



**L**adies,

Spring is here and I hope you all are enjoying this nice weather, as everything comes to life after being dormant all winter. This is my favorite time of year when everything brings forth new life. We have had a very good first few months. I was glad to see so many of you at our Mini School of Missions and Spiritual Life Retreat. We had very positive feedback from you on this event and we greatly appreciate the comments because it helps us in planning our programs for the year. The offering that we collected went to the Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic and the amount was \$281.75. I would also like to relay a very big thank-you from Henry Fork for all of the supplies that we collected and sent to them.

I hope some of you have signed up for Spiritual Life Retreat at Blackstone, May 1-3. Additionally, the School of Christian Mission will be July 24-26 for the weekend session and July 27-30 for the week session. If you need more information, you may contact me by calling my cell 434-610-9301 or I will be at the District Office on Wednesdays and you can reach me there at 434-832-0401. UMW Day at Ferrum College is June 6. More information for this event will be in the newsletter. We will not have a bus going there this year. The UMW Breakfast at the Virginia Annual conference this year will be in Norfolk on June 16. I have the tickets and they are \$14 each. If you need tickets, please let me know by no later than May 22. I will be leaving on vacation then and will not return until June 6.

I have visited several units already this year and I hope to visit more as the summer goes on. If you have any questions that your unit would like answered, please let me know. I will gladly come and talk to your unit or if you would like one of the District Officers to do a program for you they are available. Inviting a District Officer to one of your meetings will fulfill one of the requirements on your Mission Today form. I hope all of your units are working on your Mission Today requirements so that we can increase the number of units participating over last year.

Blessing,

*Jan Klahn*

District President

## Spiritual Growth



Praise the Lord Sisters,

God really blessed us at the Spiritual Growth/ Mini School in March. The question and answer session lead by Chief Kenneth Branham of the Monacan Indian Nation was the high light of our Mini School of Christian Missions. Dr. Dibinga of the Congo share his knowledge of the struggles of the Pygmy tribe of Africa. Dr. Dibinga will visit the Pygmy students at the end of April, and bring back pictures and progress reports for our sponsoring units and families of the United Methodist Women on the Lynchburg District.

I am please to announce that the Virginia Conference United Methodist Women have invited the Monacan Asst. Chief George White Wolf and the tribal dancers to present a program on Wednesday July 29,2009 at our Conference School of Christian Mission. Please plan to attend to show support for our Native Americans of the Lynchburg vicinity.

### Keep Lifting Up Our District Goals:



TO KNOW GOD, we shall  
Promote attendance at the District Day Apart,  
Annual Advent Worship Service and Annual Meeting

Encourage attendance at Conference Spiritual Life  
Retreat and Young Women's Retreat

Promote use of the Prayers Calendar

Promote Bible Studies with focus on Annual  
Program book

Promote use of Response and New World Outlook  
Magazines

Encourage Units to participate in the Reading Program

Develop a Prayer Circle for your Unit

***DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN DO, FOR AS MANY AS YOU CAN, FOR AS LONG AS YOU CAN.  
TO GOD BE THE GLORY.***

***Pat Butler***

Spiritual Growth Coordinator

"Stay in Love with God and Love Your Neighbor as Yourself"

## Treasurers Report



Lady Treasurers:

You did a great job in getting 1<sup>st</sup> quarter forms and checks to me. Thank you so much for meeting my request and sending the remittances in a limited period. It really helps to have this info ready to enter into the spreadsheet and make deposits in just a few days timeframe.

We sent \$18,484.28 to Conference:  
 Our Pledge to Mission = \$12,484.90  
 Gift to Mission = \$ 85.00  
 Gift to Memory = \$ 60.00  
 Candle Burning = \$ 61.60  
 World Thank = \$ 368.38  
 Designated Pledges = \$ 5,060.40

And in addition we purchased 4 pins.

Our annual District Pledge to Mission again for 2009 is \$44,000; however, we aren't sure what your total pledge is as we only have 35 Units reporting in with \$29,915 (pledges made during the September Annual Meeting). Those of you, who have not submitted your pledge, please do so with your 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter remittance in June.

I realize that each unit has its own way of setting up the pledges, remember that we do have pledge cards and we encourage you to have a pledge meeting in September before the Annual Meeting. For a Rule of Thumb Guideline - - - If we each made the same pledge and assuming that we have 1000 members, we would need \$44 in Pledge to Mission per member to guarantee the district pledge.

I am delighted that so many sent in the (\$3 per member) ADM monies and hopefully the other units will submit the remaining in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. We still have 10

Units to send this money and we will not be sure of the total membership count until we have this report completed.

