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President's Address

Happy Spring!

It's spring! Farewell
To chills and colds!
The blushing, girlish
World unfolds
Each flower, leaf
And blade of sod—
Small letters sent
To her from God.

~John Updike, "April," *A Child's Calendar*, 1965



I absolutely love this time of year when the winter seems well behind us and the summer not so far away. The birds are singing and the flowers are blooming and the pollen is wreaking havoc, but I still can't wait for spring to arrive!

District has already started spring with a bang. We had a wonderful Lenten Time Apart/Social Action event at Winters Chapel UMC March 5. We had a speaker from the Children's Interfaith Movement speak to us about child sexual exploitation and human trafficking in Atlanta and surrounding communities. We then followed it up with a moving Lenten service. Thank you Winters Chapel UMW and Rev. Preacher for your wonderful hospitality!

Some upcoming events starting this Summer are the Southeastern Jurisdiction Conference in Charleston, S.C. June 3-5, NGC Annual Conference in Athens, GA June 7-9 with the UMW Breakfast, June 8 and Mission u, July 21-22 in Fayetteville, GA (see the flyer located elsewhere in this newsletter). Registration is now open. At the end of July, local unit reports are due.

Please feel free to invite any of us to your local unit meetings to cover any topics you might want to know more about such as; pledging and where the money goes, spiritual growth and how to promote this, what is involved in serving at District level, program planning, etc. We are happy to speak to your groups.

Wishing you a wonderful spring and summer!

Blessings,

Stephanie

Nominations Committee Chair

Ladies- We are in immediate need of 4 women to fill the vacancies listed below for the AROS District UMW Board. With the Easter Celebration just over, we are called to renew our commitment to our relationship with Christ, and open our hearts, minds, and ears to what he may be calling us to do, to serve him. I sincerely hope that you read the requirements of the open positions below, and pray about what God would have you do to serve him.



Suzi Ross
Nominations Chair

Communication Chair- Attend 4 Board meetings per year and District Events. Pull together submitted articles from board members into newsletter format and distribute to mailing list 4 times per year. Need to have fairly good computer skills, especially Word and e-mail. Also have the ability to import pictures sent by local units.

Secretary- Attend 4 Board meetings per year and District Events. Take and distribute minutes at each Board meeting. Complete Roll Call at the Annual meeting.

Vice President- Attend 4 Board meetings per year and District Events. Make arrangements for the 2 District Wide meetings. Contact host Church, reserve room, the AV needed, speakers if needed, pianist if needed. Arranges for the food and beverage to be provided by the host Church. Works with President/and or Coordinator on needs for printed material and program.

Nominating Committee Member- Attend District Events and registers and welcomes attendees. Become familiar with the UMW Presidents and membership of the Churches in the District. District Board meetings are optional. Make phone calls to ask people to serve at the District Level. Help fill the vacancies on the District Board.

If, you feel that you are being called to help the UMW promote Christian fellowship among our women, please give me a call at 770-886-9614 or send me an e-mail at suzkraft@aol.com. I would love to hear from you.

Prayerfully- Suzi Ross

Program Resources



Human Trafficking --- What is human trafficking? It is a form of modern-day slavery and is the second largest criminal industry in the world. Traffickers take advantage of vulnerable persons with false promises or physical abduction, forcing persons into contract slavery, forced and sexual trafficking.

Human trafficking is a crime. The United Methodist Women from across the nation have joined this sacred mission by taking a stand to prevent, protect, and prosecute those impacted by this trade in human trafficking that occurs everywhere in the world- even here!

There are several articles that will help enlighten and educate us about human trafficking. These can be found in the *Response Magazine*.

January Issue- *"Intercept Human Trafficking"*

February issue- *"A Strong Pulse for Mission"*

"On a Mission for Justice in East Central Iowa"

April issue- *"Leaving Home in Central America"*

May issue- *"Honoring Mothers, Honoring Women, Rally to End humanTrafficking"*

June issue- *"How to Use this Issue"*
"Life After Trafficking"

You will also find books on our **Reading program** list about Human Trafficking.

2016- *The White Umbrella*, *Walking with Survivors of Sex Trafficking*

2012- *The Slave Next Door*



Diane Gilbert

Program Resources

Education & Interpretation

General Conference:

#umwgc2016 will be the Twitter hashtag to follow UMW at the Conference

The General Conference, held every four years, is the procedure United Methodists use to revise church law. It is an opportunity to adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs. Any organization, clergy member or lay member of The United Methodist Church may petition the General Conference.

