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A Message from Our UMW Co-Presidents

Dear Sisters,

With the turn of the page on the calendar, a new year has begun! And with it, a new executive board for the UMW has formed. Mary Rollefson and I look forward to serving as your co-presidents over the next two years. Before we get started, we want to take a moment to thank a few people. To Connie Sommers and Alex McPherron, our fearless co-presidents who calmly and deftly led our organization for the last two years. Thank you to the rest of the outgoing executive board who makes leading this group so easy. We would like to call out Marilyn Dickenson who planned and executed a wonderful recognition brunch last month (page 8) and Pat Simpich for her profound and thought-provoking devotions at the start of each of our monthly board meetings. I will note with sadness the loss in recent weeks of three pillars of our UMW: Alma Stewart, Jane Bishop and Lorraine Marsh. May their memory be a blessing to us as their lives were to our unit and our congregation.

New year, new challenges ahead. We are forming a task force to strategize on connecting with our college students at American University and resurrecting our campus outreach. And we renew our efforts to "Go Green" wherever we can to better care for God's creation. Our retreat is coming up at the end of this month (page 4), to be followed swiftly by the annual Book & Bake Sale (pages 5-6).

We look forward to working with you in the months ahead.

Sisters in Christ,

~ Anita Seline (Co-President) & Mary Rollefson (Co-President)
Introducing the 2014 UMW Executive Board and Special Committee Chairs!

Officers:
- Co-Presidents: Anita Seline (amseline@aol.com) & Mary Rollefson (maryrollefson@starpower.net)
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- Book Sale: Anita Seline (amseline@aol.com) & Martha Mizroch (martha_miz@hotmail.com)
- Retreat: Suzanne Vieth (msvieth@verizon.net)
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- Nominations: Connie Sommers (sommersc@gmail.com) & Alex McPherron (alexmcph@gmail.com)

Circle Representatives:
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6. Ann Michel (amichel@wesleyseminary.edu)
8. Dana Lehmer (danalehmer@msn.com)
9. Bobby Turnbull (bobbyturnbull@comcast.net)
10. Courtney Leatherman (c_leatherman@ix.netcom.com) & Jeanie Mah (msjcmyu1@gmail.com)
AU women@umethodists.org, Barbara Gaskill, UMW Liason (BETQGaskill@gmail.com)
2020 Annual Women’s Retreat
Friday, January 31 through Sunday, February 2, 2020
Priest Field Pastoral Center, Kearneysville, WV

All women are invited to the lovely Priest Field Pastoral Center in Kearneysville, West Virginia, for a weekend of fellowship, learning, and spiritual renewal. Join us for a fascinating and meaningful exploration of prayer, led by a young theologian and author who is at the forefront of an exciting new venture that is building community among women, centered on prayer. Together we will discover new ways to pray and think about prayer… and nurture our own unique voice.

Scholarship request deadline: Wednesday, January 15
Registration deadline: Sunday, January 19

Our leader will be Dr. Emily Peck-McClain. Dr. Peck-McClain is the Visiting Professor of Christian Formation and Young Adult Ministries at Wesley Theological Seminary, where she teaches Christian Formation and also serves as the theological educator for the Wesley Innovation Hub, part of a Lilly Endowment Initiative grant for ministries with young adults in the Capital Region. She believes strongly in the formative power of community, especially when inspired and supported by the Holy Spirit. She is a contributing editor of We Pray With Her: Encouragement for All Women Who Lead, a book of prayers and devotions for women in all areas leadership (Abingdon, 2018) and the forthcoming Speaking Truth: Women Raising Their Voices in Prayer (Abingdon, 2020). She is an ordained UMC elder and a mother of three children ages 2-8.

For registration forms or questions, see the attachment or contact Suzanne Vieth at MetroUMW@gmail.com.

Book and History Lovers—Save the Date!
Carolin A. Crabbe, author of Rebellion on the Chesapeake
Tuesday, March 3, 7pm, Metropolitan (location TBD)

The March Circle 8 meeting, featuring author of the historical novel Rebellion on the Chesapeake: America’s First Revolution in 1676, will be open to the entire church. More information will be in the next newsletter.

