



The Mission Spirit

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March—April 2009

2009 EVENTS

April 2-5, 2009
Young Women's Retreat
Pigeon Forge, TN

April 18, 2009
Spring Retreat
Dublin UMC

May 7, 2009
Mission Team Meeting
Mt. Mitchell UMC

May 15-16 & 16-17
Spiritual Enrichment
Experience
Lake Junaluska, NC

June 7-10, 2009
Holston Annual Conf.
Lake Junaluska, NC

July 23 -25, 2009
Holston Conf. School
of Christian Mission
FUMC Oak Ridge, TN

August 6, 2009
Mission Team Meeting
Mt. Plains UMC

September 19-20, 2009
Conf. UMW Annual
Meeting and District
Officers Training
Lake Junaluska, NC

October 17, 2009
Fall Annual Meeting
St. Paul, UMC

November 5, 2009
Mission Team Meeting
Max Meadows, UMC

Celebration of United
Methodist Women's
Day—should be observed
on a Sunday selected by
the local unit.

Carolyn's Corner:

"Lives were changed by the work of the Holy Spirit." This statement was in a report of Camp Dickenson's Summer Camp 2008. Our district's hands-on project for 2009 is supplies for Camp Dickenson. A list of needed items can be found in this newsletter. Michael Snow, camp director, will be at Dublin UMC for the Spring Mini-Retreat on April 18, 2009. He will be prepared to take all the supplies back to Camp Dickenson. If your unit cannot bring supplies that day, contact your shepherd for help in arranging another way or time to pick up items. Thank you for your support.

It is a cold, windy day as I write this note. My mind goes to sunshine on a lake that reflects the mountains all around it. Beside the lake is a chapel and on the hill a cross. Makes me warm just thinking of Lake Junaluska. This is the setting for Spiritual Enrichment Experience on May 15-16,16-17.....one of my favorite events of the year. It is a beautiful place for a time of spiritual renewal, seeing friends, or making new acquaintances. We need volunteers to be greeters or to help serve communion. If you would like to help, let me know.

God is so good!

Carolyn Snow, President
Wytheville District

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCE May 15-16, 16-17, 2009

Kim Goddard, our Spiritual Leader and Communion Celebrant, is by no means a stranger to any United Methodist Woman in Holston Conference. She has been a strong supporter of United Methodist Women throughout her ministry.

Beth Burkey and Teena Broom are from the Cleveland and Chattanooga Districts and bring a spiritual message through their talents of music and leadership. You will be truly blessed by their music worship leadership

The weekend will be a time for each attendee to reflect on their spiritual life and to spend time in meditation with God in the beautiful setting of Lake Junaluska. We will have some fun as well as spend a big part of our time worshipping God. *Make New Friends, but keep the old, the new are silver and the old are gold.*

Plan to attend ~ you will be blessed by the weekend at the Lake.

IMPORTANT CHANGE —Lunch will be served before the beginning of the first session—if you wish lunch before departing—you must purchase a ticket at a cost of **\$9.50** at the time you check in at the Registration Desk.

Wytheville District 2008 Mission Project
Article submitted to the Holstonian—Holston Conference UMW Newsletter

Wytheville District UMW District project for 2008 was to raise \$10,000 to renovate the cabin at Camp Dickenson. The cabin was built in 1972 by the (WSCS) Womens Society of Christian Service (now called UMW). Our district raised \$11,279.25 by having yard sales, bake sales, donations, lunches and other activities. Marvin UMW had a "Camp Out for Kids" where they kept kids from noon on Saturday until church time on Sunday. Linda Porter presented a check for \$11,279.25 to Camp Director, Mike Snow at the Camp Dickenson Board regular meeting on December 12, 2008. We appreciate everything our units did to reach our goal.

Lora Melton, Wytheville District Communications Coordinator

Wytheville District 2009 Hands on Mission Project—Supplies for Camp Dickenson

Camp Dickenson needs our help with donating supplies. Please bring your supply donations to our Spring District Mini-Retreat at Dublin UMW, April 18, 2009. If no one from your unit will be attending, please contact your Unit Shepherd or one of the District Mission Team members. Contact information is on the back of the newsletter.

