



October 2015

Paris District Newsletter

Upcoming Events:

October 24, 2015

Paris District Annual Day
Puryear UMC, Puryear, TN
10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

November 7-8, 2015

MOR
Mission Outreach Retreat
Lakeshore Assembly, Eva, TN

November 22, 2015

Clarion Newsletter Deadline

District President's Message

Dear United Methodist Women of the Paris District,

The years we have worked together as the Paris District UMW have been good. Fulfilling our "Purpose to Missions" has been a prayerful commitment in each unit, the district, the conference, national and international ministries. There are wonderful memories of the fellowship and fun times.

A special thanks to all the ladies within the churches that have sponsored the UMW events, because it is always a blessing to host and open your hearts to serve God. My personal thanks to the ladies that have served as officers and given me support as an officer of the Paris Board.

The Paris District Annual Day will be on Saturday, October 24 at Puryear, Tennessee. Since this will be our last district event, I invite all ladies as we may gather one last time. Let's LOOK BACK – LOOK FORWARD as we remember the past also plan for the future within the new districts.

Donna Whitfield
Paris District President
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District Social Action

A REMINDER: ALL UMW LOCAL UNITS

The collection of bras for the girls in Mozambique will end at the October 24th at the Paris District UMW Annual Day at Puryear, TN. We would like to thank all the churches that participated in this mission project.

Dorothy Tanner
Paris District Social Action
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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.

MOR Mission and Outreach Retreat Lakeshore



Greetings,

Our MOR Retreat plans are almost complete. We are really excited about this year's Retreat. Mission projects will be our goal; we will have inside and outside projects.

MOR Retreat will be held at Lakeshore on November 7-8, 2015. The theme for this year is **"Hands In Mission"** Our scripture is Isaiah 1:17 We will have three (2) speakers.

When registering for our Retreat please circle on your registration form inside or outside. **If you are planning to work outside please bring gloves, black garbage bags, yard rake and wear your work clothes.**

Ladies please bring any mission projects that you would like for us to work on (if you have a sewing machine please bring it). If you have school kits, health kits, cleaning buckets or sewing kits that need to be packed and shipped to UMCOR please bring them and we will get them ready to be sent to UMCOR. We are also in need of more cancer caps and pew babies.

We are asking each district to bring a display of Mission work that you have done in your district this year.

We will worship with Eva UM Church on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.

The MNO committee is encouraging each local unit to sponsor 1-2 "young" women to attend. Please make a point to encourage all ages to attend. Remember there are district and conference scholarships for first timers. Please contact your unit president.

We are very excited about our MOR Retreat and pray that you will share this excitement with us! Ladies if you are under 40 United Methodist Women need your creativity, if you are over 40 United Methodist Women need your wisdom and God can use all of us!

Grace & Peace,
Melba Mitchell

Murray First UMW

The Murray UMW has been collecting. We collect new and gently used bras for the non-profit organization Free the Girls. Hope Circle is collecting cereal boxes to send to Haiti for a group to provide jobs to make necklaces. For the World Thank Offering program, UMW is collecting \$.25 for each pair of shoes we own in addition to the annual collection of "Thank-You" offerings. As a District recommendation against Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence, our unit will collect and donate to CASA by the Lakes (Court Appointed Special Advocate), an organization that advocates for the timely and safe placement of abused and neglected children. And the Murray UMW is asking for donations of yarn for the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Debra Fannin, UMW Board Secretary and member of the Friendship-Hannah Circle, has volunteered to revitalize the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Debra along with the Hope Circle hosted a "Knitting Café." Refreshments and information about the ministry along with instructions in the basics of knitting and crocheting were provided. Prayer shawls can be a blessing to the person making one and to the person receiving it. Judy Stahler has spent a few hours using donated plastic bags (plarn) to make rugs for the international mission trip to provide to the needy women of Nicaragua. She won a first place blue ribbon at the Homemakers' fair with one of her rugs. We collect, we donate and we recycle as women of Murray UMW.

