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UMW makes a difference with our properties! Born of dreams to give larger voice to churches in international affairs, Methodists built the Church Center next to the United Nations in New York City in 1963. United Methodist Women owns and operates the building, and continues the legacy of keeping faith communities connected to the U.N., exerting a positive influence on the affairs of the world's peoples and nations. UMW needs you to help make a difference in the lives of women, children and youth – here and around the world. Join with us! Help us make more of a difference in 2017 and into 2018!

UMW General Coffee Meeting, Saturday, November 11, 10:00, \$3.00, Wilder Dining Room

Program: *Murphy-Harpst Transitional Living Program* with Scott Fuller

Project: Bring Wal-Mart Gift Cards for Murphy-Harpst

Bring your Thank Bank if you have not turned it in this year.

Reservations to church office (291-8590) or churchoffice@romefirst.org by noon, Wed., Nov. 8 for meeting and/or childcare. All are women are invited! Bring a friend!

Mark your calendars for **Thurs., Dec. 7, 6:00 – UMW Christmas Banquet** with the history of Christmas Carols by Daryl Jean Gould, \$15.00 in the Wilder Dining Room. Project: Bring diapers for Good Neighbor Ministries. Reservations to church office (291-8590) or churchoffice@romefirst.org by noon, Monday, Dec. 4 for dinner and/or childcare. All are women are invited! Bring a friend!

New books on the UMW Resource Shelves: High Yield: Seven Disciplines of the Fruitful Leader (Leadership Development) and Snake Oil (Social Action). Are you working on one of the Plans for the Reading Program for 2018?? Aim for at least Plan 2!

Angel Express Candy Jar project is underway. Jane Studard needs small jars with lids, wrapped candy, ribbons and bows. Bring them to the church any time before Dec. 5

If you have missed receiving the UMW email updates, check out the “**UMW Update Notebook**” on the UMW Shelves in the church office. It is being updated frequently with the printouts. Eventually, it will replace our newsletter. Let us know how you like our new way of communicating with you. If you are not receiving the emails, please give Susi Edwards your email address: sedwards162@comcast.net

Thursday, November 9, 11:00 – Mary Martha Group meets in B201. Read Ch. 2 in Climate Justice. Lunch out following the meeting.

Saturday, November 11, 10:00 – UMW General Coffee Meeting in the Wilder Dining Room.

Monday, November 13, 10:30 – Circle 7 meets in B201.

Thursday, November 16, 10:00 – Knitting Group meets in B201.

Monday, November 27, 10:30 – Morning Glories meets in B201 with lunch out following the meeting.

Outside the Walls of Rome First

Sunday, November 5, 3:00 – Rome-Carrollton District Annual Meeting at Carrollton First UMC. Contact Cindy Shelton to carpool.

Deadlines

Nov. 8 – Reservations for the UMW General Coffee Meeting

Dec. 1 – Fair Trade orders are due to the church office.

Dec. 4 – Reservations for UMW Christmas Banquet

Notes from the **Conference Annual UMW meeting on Oct., 7:**

- 1) Margie DeShon, Winnie Holland, Cindy Shelton and Susi Edwards represented yall in Griffin
- 2) Tryphenia Speed continues as our President and Susan Stroup was elected Treasurer for a 2 year term (begins January 1)
- 3) The offering was for the Legacy Fund - \$1,693.78
- 4) To date, in this 3rd year of the 5 year goal of \$60 million, The North Georgia Conference has contributed \$79,133.64 plus the offering today.
- 5) There were 330 registered for the meeting.
- 6) Registrations are now open online for the UMW National Assembly, May 18-20 in Columbus, OH. Margie plans to go!
- 7) For the first time in my history, no UMW unit has offered to host the 2018 Conference Annual UMW meeting.
- 8) The North Georgia Pledge to Missions for 2018 is \$300,000.
- 9) Women brought 1381 Christmas Shoe Boxes for Honduras, 35 School Kits, 13 Hygiene kits and 3 flood buckets for UMCOR. Our unit earlier turned in 48 health kits.

It was great to be with women from all over Georgia and be challenged with the message from Rev. Hyemin Na. Come with us next time! (P.S. – We have just learned that it you won't have to travel as we are hosting it in 2018!!)

Shop in the Fair Trade Store next to Jo Ann's office - open during church office hours! Cooler weather is here so you can now order chocolate! Try coffee (ground, whole bean, K-cups), olive oil from Jerusalem, a variety of teas, cocoa and nuts. Stock up for Thanksgiving and Christmas! Make out your check to the church and give it to Jo Ann. Didn't find what you want? Fill out an order form and drop it off at the church office before **December 1**. Next deadline: **February 1**. Questions? Contact Sondra Wilkins (706-291-1945).

Remember your food for Rome Action Ministries. Every time you go to the grocery store, pick up some peanut butter, cereal or macaroni 'n cheese and bring it to the church. Drop it in the bins for Rome Action Ministries Food Pantry!