It has come to our attention of the board that many units do not conduct Candle Burning meetings and we hope that this custom will be renewed in your group. The concept was started to honor the memory of Virginia Conference members and filtered to the units and is considered on of the 5/6 Star Pledges The 2009 pledge per minute of burning is \$36.60 and the idea is to offer names to be read aloud or placed somewhere to be seen. We encourage you to ask your whole church to participate, prepare envelopes, have donations and names placed in the envelopes during one church service, then plan a date to burn the candle. During that service burn the candle and offer the names of the honorees with a prayer, perhaps read a poem or an appropriate scripture. The money for Candle Burning is collected by the UMW Unit Treasurer, and then sent to the District treasurer with the next Quarterly Remittance. Again, during the Annual Meeting the Candle will be lit for the Allocated minutes from all of the units. This is the responsibility of the District Treasurer, so most likely the Unit Treasurer would do the same within the unit service.

I will send updates on your remittances after the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report. This gives you a chance to be sure that I have all the information and checks that you have sent in and shows you the areas that may need attention before the Annual Meeting awards are considered for 5& 6

Star awards.

I just received this from the Conference Treasurer:

**One hundred and forty years ago in 1869, Methodist women began our journey by working to improve the lives of women and children in India. Today, we are an organization of one million members working to improve the lives of women and children in over 100 countries, including our own. This is our year to celebrate our history and our successes. Our Annual Meeting in October will be our official celebration for the Virginia Conference, but we ask that each unit in our conference hold their own special birthday celebration. As you celebrate, ask each member of your circles and unit to make a special birthday celebration donation of 140 pennies or \$1.40. As your units collect this celebratory offering, it should be forwarded to your district treasurer. At the Annual Meeting Celebration, we will ask each district to come forward with their district's celebratory "Birthday Fund" offering. There is no better way to celebrate our history.**

Thank you for all the good work that you do.

Thank you,

*Karen Bragg*

Treasurer, United Methodist Women Lynchburg District

## Education and Interpretation

Hello Ladies, hope everyone is doing well & having a pleasant spring.

I want to **THANK YOU SO MUCH**, for the items you all bought to the District Spiritual Life Retreat on Mar. 28 for the Henry Fork Center. My little RAV4 was so full, I had to lean forward to see out of my side view mirror, couldn't see out of the rear view at all. When I arrived at the center there was a husband and wife team there that he cleans the center & she is one of the teachers & helps him clean. They were so appreciative of everything. She said they hadn't had paper towels in over 2 weeks or trash bags for a month, so they were very happy for our donations. The center has anywhere from 125-150 children there each day. It is a really great mission in an area that is very depressed and needs help desperately.

If you attended the retreat, you can check off **#6 on your Mission Today form**, speaking of that, I hope you all are working on your Mission Today forms, let's try and have the most successful year yet.

Next up is Annual Conference, June 14-17; I hope we're all working on our kits for this year. Below, you will find a list of kits & how they should be put together.

**Health Kits:** 1 hand towel (15"x25" up to 17"x27", no kitchen towels); 1 washcloth; 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized); 1 metal nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers); 1 bath-sized bar of soap (3 oz. and up); 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes); 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages (Band-Aids).

**(NOTE: DO NOT INCLUDE TOOTHPASTE!)**

UMCOR Sager Brown is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent.) Seal all items in a 1-gallon plastic bag.

**School Kits:** 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip); 3 pads (or loose leaf) of 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"x11" ruled paper (approx. 250 sheets total); 1 30-centimeter ruler; 1 hand-held pencil sharpener; 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers; 1 large eraser, 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"; 1 box of 24 crayons (only 24). Prepare a 14"x16" (finished size) cloth bag with handles and one of these three closures (Velcro, snap or button) and place items in the bag. (A pattern for making cloth bags is available from the UMCOR Web site at <<http://gbgm-umc.org/umcor/schoolbag pattern>>.

**Baby/Layette Kits:** 6 cloth diapers; 2 shirts or 2 one-piece body suits; 2 baby washcloths; 2 gowns or sleepers; 2 diaper pins; 1 sweater open in the front; 2 receiving blankets. Bundle the items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with the diaper pins.

**Sewing Kits:** 3 yards of cotton or cotton-blend, solid color or print fabric (must be 3 yards of uncut fabric); 1 pair sewing scissors; 1 package of needles; 1 spool of thread; 5-8 matching buttons. Wrap sewing notions in the fabric and place in a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

**If you have any questions, please contact me & I'll be glad to help.**

*Kim Millner*

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Lynchburg District Laity Banquet  
Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Dinner at 5:30 PM  
Amelon UMC

Our Own  
**Bishop Charlene P. Kammerer**

Guest Speaker  
A Special Treat for Everyone

Come and Enjoy an Evening of Good Food,  
Good Fellowship, Special Music under the direction  
of Estelle Elder, and Inspirational Speaking

Buffet: Including Roasted Pork Loin, Baked Cheezy  
Chicken, Three Vegetables, Congealed Salad,  
Hot Bread, Beverages and Dessert

All of this for Only

**\$10.00 per Person**

Tickets can be purchased through the District Office  
621 Court Street, Lynchburg, VA

Tel.# 434-832-0401 or [secretary@lynchburgdistrictumc.org](mailto:secretary@lynchburgdistrictumc.org)

Or See Your Church Lay Leader

Reservations must be in by May 25, 2009