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Murray First Communications

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MOR Mission and Outreach Schedule

Inside Schedule November 8, 2014

9:00-10:00 Registration
10:00-10:30 Welcome Devotion and Prayer
10:30-11:00 SMORE with Joyce Wiggins
11:00-12:00 Work on Projects
12-1:00 LUNCH
1:00-1:20 SMORE with Mary Lou Wurth
1:20-3:30 Work on Projects
3:30-3:50 SMORE with Pat Calhoun
3:50-4:00 Break
4:00-4:30 SMORE Today
4:30-5:00 Clean up Time
5:00-6:00 Dinner
6:00-6:30 Prep for Skits
6:30-7:30 Offering/Skits
7:30 SMORE'S

Outside Schedule November 8, 2014

8:00-9:00 Outside Team Register
9:00 Devotion and Prayer
9:15 Leave for Outside SMORE
12-1:00 LUNCH BREAK
1:00 Return to work
3:15 Return to Lakeshore

Sunday Schedule November 9, 2014

8:00-9:00 Breakfast
9:00 Depart for Morning Worship/Communion with Eva UMC
After Worship Service we will return to Lakeshore for departure home

Mission Outreach Retreat Hands In Mission

Isaiah 1:17 – Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the orphan. Fight for the rights of widows
November 7-8, 2015 – Lakeshore Assembly and Retreat Center – Eva, TN
Registration Deadline – October 23, 2015

The Mission Outreach Retreat is an overnight event at Lakeshore in Eva, TN. Attendees who spend the night will be in cabins which have electricity and running water. Hands-on mission activities will be completed throughout the event. All skill levels are invited to attend – help will be provided for those who need it. Mission projects are the focus of MOR. Ladies please bring any mission projects that you would like for us to work on (if you have a sewing machine please bring it). If you have school kits, health kits, cleaning buckets or sewing kits that need to be packed and shipped to UMCOR please bring them and we will get them ready to be sent to UMCOR. If you have extra fabric, crochet hooks, or yarn please bring them for the projects. The retreat begins with check in/registration at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 7, and will conclude after worship on Sunday, November 8. Saturday lunch and dinner as well as Sunday breakfast will be provided. Bring comfortable warm clothing, walking shoes, flashlight, pillow, blanket, sheets for a twin bed (or a sleeping bag), towel, washcloth, and personal items. Also, money for canteen (snacks, t-shirts, sodas) and the UMW bookroom will be open during the event. A love offering will be collected during the retreat. Bottle for water (Lakeshore does not sell bottled water).

Registration deadline is October 23 and no refunds will be given after this date. Assignment for cabins and roommates are given as reservations received, so register early.

Name Phone _____
Street _____ Email _____
City _____ Church _____
State _____ Zip _____ District _____

Please circle your mission preference: Inside Off Campus
List any special needs or accommodations required (diet, medicinal, physical): _____
Roommate Preference (all efforts will be made to accommodate this preference) _____
Emergency Contact _____
Relationship _____
Phone _____

\$65.00 Full-time registration (1 night in lodge + meals + materials)
\$75.00 Full-time registration with semi-private room (in lodge, double occupancy + meals + materials)
\$85.00 Full-time registration with semi-private room (in lodge, single occupancy + meals + materials)
\$30.00 Commuter registration (meals + materials)

I am enclosing (check one) Please make checks payable to: Memphis Conference UMW
Send the top portion of this form and check to:
Carol Lord, 4654 Shadow Wick Lane, Arlington, TN 38002 (phone 901-388-0541 email: calo4654@att.net)

Registration on November 7 Opens: OFF CAMPUS: 8:00-9:00 a.m. INSIDE: 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Paris District United Methodist Women

ANNUAL DAY

10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

October 24, 2015

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CELEBRATING 150 YEARS
IN MISSION SERVICE**



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**Candle Burning; Memorial Service; District and Conference Reports;
History of the UMW**

**Puryear United Methodist Church
114 W. Chestnut St.
Puryear TN 38251
731-247-5455**

SILENT AUCTION:

**Bring any items- books, plants, homemade canned food, kitchen items, bags & etc.
All proceeds from the auction will be sent to FREE THE GIRLS IN AFRICA.**

**PLEASE BRING BRAS- new or slightly used.
This will be the LAST COLLECTION DAY**

Paris District Communication

I would like to thank all the units that sent in articles for the Paris District Newsletter over the past year. It has been my pleasure to put this newsletter together and send it out to you all. The email addresses I have for the new TN River District will be forwarded to the new TN River District Communications person.

Also, here is a reminder about 4th quarter pledges. Please have your pledges turned in by December 1, 2015. We haven't met our \$18,000.00 goal for the year yet, so let's end the Paris District on a high note and meet that goal.

Blessings,

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