Ten Top Ways to Help the Book & Bake Sale Today!

1. Spark joy and clean out your no-longer needed books. Look through your media collection and give up any DVDs, CDs, and vinyl records you don't want.

2. Pack up your donations in boxes, not bags, please.

3. Recycle -- don't donate -- any encyclopedias, magazines, travel guides or self-help books published before 2015, and donations that are torn, dirty, musty or moldy.

4. Toss any VHS and cassette tapes, we can't sell them.

5. Wait until the Book Drive (Feb. 22 & 23) to bring in your donations (if you can't wait, leave them by the UMW closet).

6. Fire up your ovens and bake treats for the bake sale. Slip them in the freezer until we set up the bake sale.

7. Sign up NOW to help store, sort, categorize, sell, and clean up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4da8a6238-book3
   If you have difficulty or don't like to use this sign up, contact Anita Seline at amseline@aol.com and she will help.

8. Publicize the Book & Bake Sale with your friends, family, and neighbors. Tell your book group, post it on your list serve, take the attached flyer to your local Starbucks.

9. Mark your calendar for the Book & Bake Sale Feb. 28 to March 1. For hours and details, see nationalchurch.org/booksale

10. Say a prayer for the groups benefitting from the sale: Educare, a DC HeadStart program led by Pyper Imperial; Project Transformation DC, a Methodist summer reading camp, and Capital Partners for Education, assisting low-income DC students in their college careers.

Contact Anita Seline at amseline@aol.com or Martha Mizroch at martha_miz@hotmail.com with your questions.
What to Donate When

Dear UMW Sisters,

There seems to be some confusion about when we accept bazaar donations, since quite a few random items and boxes and bags of things intended for the bazaar have been showing up lately, during the Book Sale drive period. Because we have limited storage space, we've had to haul those bazaar-related items out of the church, and they have been donated elsewhere.

Here's the short version of what to donate when:

- **January & February:** books only, for the Book Sale
- **March - May:** Please hold on to everything; volunteers are taking a break.
- **June - October:** only items for the Bazaar (there is no book section at the bazaar)
- **November & December:** Please wait until after Christmas if at all possible, please, to drop off your books. Our volunteers are busy during the holiday period just as you are, and don't have time to stop by the church and tidy things up. Thank you.

Exceptions.
1. If you are a church member in the midst of a huge downsizing and/or if you are cleaning out a household for a loved one, we are happy to help you out by taking things off your hands, if you truly cannot hang on to them until the official donation period for those things rolls around. But you MUST contact Bazaar Coordinator Barbara Gaskill (202-244-3512 or BETQGaskill@gmail.com) to discuss the best way for us to help you and where we can store those items. Kindly do NOT simply make a drop off of bazaar donations near the UMW closet between November and May. Thanks.
2. Young Children's books. These are the only books sold at the fall bazaar, and therefore the only books you can drop off during the bazaar donation period of June through October.
3. For any questions about special situations related to the Book Sale, contact Book Sale Coordinator Anita Seline (amseline@aol.com).

It may well be that the random items being dropped off at the wrong times are coming from non-church friends or neighbors who have heard we have a bazaar and a book sale. When telling others about our fundraising events, please make it clear that we do not accept items year-round for everything. And perhaps offer to help them deliver their donations, rather than telling them they can drop them off on their own; this typically helps cut down on inappropriate items and on items being dropped off when we are not working on one sale or the other. Many thanks.

~Barbara Gaskill, Bazaar Coordinator, BETQgaskill@gmail.com
**Annual UMW Service Day**  
*Saturday, April 25, 9am-2pm, Metropolitan campus*

We are very excited about our 2020 UMW Service Day that will take place Saturday April 25, 2020 at Metropolitan from 9 till 2. We are going to have some very fun projects to work on, so please come out and support many worthwhile causes. We would love to start this decade out with a strong turnout. All are welcome - bring a friend. (You can even bring a man!) Lunch will be provided. We will have collection boxes out in the hallway of Metropolitan foyer and over at Wesley starting February 1. We are collecting travel size toiletries and fuzzy socks. Mark your calendars now for this fun day!