Items needed at Camp Dickenson:

Cleaning Supplies: Bleach, Window Cleaner, Floor/Carpet cleaner	Copy Paper Color Copy Paper
Telephone Poles (for work projects)	Dish Towels for the kitchens (new or used)
Inner tubes (for summer river tubing trips)	Tools, Tarps for campouts
Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue	Craft Supplies—yarn, string, candles, etc
Used car (can be a tax write-off)	Industrial Dish washer for the farm house



www.wythevilledistrictumw.org

All of the 2008 & 2009 newsletters can be downloaded from the website as well as conference and district event forms. There is a link on the site to the Holston Conference UMW website. Log on and check it out. Please email suggestions or comments to handbells@stratusdirect.net or webmaster@wythevilledistrictumw.org.

Lora Melton, District Communications & Webmaster.

Thank You!!! To Aldersgate UMW from District Mission Team for their hospitality during our February meeting on February 19th. Also many thanks to Draper UMW, Fancy Gap UMW, Rural Retreat UMW and Fairview UMW for their hospitality during our District Team meetings in 2008.



The 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.

Something new at the Spring Mini-Retreat

District Officers will be available during and after the Spring Mini-Retreat at Dublin UMC on April 18 to help with any UMW concern. If you have questions about the end of year reports, your office UMW general questions, UMW program questions, District website or newsletter, Events, UMW money questions or anything else UMW related, please ask us. We are here to help you and we want to.

As always, you can contact your Unit Shepherd or any District Officer if you have questions or would like us to visit your unit and present a program. Our contact information is on the back page of the newsletter.

Holston Conference UMW—Hands on Mission Project 2009

Our special project this year will be Reverend Nancy Hobbs, Big Stone Gap District Church & Community Renewal. Big Stone Gap District is made up of Lee, Scott, Wise and Dickenson Counties. There are 65 churches in the district and are widely separated by the mountainous terrain. Nancy is a part of many ongoing projects, which I will list below:

Seeds of Bounty - Began in 2001 and is the major focus in the spring. We supply vegetable seeds (mostly beans and com) which are distributed through our food banks. Sunday School classes, United Methodist Women and local farm supply stores give donations of seeds and others have given money to purchase seeds in bulk.

VBS Day Camp (grades K-5) is free to children. - The beautiful setting at Fort Blackmore enhances the spiritual aspect of the camp, which includes Bible study, music, crafts and games. Transportation is provided, as are nutritious snacks and a hot lunch. The camps are completely staffed by volunteers.

School supplies are supplied to at least 400 children (K-12) each August.

Christian Social Ministries operates two thrift stores in Scott county that generate income to fund emergency needs such as utilities, medicine, or housing.

Christmas Cart (an interagency, interdenominational group) provided boxes of food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, clothes and toys for 475 families in 2008. They also give \$15 gift certificates to youth, ages 10-18. Adults receive clothing certificates to be redeemed at one of the two Christian Social Ministry Centers (thrift stores).

Prayer Shawl Ministry is slowly catching on and she encourages all the local churches to begin a similar ministry. For information read "Knitting Into the Mystery" (on the UMW reading list from it few years ago) or see the web-site (www.shawlministry.com)

Alongside these major activities, Nancy serves as a resource person in all 65 churches in the Big Stone Gap District and she works with area food banks, domestic violence shelters and is a part of a number of churches and/or community related organizations and agencies. She serves on the board of New Beginnings, a long-term, residential, adult addiction treatment facility, and on Advisory Committees of Appalachian Office of Justice and Peace (Catholic Diocese of Richmond) and Mountain Empire Older Citizens.

Our Conference Project is monetary donations only, kits items will not be accepted. As with our last two conference mission projects, we are asking for the donations from the districts be sent to your District Treasurer and she will send it to our Conference Treasurer, Kay Phillips, before our Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska in September. Of course, donations for this will still be accepted after September and sent on to the project. (Over \$9,000.00 was collected and sent to Red Bird after our Annual Meeting.)

2009 HOLSTON CONFERENCE YOUNG WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Holston Conference Young Women's Retreat will be held April 4-5 in Pigeon Forge, TN. Inspirational speaker for the event is Brenda Haymore and Kay Hamerick will be the music leader. The Hands-On Mission Project will go to help the Big Stone Gap Church and Community Renewal Project. Districts are asked to provide books for the children. Wytheville District is asked to provide books appropriate for children ages 7 to sixth grade.

