Breakfast Group Remembers Terry Turner

Phyllis Miller

Terry Turner died on June 17, 1999. On September 8 of this year, a memorial service was held for Terry at which a portion of her cremains were placed in the memorial garden. Terry’s brother, Tony, reached out to me to help plan a service that would return a portion of Terry to a place that meant so much to her.

It was probably in the early 1990’s that I joined the Breakfast Circle and met Terry Turner who was already a member. She and I also crossed paths in our jobs at the University of Missouri. She was one of those persons who had every “i” dotted and every “t” crossed.

Based on one of her activities in our circle, you can still see her handiwork today. Terry came up with the idea of selling geraniums as our circle’s mission fund-raising project. I am told that she was a master organizer and planner. Terry kept very detailed books about the sale. She could tell by the end of the sale how many geraniums by color she ordered, how many we sold, and how many we took back. And maybe who bought them. She was a stickler for detail.

We fondly remember Terry who was taken from us much too soon, but who left us with warm memories and a legacy that continues.

Geranium sale, 1996. Terry Turner shown on the right.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6 (NRSV)
Gibson Circle
Gibson Circle met on Thursday, September 20 at the MO Conference Center and volunteered in the warehouse assembling flood buckets.

Searcy-Feely
Although Searcy-Feely does not meet during the months of June, July, or August, we continued to be in mission. On July 12, members of the circle participated in Christmas in July and on July 14, Searcy-Feely served Loaves and Fishes. Our first meeting in the fall was September 19. We met at the MO Conference Center and worked in the warehouse counting and packing hygiene kits and school bags. Our next meeting will be on October 17. We will be meeting at Turning Point to tour the facility and learn more about their mission.

Val’s Circle
Val’s Circle completed another successful mum sale in September.

UMW Book Club
The UMW Book club met in July and September. On July 11, we discussed the Columbia One Read selection, Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann. On September 12, we discussed the One Read runner up choice, News of the World, by Paulette Jiles. Our next meeting will be November 14 at 10:00 in the Fireside room at Lenoir. Our book will be The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. All are welcome to attend.

UNIT NEWS

UMW Reading Program
UMW reading program reports should be sent to Betty Dillard by November 30.

The Wardrobe
The primary mission of The Wardrobe is helping to provide new school shoes for children in Boone County. On Aug 1, 2, and 3rd we sold 1,995 shoe coupons and gave away 60 shoe coupons to Coyote Hill. For those of you not familiar with the process, the guardians of the children purchase the shoe coupons for $4.00. They then take the coupon to Payless Shoes on the Business Loop where they can get a pair of shoes worth up to $35.00. The Wardrobe pays the difference between $4.00 and the actual price of the shoes. Two coupons can be purchased per child.

The second mission of The Wardrobe is to provide free clothing to people in need who have been referred by a local agency. This is done on Tuesdays. Joyce Campbell has been in charge of the shoe coupon program and referral day on Tuesday. She recently moved to Oklahoma, so I am searching for someone to take over this position. If you or someone you know might be interested, please have them contact me. It doesn’t have to be someone in your church group. If you know of anyone that might like to contribute to helping the community, please urge them to contact me for more information. enissen57@gmail.com

PECAN SALES
Searcy-Feely will sell pecans again this year; however, the format has been changed. Pecans will be sold on two weekends in the connector following the procedure that has been done successfully by Breakfast Group with the sale of geraniums and Val’s Circle with the sale of mums. Following that pattern, we will not be taking advanced orders. The same varieties as we have sold in previous years – halves, pieces, cinnamon and chocolate covered - will be available for sale in the connector from 9:00-4:00 on Friday and Saturday, November 9-10 and 16-17. Any pecans not sold on the weekend will be offered for sale in the parlor on Sunday.
Fall UMW Unit Meeting
The fall unit meeting of UMW was held on Wednesday, September 5 at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor. The speaker was Fatimah Krgo. Fatimah is a junior at the University of Missouri studying Digital Storytelling. She was born and raised in Columbia and has been a part of the Muslim Speakers Bureau of Columbia for about four years now. She says that she loves the opportunities it gives her to meet people from all walks of life and to highlight our similarities as well as the differences that help us learn from one another and grow.

The next unit meeting will be on Wednesday, December 5 at 10:30 in the MPR.

DISTRICT NEWS

DISTRICT MEETING
The Mid-State District of UMW met on Saturday September 22nd at Court Street UMC in Fulton. Seventeen units were represented at the meeting including four members of MUMC UMW: June DeWeese, Carol Evans, Carole Babel, and Diana Revelle. An ingathering of diapers for the Baby Grace project was collected. Linda Mealy, the church organizer of the ministry at Court Street led the group on a tour of their facility and explained the process. Diapers are bundled in sets of 10 and distributed from the church office once a week. Once a month, members of the community come to the Baby Grace room where infant and toddler clothing and diapers are available. Diapers and clothing are provided in sizes newborn to 5T.

The program for the meeting was given by Toni Sayers, Coordinator for the Green Team for MO Conference UMW. Her talk was entitled, “Climate Justice: It’s an Issue for All of Us.” Mrs. Green explained the concept of climate justice and shared current information regarding the needs of people across the globe stemming from increasing challenges created by changing weather systems. She also shared links to videos and additional information. Climate justice is a term used for framing global warming as an ethical and political issue, rather than one that is purely environmental or physical in nature.

Isle de Jean Charles:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXO8F94g4Zw

Outer Banks, NC:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1pvyxY2Cd8

Miami, FL:
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Morgan Freeman:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BYQlaOldDU8

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DISTRICT VIM
A district VIM trip is scheduled for May 6-10, 2019 to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDI) in Chatham, IL. The MMDC is the mission distribution center for the North Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church. Space is limited, so register as soon as possible if you are interested. For more information, contact Sandy Dolezal: 785-218-7584; sshd1946@yahoo.com.

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UMW ACROSS THE NATION and AROUND THE GLOBE

UMW ASSEMBLY
The UMW National Assembly was held in Columbus, Ohio on May 18-20. Over 6,000 attendees participated in the event. The theme for the assembly was The Power of Bold. Caryl Bryan and Ester Mendoza attended the assembly and shared the following pictures from their experience.

Joaquina Filipe Nhanala, Bishop of Mozambique.

MO Conference churches are in covenant relationship with churches in Mozambique, supporting them in prayer and through financial assistance. Caryl reported: “When I told her I was from Missouri, she smiled and said, ‘Thank you, Missouri.’”

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