The next General Conference will convene at the Oregon Convention Center May 10-20, 2016. [General Conference Guide](#)

In 2016, United Methodist Women will move into four new priority areas for our mission work. Our petitions to General Conference will focus on continuing our existing work and build on these new priority areas, which are:

- **Climate Justice:** Life-giving stewardship and advocacy that enables all God's creation to thrive.
- **Maternal & Child Health:** Life-saving access and education that promotes well-being.
- **Ending Mass Incarceration:** Advocating to end the criminalization of people of color.
- **Economic Inequality:** Addressing a complex issue affecting women and people of color disproportionately.

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Eleanor Brown

Education & Interpretation

Social Action



Social Action Coordinator – Jo (Elna) Sheetz josheetz@gmail.com

Human Trafficking

How Human Trafficking and Child Slavery Hurts Homeless Kids

There is a grave misconception in this country that human trafficking is a trend relegated to foreign soil. But the painful truth is that human trafficking – one of the world's fastest-growing criminal industries – is a monstrous issue in this country. In fact, 85% of confirmed sex trafficking victims are U.S. citizens, mostly runaway children.

Often disconnected from family and friends, homeless kids are particularly susceptible to traffickers who will lure them with the promise of food, warmth, and even false love. Once snatched from the streets without anyone noticing, they are sold for the highest price, their dignity and sense of self destroyed. Covenant House receives many of these young people after they've found the courage to escape capture, have been freed by police raids, or have made contact with Covenant House outreach staff combing the streets day and night looking for kids in need and at risk.

The Facts about Human Trafficking in Georgia

- Atlanta was named by the FBI as one of 14 US cities with the highest rate of children used in prostitution
- In Georgia, 12,400 men purchase sex with young women in any given month.
- Approximately 100 adolescent females are sexually exploited each night in Georgia.
- In Georgia, adolescent females controlled by the child sex trafficking trade are sexually exploited by an adult male on an average of three times per night.

On Their Behalf, We Offer an Urgent Call to Service

We must ignite, state by state, a movement by schools, civic groups, police, social service agencies, and child advocates LIKE YOU to speak out for those who have been victims, work together to raise awareness of the crisis, and empower our government to protect America's children.

from Covenant House of Georgia Website

2016 Social Action Project

AROS UMW – CALL TO ACTION

Show them that we care!

2016 – Social Action Project – Human Trafficking

At the “AROS Gathering” at Alpharetta First UMC on November 12, we will collect care kits for homeless teens and young adults.

Covenant House will give the kits to those vulnerable for human trafficking. Covenant House serves not only their residents with toiletry items, but they also do outreach to you on the streets and will offer them these kits in the process.

CARE KITS – pkg in gallon zip-locked bag (label male or female)

- washcloth
- toothpaste – regular size
- toothbrush – in original single pkg
- lip balm
- deodorant
- 1 pair socks



Lenten Event



Dorothy McKinney

Historian

ATLANTA ROSWELL CONNECTION

This sad and beautiful butterfly story illustrates one of the most salient lessons we learn throughout our lives. It's easy to imagine life as simple - good or bad. But often we wind up with a mix of both that shapes our character making us who we are. Enjoy! :)

“One day, a man walking down a path saw a butterfly cocoon that was about to open. As he watched, a small opening appeared in the cocoon; the man sat and watched for the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole.

Then, it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could and it could go no further. So the man decided to help the butterfly, he took a pair of scissors and opened the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily.

But it had a withered body, it was tiny and its wings were shriveled.

The man continued to watch because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would open, enlarge and expand, to be able to support the butterfly's body. Neither happened.

In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a withered body and shriveled wings. It never was able to take flight.

What the man, in his kindness and his goodwill, did not understand, was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening, were nature's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings, so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.”

Sometimes, struggles are exactly what we need in our life. If we were allowed to go through our life without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as we could have been; never able to fly.

I asked for Strength...and I was given difficulties to make me strong.

I asked for Wisdom...and I was given problems to solve.

I asked for Prosperity...and I was given a brain and brawn to work.

I asked for Courage...and I was given obstacles to overcome.

I asked for Love...and I was given trouble people to help.

I asked for Favors....and I was given opportunities.

“I received nothing I wanted...but I received Everything I needed.”

Live life without fear, confront all obstacles and know that you can overcome them.

REMEMBER: It's the pebbles in the brook that makes it sing.

However, God is Love and never gives us bad things to make us better. We live in an evil world. What God does is help us by strengthening us through Christ and by making all things work out for the best for us who believe. ~ Romans 8:28 KJV



SAVE THE DATE

Because YOU are invited



Mark the date of **Thursday, April 28 at 7pm** when the **UMW at Dunwoody UMC** is pleased to present Senator Renee Untermann, who is the current chair of the Health and Human Service Committee who will talk about how the issue of Human Trafficking impacts not only Atlanta, but our own community as well. We also will have a panel comprised of a representative from the Interfaith Children's Movement as well as the DeKalb County Commissioner. This will take place in the Youth Area.