Registration deadline is March 6th for early \$10 registration. Forms can be downloaded from www.wythevilledistrictumw.org.



United Methodist Women Spring Mini Retreat

The Wytheville District United Methodist Women Spring Mini Retreat will be held Saturday, April 18, 2009 at Dublin United Methodist Church in Dublin, VA. Registration is from 9:30AM to 10:00AM. A continental breakfast will be served during the registration. Service will start at 10:00AM and end with lunch being served. Our theme this year is "The Earth Is the Lords,"

Please join us for a renewal of spirit and soul; we will be blessed with special music from Shema, a female quartet from Mt. Pleasant UMC. Our inspirational speaker, is Mrs. Pat Farrell. Our worship service will include Communion, which will make our time together even more meaningful as we share The Lord's Supper. Rev. Chuck Starks will be the celebrant for communion. All United Methodist women are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Look forward to seeing you there

Mildred Stafford—Wytheville District—Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth

Directions to Dublin UMC are as follows:

Coming from the north (Radford) on I 81 take exit 98 and go right when the ramp splits (North) toward Dublin. Proceed through 3 traffic lights on Rt. 100. Turn right at the corner just past Dublin Baptist Church (Hawkins St.) & go one block. Turn left onto Main Street & proceed (this becomes old Route 11) to Dublin UMC.

Coming from the south (Pulaski) on I 81 take exit 98. At the end of the ramp, turn left on the divided highway (North) toward Dublin. Proceed through 3 traffic lights on Rt. 100. Turn right at the corner just past Dublin Baptist Church (Hawkins Street) and go one block. Turn left on Main Street and proceed (this becomes old Rt. 11) to Dublin UMC.

Coming from Radford on Rt. 11, turn left at the traffic light in center of Dublin (CVS on right, Walgreens on left). Cross the railroad tracks and turn left onto Old Rt. 11. Proceed one block to Dublin UMC.

Coming from Pulaski on Rt. 11, turn right at traffic light in center of Dublin (Walgreens on right, CVS on left). Cross the railroad tracks and turn left on Old Rt. 11. Proceed one block to Dublin UMC.

Registration & breakfast will be in the Family Life Center. From the parking lot, enter the doors on the right.

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UMW District Spring Mini-Retreat
First United Methodist Church

April 18,2009
Dublin, VA

Church Name _____

Number Attending _____

There is a \$5.00 Donation to help cover the cost of lunch. Please do not send money with registration. Please pay at the retreat when you register that day.

UMW Presidents, please send this form by April 5 to:

**Helen Chandler
5396 Aldrin Street
Dublin, VA 24084**

Holston Conference United Methodist Women

35th Annual

Spiritual Enrichment Experience

*Spiritual Leader and
Communion Celebrant*
The Reverend Kim Mustard Goddard



Kim Goddard graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a B.S. Degree and Duke University with a Master of Divinity Degree. She was ordained in Holston Conference in 1989. She has served as pastor in several districts of Holston Conference, director of the Wesley Institute and was appointed District Superintendent of the Abingdon District in 2003. Kim has been very active in local, district and conference work having led adult mission teams to New Mexico, youth mission teams to South Carolina, served as a delegate to World Methodist Conference in Brighton, England, delegate to Jurisdictional Conference, and as delegate in 2008 to both General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

She has been an active supporter of United Methodist Women in Holston Conference, having led both Spiritual Enrichment Experiences, Young Women's Retreat, and has also served in other capacities of United Methodist Women events. She presently serves as Cabinet Representative to the Holston United Methodist Women Executive Committee.

Kim is married to Jim Goddard, pastor of Pleasant View United Methodist Church in the Abingdon District. They have one son and daughter-in-law, Jimmy and Tara, two daughters, Annie and Lindsey, and two grandsons.

Kim's ancestry runs through generations of farmers, railroad workers and coal miners. They gave her priceless gifts of faith in Jesus Christ, a place of belonging in the United Methodist family, a love for the mountains and a desire to keep learning.

Jim, Kim and the girls are currently in the process of building a retreat and retirement home on her great-great-grandparent's farm in Giles County, Virginia.

Music Leader
Beth Walker Burkey



Beth Walker Burkey "grew up" in the Methodist church, as a pastor's daughter. She is a speaker, Bible teacher, singer and worship leader and has lead many retreats throughout the Southeast United States.

Beth is from Athens, Tennessee and graduated from Tennessee Wesleyan College with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education. She has worked in churches in several capacities and taught music in the public schools for seven years. She led a weekly Bible study for college and young adults for twelve years and is finishing her tenure as Executive Director of "GodSong Ministries", a non-profit outreach ministry for college/young adults.

Beth, her husband Bob, and their son Jeremiah, reside in Athens, TN. She also has a daughter, Stephanie and a son-in-law, Adam Graves, who live in Cleveland, Tennessee. Her desire is to use her God given gifts and talents to truly serve the Lord.

Pianist



Teena Broom is serving as pianist for Tyner United Methodist Church and as keyboardist for the contemporary worship at Jones Memorial United Methodist Church.

Teena is married to Duane Broom. They have four children, two stepchildren, 1 two-year old grandson and a new grandbaby due in March 2009.

Teena says her "whole life has been blessed by the hand of God. Even in the worst of times, He has always provided my every need. Whether the need was physical, emotional or spiritual, I never had to doubt that whatever the outcome, my God was in control and the Lord was my strength and my shield."

One of her greatest blessings is the love He has given her for music. She says, "there are many who are more gifted, but no one feels more blessed than I do when I am granted the privilege of using my love for music to serve the Lord. Thank you for allowing me to worship with each of you at the 2009 Spiritual Enrichment Weekend. What a joy it is to serve."

PART I.

LAKE JUNALUSKA ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION FORM

Holston United Methodist Women's Spiritual Enrichment Experience

May 15-16, 16-17, 2009

Please send a completed form for each individual attending.
Do not mail before March 15, 2009.
Please print legibly or type.

You can now call Lake Junaluska and make your reservations by phone—1-800-222-4930.
Payment can be made using a major credit card.

Mail this portion to:
Holston UMW
PO Box 188
Lake Junaluska NC 27845

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone (____) _____ Business Phone (____) _____

I will be attending **SESSION I** _____ **SESSION II** _____ of **SEE**

I am requesting housing at Lake Junaluska (please check either YES or NO below):

_____ **YES** Do NOT send money with this form; the amount due will be requested when you are notified of your facility assignment. Your roommate's request form must be mailed in the same envelope.

If the number of guests in your room changes, notify Lake Junaluska prior to arrival.

_____ **NO.** Please enclose a check for \$5.00 payable to Lake Junaluska Assembly, for the common area fee.

Number of persons to occupy unit: Adults _____, Youth (6-11 years) _____, Children (under 6) _____
Please indicate if handicap room is needed _____ Please explain _____
Please list roommate (s) _____

Please mark first, second, and third choices; rates include room, three meals and common area fee.

The Terrace or Lambuth Inn (heated; private bath; various bed types)

_____ Double \$77.00 per person _____ Triple \$63.00 per person _____ Quad \$59.00 per person

Lakeside Lodge (heated; private bath; 2 double beds)

_____ Double \$64.00 per person _____ Triple \$57.00 per person _____ Quad \$53.00 per person

Apartments (private bath; heated; various bed types)

_____ Double \$62.00 per person _____ Triple \$56.00 per person _____ Quad \$53.00 per person

ATTENTION if you would like to have lunch before departing for home after the end of the session, the cost will be \$9.50 and you should be purchase it at the hotel desk when checking in.

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PART II.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Holston United Methodist Women's 2009 Spiritual Enrichment Experience

Mail this portion to **Carolyn Snow, 366 Big Red Dr., Hillsville, VA 24343**, with a \$10.00 check payable to Holston Conference UMW, before April 27. Please use the name you want on your name tag. **IF YOU WAIT TO REGISTER AT LAKE JUNALUSKA OR IF YOUR REGISTRATION IS POST-MARKED AFTER THE APRIL 27 DEADLINE, THE REGISTRATION FEE IS \$15.00.**

Name _____ Phone (____) _____
Address _____ Church _____
_____ District _____
Email address _____
Children attending (name/age) _____
I will be attending Session I _____ Session II _____ I am a first-time attendee _____

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