Contact Martha Mizroch, Martha_miz@hotmail.com

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**Congratulations Esther!**

There is good news from our UMW sister Esther Inuwa. Esther has been studying at the Wesley Theological Student, and joined us at the 2019 Women's Retreat. On December 12, Esther posted from Nigeria that "The long journey with the Board of Ordained Ministry of the United Methodist Church has come to an end. To God be the glory. Your grace oh Lord for the new task ahead."

In response to a request for further information, Esther sent some pictures, and the following:

"The journey starts 05/26/2012 as a district local Pastor, 11/24/2014 as Licences and Commissioned Local Pastor with the Southern Nigeria Annual Conference. Then Ordained Deacon on 12/02/2017 and now ordained Elder on 12/10/2019, all by the resident Bishop John Wesley Yohanna of Nigeria Episcopal Area. This is the brief summary of my journey with the BOOM."

Esther returns to DC in mid January. When next you see her, be sure to offer congratulations and a big UMW hug!

~Ellen Bachman
Recognition Brunch 2019 Recap

By Alexandra McPherron

Left, Enjoying the presentations Photos by Jeanie Mah. See more in the Appendix.

For a change of pace, our annual Recognition Lunch in 2019 was a Brunch held at the Wesley campus Saturday, December 7. Circle 1 did a fabulous job hosting their first Recognition event. Marilyn Dickenson spent months collecting nominations, preparing the program to ensure the details were correct and helping to smooth the transition to a new date and location. Thank you to Marilyn and her team members, Kelly D'Angelo and Dee Dee Parker Wright!

After the Invocation by Wesley campus Pastor Mele Aho, we honored each of the seven babies born or adopted by congregation members in 2019. The UMW made a donation to the DC Diaper Bank in their names and we enjoyed having little Luca Rousset in attendance! We looked to our UMW future as we welcomed new members to Circles 1, 2 and 10. In the third section of our program, we remembered those we lost since our 2018 Recognition Luncheon.

We then had our presenter speeches for our 2019 Honorees: Dona Collary, Mallika Gamage, Kathy Portus and Heidi Winn plus Special Recognition for former member Regula Guess and a surprise Special Recognition for Wesley church member Thomas Laryea. We also got to present the 2018 award to Honoree Pam Ellsworth, who was traveling last year. See below for the transcript of the award presentation to Dona by Bobby Turnbull, and look for the other speeches in upcoming newsletters. Congratulations to all our deserving honorees and thank you to our wonderful presenters.

Finally, our treasurer, Rita Guenther, gave an update on how we raise money and where it goes. The 2020 budget was voted and approved and our new Executive Board for 2020-2021 was introduced (see page x for the list).

Thank you to Marilyn and her team, Circle 1 and our presenters for a great Brunch!

Dona Collary: 2019 UMW Recognition Honoree

By Bobby Turnbull

The following is a presentation at the December 7, 2019 Recognition Brunch. Transcripts for presentations for other honorees will be printed in upcoming editions.

It is my honor to present Dona Collary for recognition by our UMW unit. As you know, Dona is our part time Pastoral Care Assistant and is director of funerals, weddings, and special events. She has worked at National United Methodist Church since 1995.

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Dona was born in Amsbry, Pennsylvania, which is about halfway between Harrisburg and Pittsburgh. She has one brother, Ronald, who lives in New Jersey. Her 100-year-old mother Marcella lives part time with Dona and part time with Ronald. Dona has been married to Don for 56 years, and they have two children, Scott and Kimberly, four grandchildren, one great grandchild, and one great grand-dog.

Dona attended the Altoona School of Commerce and then started work with a clay products firm which provided materials for new home construction. Later she began working for Sears part time and had a full-time job with a property management company. At Sears she was the supervisor of a hub that included customer service, cashiering, shipping and receiving, customer pickup, security, and catalog services. She stayed with Sears for 30 years and still keeps up with some of her former coworkers there.

