us many stories centering on the work UMCOR does for those in need. Everyone enjoyed the evening, and the food as well.

Grace United Methodist Women hosted Deaconess Carolyn Lawhorn from the Tennessee River District at a Spring meeting this year. Carolyn talked to our group about her experiences while a Deaconess, and of activities in which she is involved now.
During the month of May, the Troy United Methodist Women used their talents to sew together 12 pillow case dresses and 12 pairs of shorts for the children at Reelfoot Rural Ministry Day Care Center. With the help of Wal-mart, the group also donated 24 t-shirts to go with the outfits. The above picture shows left to right Ann McEwen, Novella Little, Anne Sampson, Anita Graff, Barbara Eller, Monya Sanders, and Paula Smith. Other ladies who helped, but not pictured include Barbara Buchanan, Nancy Solomon, and Mary Plummer.

Greenfield United Methodist Women, “Sisters in Christ,” held their 12th annual Greenfield Memorial Service on January 2, 2017. The memorial service recognizes local families and those with a connection to our community, who lost a loved one during 2016. A candle was lit as each deceased name was called out along with the chime of a bell.

Each year the memorial service is dedicated to one of our own members, Ms. Linda Hearn, whom we sadly lost in February 2012. It was Linda’s desire to do something
special for our community, those who are no longer with us and their families. Linda initiated the memorial service in 2005. “We are gratefully indebted to her unselfish labors of love and will continue with her efforts.”

Hunter Hynds United Methodist Women, made up of ladies from Pisgah, Stanley’s Chapel, and Gardner UMC’s, have had a busy year. President Chris Cheatham wrote saying that they enjoy their monthly meetings, and have had some interesting
programs and speakers. Special offerings have been received. A pizza party was held as well as singing at Wesley Senior Center in Martin. “God has blessed us with so much, and it is a joy to be a UMW member and help others in His name.”

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REGISTRATION FORM – The Winner’s Circle
Memphis Conference United Methodist Women
45th Annual Meeting
Saturday, September 30, 2017
Murray First United Methodist Church
Registration Opens at 9:30 AM  Meal & Program 11:00 AM
Registration Fee:  $16.00
One person per registration form, please.

Registration Deadline:   September 25, 2017
Make checks payable to:  Memphis Conference UMW
Send check and form to: Meredith Bingham  Telephone:  901-747-4432
267 River Commons Cr. W   email:  mbingha@bellsouth.net
Memphis, TN  38120

District______________________________________________________________

Print/Type Name______________________________________________________________

Phone ____________________________________________________________

Address_______________________________________________________________________

City ________________________________, State ___________  Zip ______

Church ___________________________________________  City __________________

Emergency Contact _______________________________  Phone ______________________

Please check appropriate space(s):  UMW Member _____    Local President _____
District Elected Officer _____Guest _____Conference Elected Officer _____Alternate Voting Delegate _____

Voting Delegates:
• The local unit President is the official voting delegate from her unit. An alternate shall be appointed in the event that the President cannot attend or is also an elected District or Conference Officer.
• The elected Conference Executive Committee and the elected District Executive Committee are voting delegates to the Annual Meeting.

Note: Child care will be available. Please register your child here!

Need childcare for:
Names of Children: ______________________________________________________ Ages: __________________