AROS - The GATHERING

November 12, 2016

Alpharetta United Methodist Church

A Fashion Show Spoof Presented by the United Methodist Women

AND THE OSCAR Goes TO...

7 p.m.

Friday, April 15

In Trinity Hall,
**Alpharetta First United
Methodist Church**

Behind the Sanctuary
at 69 N. Main St., Alpharetta



Refreshments.
Door prizes. Music.

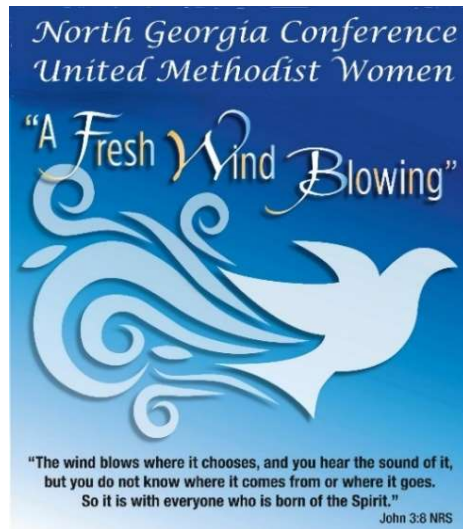
All men, women and children are invited.

A love offering and proceeds from the night's
silent auction will benefit Fostering Superstars,
a nonprofit organization to help foster children.

afumc.org/fashion

No reservations required.

To make reservations for child care, contact
AFUMC Nursery Coordinator Helena Manning:
hmanning@afumc.org or 770-475-5576.



*North Georgia Conference
United Methodist Women
Annual Conference Breakfast
"A Fresh Wind Blowing"*

Wednesday, June 8, 2016-- 7:00 AM
Classic Center – Athens Ballroom A-F
Cost: \$18.00

Menu:

Scrambled Eggs, Crispy Bacon, Home-Fried Breakfast Potatoes,
Baked Cheese Grits, Yogurt,
Sausage Gravy, Buttermilk Biscuits,
Breakfast Pastries/Muffins/Flavored Scones,
Butter, Jams and Jellies,
Bottled Orange Juice and Apple Juice,
Jittery Joe's Coffee and Hot Tea Selections

Learn More About: Legacy; Limitless; Leadership Development

Register on line: ngcumw.org

Registrar: Jacqueline Evans

Payment must be received by June 1, 2016 to confirm registration.



**Friday & Saturday
July 22 – 23, 2016**

Fayetteville First UMC
175 E. Lanier Ave,
Fayetteville, GA 30214

770-461-4313

www.fayettevillefirst.com

REGISTER TODAY

Online Registration is now available

www.ngumw.org

-OR-

return the registration form on back

**MAKE YOUR OWN LODGING
RESERVATION!**



**Thursday, July 21st
OPTIONAL**

**MISSION PROJECT
2:00PM – 4:00PM**

Let us know if you plan to be
there by marking your
registration form!

**Friday and Saturday
July 22 – 23, 2016**

YOU ARE INVITED...

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STUDIES

Spiritual Growth:

Claiming God's Good Gift (The Bible and Human Sexuality)

Leaders: Mary Anne Brannon, Rev. Allyson Lawrence, Rev. Eric Powell,
Rev. Carol Helton, Rev. Sang Jae Lee, Rev. Lucy Morales

Geographic Study:

Latina America: People and Faith

Leader: Rev. Juan Quintanilla

Social Issue Study:

Caring for God's Creation

Leaders: Grace Pyen, Rev. Jacqui Rose-Tucker

Youth Study:

Joining Voices for Climate Justice

Leader: Lauren Lynch

Children Study:

God's Extravagant Garden

Leaders: Sue & Terry Raymond

WHAT TO BRING



- > Bible, paper, pens/pencils and Study Book. Books will be available in the Resource Room, if not received in advance
- > Dress comfortably and bring a sweater for cold classrooms
- > Bring your own personal, refillable water bottle



United
Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION



MISSION u: Learning Together for the Transformation of the World



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE...