Dona was first hired at National as bookkeeper. She later became interim Director and then Executive Director of Church Administration. Her background and industry contacts were invaluable during our Capital Campaign and major church repairs. She was able to get the right people for each task and make sure things were done correctly. All that work would not have been completed so successfully without her oversight. Our new steeple was literally the crowning achievement of all this effort. Dona later became Director of Finance before moving to her current position.

Dona’s hobbies include crafts, sewing, and cooking. She has often made the decorations for church events such as the Easter brunch and staff and other parties, and she makes decorations and gifts for family and friends. She also cooks for some of these events, including her delicious meatballs and barbecue. She has worked with the Metro Players on many occasions.

While not formally a member of Circle 9, Dona has been very close to us. She has attended many of our luncheons and has stopped in to visit during other meetings. In her current position she has been wonderful in keeping me up to date with any needs of circle members, especially our older members, and we have visited some of our shut-ins together. When the Capital Campaign and major church repairs were going on, she presented several programs to us on what needed to be done and the progress of the work.

Clearly, Dona has made a huge difference in the ongoing life of the church. With all her experience here, she provides the knowledge and continuity that we need. She is most deserving of this special recognition.
Saturday, January 25, 2020 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Herb Scott presents

Herb Scott is a young, soulful powerhouse on alto saxophone. As a bandleader, his style often veers into the over-sweetened terrain of smooth jazz, but no matter what he plays, his fleetness and conviction are undeniable.

Capitol Bop

D.C. Native and saxophonist Herb Scott is a rising star on the Washington, D.C. Jazz scene. At the Duke Ellington School of the Arts he studied under award-winning educator Davey Yarborough, followed by Jazz Studies at Michigan State University and touring with the MSU Jazz Band. He has performed with renowned trumpeter Wynton Marsalis and Jazz pianist Herbie Hancock, and his career includes performances at Lincoln Center, the White House, the Baker’s Keyboard Lounge in Detroit, the Kennedy Center, Universal Studios Orlando, Constitution Hall, the Library of Congress, and other national and international venues. Herb’s first album as a band leader, Introducing Herb Scott on Alto Saxophone, a NU-Jazz Collective, was released in 2011, and in 2015, he started the weekly Capitol Hill Jazz Jam Session at Mr. Henry’s Restaurant, where Grammy winner Roberta Flack once held her residency. Herb completed his first International Residency at the St. Regis Hotel in Doha, Qatar and returned to the U.S. headlining at Blues Alley Jazz and Supper Club in the fall of 2016. In 2017 Herb formed a non-profit, The Capitol Hill Jazz Foundation, to provide critical resources and advocacy to DC-based Jazz musicians, venues, and music education programs.

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$10 entry ~ $7 seniors ~ $5 students ~ 12 & under free entry
Tickets available online at www.instantseats.com/jazz ← CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

Sweet and savory items available for purchase
Complimentary Coffee & Tea
Family Friendly


Bring a lightly used coat and/or nonperishable food item to jazz up someone else’s life.
Donations for food pantries and clothes closets at Community UMC and Mt. Vernon UMC
**An Afternoon of Art and Music**  
January 26, 2020

Pianist James Litzelman  
Metropolitan Memorial campus Sanctuary,  
3pm

Reception and Art Show Opening: “Two Photographers: Two Views-Works by Michael Mitchell and Alec Chester”  
Metropolitan Memorial campus Great Hall, 4:30pm

On January 26 the Arts Council will present pianist James Litzelman in a lecture/recital of religiously inspired music by Franz Liszt. The Arts Council is also opening a new exhibit, Two Photographers: Two views-Works by Michael Mitchell and Alec Chester.

**Ekphrastic Poetry: Writing Poetry Over Works of Art**  
Sundays, February 2nd and 9th, noon, Metropolitan Memorial campus Great Hall

January 26th is the Art Council’s next Concert and Art Show. We look forward to writing Ekphrastic poetry over art, noonish on Sundays February 2nd and 9th, 2020.

Poems are placed in a keepsake book by Snapfish with your permission. No. Not published. Sorry.

Contact Sue Zongker, suezongker@aol.com

**Save the date! Sacred Circle Dance**  
Friday, February 7, 7:30-9:00pm, Metropolitan Memorial Great Hall

The Caring Pillar is happy to announce an evening of Sacred Circle Dance. “Sacred circle dances are moving meditations that embody and integrate mind, body, and spirit. These simple, gentle dances have special meditative qualities and ancient roots in music and dance from around the world. Powerful in their effect, they evoke a spiritual dimension leading to harmony and balance.

No previous dance experience is necessary. All dances are simple and each will be taught. Our philosophy of dance is "there are no mistakes, only variations." - from our facilitators, Evelyn Beck and Judith Walton, sacredcircledancedc.com
Circles

Request from Ellen Bachman

I periodically send out updates related to our United Methodist conflict centering on our inclusion or exclusion of LGBTQIA+ persons in the life and ministry of the church. The next several months will be critical to the survival or revival of the denomination. Will we split into traditionalist and progressive camps? Can we find a way to live and let live in spite of our differing understanding of Scripture and the wideness of God’s love? What strategies are being employed by advocates? I’m happy to add your name and email address to the NUMC Reconciling allies mailing list. My email is ellenbachman@comcast.net

AU

The AU UMW Circle meets Wednesdays at noon-2:00 pm for “Women’s Group Waffles” in the "AU Lounge" at Metropolitan. Contact women@au methodists.org

1 Contact Rita Guenther, ritaguenther@yahoo.com, Paula Pree, IAMASONG@aol.com, or Debbie Hines, Debbiehinesesq@gmail.com

2 Contact Charlotte Carter, char.carter@cox.net

6 Circle Six will meet Sunday, March 8 in the Parlor at noon. We will continue with our modified Wesley Covenant discussion format, focusing on the theme of grace. Contact Ann Michel, amichel@wesleyseminary.edu.

7 We meet on the third Sunday at 10:00 AM in the Christie Room. No preparation needed, all are welcome! Contact Cindy Stanton, cindy.stanton@hotmail.com

8 Senior Pastor Doug Robinson-Johnson will join us 7pm February 4 in the Metropolitan Parlor. Contact Dana Lehmer, danalehmer@msn.com

9 Circle 9 will not meet in February. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 4 at 10:30am in the Choir Room. Contact Bobby Turnbull, bobbyturnbull@comcast.net

10 Circle 10 will meet Monday, January 27 at 7pm at the Metropolitan Memorial campus (room TBD). Ann Michel will be our special guest and share with us about the Wesley Covenant discussion format that Circle 6 has been using for their Circle time together. She will also lead us in a modified Wesley Covenant discussion on the theme of "Faith". Contact Courtney Leatherman, c_leatherman@ix.netcom.com, or Jeanie Mah, msjcmyu1@gmail.com

The next UMW Board Meeting will be 7pm February 10, 2020.

Newsletter prepared by Alexandra McPherron. To add items to the next newsletter (a December email-only update), email alexmcph@gmail.com by February 24, 2020.
Recognition Brunch 2019
Photos by Jeanie Mah and Alex McPherron

Left to right, Wesley campus Pastor Mele Aho, Circle 1 leader Paula Pree, Honoree Mallika Gamage, presenter & Treasurer Rita Guenther.
Appendix

Presenter Charlotte Carter, 2018 Honoree Pam Ellsworth, Honoree Kathy Portus
Luca Raymond Rousset, born July 15, 2019, with Dad Tim.
Appendix

A full house enjoying the presentations

Honoree Dona Collary receives a pin from presenter Bobby Turnbull
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Honoree Mallika Gamage receiving a UMW t-shirt from presenter Paula Pree

Honoree Kathy Portus receiving a pin from presenter Kelly D’Angelo
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Honoree Heidi Winn receiving a hug from presenter Courtney Leatherman.

Special Recognition Honoree Regula Guess and presenter Barbara Ta
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