Friday July 22nd

Registration: 8:30 – 10:30 AM
 Opening Worship: 10:30 AM
 Lunch: 12:00 PM
 Class I: 1:15 – 3:30 PM
 Break: 3:30 – 4:00 PM
 UMW Update/Global Ministries
 Opportunities: 4 - 5:00 PM
 Dinner: 5:00 PM
 Class II: 6:30 – 8:30 PM
 Free Time: 8:30 PM till 9:00 PM

Saturday July 23rd

Saturday Registration: 8:00 AM
 (Please check out of hotel
BEFORE coming to Mission u)
 Devotion: 9 – 9:15 AM
 Class III: 9:30 – 11:30 AM
 Lunch: 11:30 AM
 Class IV: 12:30 – 2:15 PM
 Closing Worship/Communion:
 2:30 – 3:00 PM

REGISTRATION FORM

“MISSION u” July 22-23, 2016 - REGISTRATION FORM

Register online at www.ngumw.org -or- print and complete form below.

Make check payable to Mission u and mail to:

Glenda Creasy, 3145 Parks Run, Loganville, GA 30052 (770-596-4288)

Name:		<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
Address:		<input type="checkbox"/> Adult	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth* <input type="checkbox"/> Child* (check one)
City, State, Zip:		Youth/Child registration requires adult consent	
Phone:		Email:	
Church:		District:	
Emergency Contact Person:		Emergency Contact Phone #:	
Physical/Medical Needs:		Allergies:	
Request: <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian meal <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten free meal <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
I will be there to participate in the Thursday Mission Project: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Choose Your Class (Select only one class)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Growth - Claiming God's Good Gift ((The Bible and Human Sexuality) <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Geographic Study - Latin America: People and Faith <input type="checkbox"/> Social Issue - Climate Justice <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (13-17) *Age(s) _____ Joining Voices for Climate Justice			
*Guardian/Parent/Adult of Youth (Required): _____		Ph: _____ Email: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Child (6-12) *Age(s) _____ God's Extravagant Garden *Guardian/Parent/Adult of Child (Required): _____ Ph: _____ Email: _____			
FREE Childcare Available for children 5 and under of participants during scheduled classes and plenary sessions. Please indicate the number of children 5 and under requiring childcare here: _____			
Registration Fees: \$70.00 (Friday only - \$40.00 / Saturday only - \$30.00) Youth/ Children - \$30.00 Your registration fee includes: your classes, lunch and dinner Friday and lunch Saturday.			
Scholarships Available for reduced registration fees for children, youth and adults. Email: mission.u.registrar@gmail.com for information.			
Register by June 15 and receive your Study Book free at the event. Register after July 5, and you must purchase your Study Book at the event or online at www.missionresourcecenter.org			



LODGING...

Request Mission u hotel rate. You decide where to stay &
MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATION!
 Rate is 2+ per room, per night with hot breakfast.

Holiday Inn Express, Fayetteville, GA (1-770-461-5600) - \$109.00 plus tax per day (After July 1st, the rate is \$129.00)
 Hampton Inn, Fayetteville, GA (1-770-460-6700) - \$109.00 plus tax per day (After June 22nd, the rate will be \$129.00)

Registration Deadline for Studies

To receive free study book at event,
 register by **June 15, 2016**

Final Registration Deadline: July 5, 2016



North Georgia Conference
United Methodist Women

Annual Meeting

OCTOBER 1, 2016

Cumming First UMC

770 Canton Highway

Cumming, GA

(770) 887-2900

9:30am – 2:00 pm

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Church _____ District _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Special Needs _____

Check Age Group Teen ☐ 20 ☐ 30 ☐ 40 ☐ 50+ ☐

First time attending UMW Annual Meeting? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you a guest of the Conference? Yes ☐ No ☐

The Registration deadline is September 16, 2016

\$20.00 Meeting and Luncheon, prior to September 16, 2016 Check # _____

\$10.00 Meeting only, prior to September 16, 2016

***There will be a \$10 late fee for registrations received after
September 16, 2016.***

Make checks payable to NGCUMW. (NO REFUNDS)

Registrar: Memoree Emerson

1045 Chatham Rd

Buford, GA 30518-4901

678-475-5733

mo@mccart.com

**You can now register
online at:
www.ngumw.org**

Annual Meeting Agenda:

8:30am – 9:30am — Registration

9:30am – 12:00 pm — Business Meeting

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm — Lunch

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm — Awards Luncheon

Free Childcare will be provided. Deadline to reserve is September 16, 2016. Please pack a lunch for each child.

Name _____

Age: _____

Dietary restrictions: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

2016 AROS District Calendar

May 7	AROS District Board Meeting	President's House
September 10	AROS District Board Meeting	Alpharetta 1st UMC
November 12	AROS District Gathering	Alpharetta 1st UMC

2016 AROS District Officers

PRESIDENT	Stephanie Dressler	12135 Edenwilde Drive Roswell, GA 30075	770-663-4324	770-337-8461	sdressle@bellsouth.net
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OPEN POSITIONS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

COMMUNICATIONS

PARLIAMENTARIAN

POSITIONS FOR NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE