

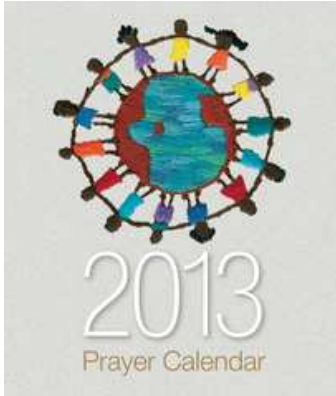


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Voices of Purpose

United Methodist Women Greater New Jersey

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Pray for...

Dear UMW Sisters,

The Prayer Calendar reflects the lives of disciples who have answered God's call to live out God's mission.

It is also a reflection of you—faithful disciples who enable and support mission through prayers and giving every day.

Describing her ministry Deaconess Valerie Mossman-Celestin, U.S. director of Haitian Artisans for Peace International (HAPI), Grand Rapids comments:

I am called to nurture women in Haiti to a life of

dignity and respect that emerges out of both economic self-sufficiency and embracing oneself as a beloved daughter created in the image of God; my passion continues to evolve in outward ripples that envision communities where there is respect, equality of relationship, health and the moral and spiritual willingness to achieve Shalom...on earth as it is in heaven.

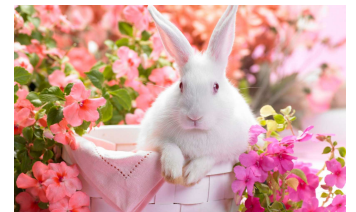
"Shalom" in your community?
What is God calling you to do in response?

Take time to pray intentionally.....

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- Who are the women in your community who have been denied fullness of life?
- Who are the deaconesses working for



Why you are a UMWomen?

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." John Wesley

"Hagan todo lo bueno que puedan, en todas las formas y maneras que puedan, en todos los lugares que pueda,

en todo tiempo que puedan, a toda la gente que puedan, siempre que puedan."

Juan Wesley

From Spiritual Growth

Fellowship time at church..3 years ago..chatting and having coffee...two cactus' line the doorway..one Easter and one christmas.

I am not usually able to socialize at fellowship time at church. Either Sunday school or choir fill my time. A few years ago I had the opportunity to be there. As I was drinking my coffee and chatting with a friend I noticed a piece of cactus had been snapped off and was on the floor. I picked it up and was about to throw it away. I remembered my mother having beautiful cactus' in our house. So I stuck it haphazardly in my purse. I had forgotten all about it. A couple days later while looking for something I found the piece of plant . I stuck it a cup of water and set it on the window sill in the kitchen. It looked pretty bad, but I thought I'd wait and see what happened. So I promptly forgot about it. As time went on I would occasionally check it to see if it needed water..usually it was as dry as punk!. So I'd fill it up, turn it a little so the sun would shine on a different spot.. and go on my way. It was not cared for very well. Last week as I watered my plant and turned it, I noticed it had had a



bloom but it was withered. I was sad that I had not seen it in full bloom. Then I noticed it had not bloomed full..it had withered before it could bloom. It as bone dry! But as I checked out the plant I noticed a bud on another branch. So I watered the plant turned it to the sun and checked it every day to see if it had bloomed. I checked that plant everyday this week to see if I had in fact succeeded in nurturing a bloom. Thursday my cactus had a beautiful bloom on it. I was able to witness it because I had taken care of it daily. It made me pause a bit to think of my own growth.. As long as I spend time each day with the sun and living water I am on track and my life seems ok. It is when I neglect my quiet time that I don't grow or bloom . As we grow and spread our branches and offer others the SON and the living water, we produce buds and as long as our growth is nurtured we can nurture others as they bud and grow.

Your Sister,

Nancy Cook

Cooking Corner by Edna Barrier

* A HAPPY HOME RECIPE *

4 cups of
love
2 cups of kindness
2 cups of loyalty
3 cups of understanding
4 quarts of faith
1 cup of friendship
2 spoons of tenderness
5 spoons of hope
1 barrel of laughter



Take love and loyalty, mix thoroughly with faith.

Blend it with tenderness, kindness, and understanding.

Add friendship and hope, sprinkle abundantly with laughter.

Bake it with sunshine. Serve daily in generous helpings.

*May also be used with UMWomen groups, at the store, in school, almost everywhere!

If you have a recipe to share with us email to javpr1974@aol.com

From the President **UMW**

Spring Greetings,

The hustle and bustle of the holidays is over. Many of our sisters and their families are recuperating from Super Storm Sandy. The Greater New Jersey Leadership team has traveled to the UMC Conference Center at Lake Junaluska, NC for Leadership Development Days. This was a rewarding experience and valuable workshops were available to engage with other UMW women to develop solutions for problems affecting the United Methodist Women.

We are to become the new engaging UMW who practices “Radical Welcoming.” We do this by extending hospitality and stepping out of our comfort zone. We are asked to become more flexible.

The UMW is to use new technology. This includes being connected through the internet. We can join the UMW web site or use the social networks such as Facebook, Twitter, You Tube, Flickr, Pinterest and professional organizations such as LinkedIn.

By engaging in more hands on projects and less agenda and being flexible with our time, we hope to appeal to our younger women to become involved in UMW. We want to be mentors for our youth and to encourage them to join in **The Purpose** in supporting missions for women, children and youth. We are asked to remain spiritual in our endeavors.

I am encouraging you to come and join the United Methodist Women and experience the new challenges ahead.

Marilyn Powell
GNJUMW President

Leadership Gathering at Lake Junlaska

Leaders from all the conferences from USA came to Lake Junaluska, NC to learn and do fellowship together. The major focus is the New UMWomen and the ways to improve and engage younger women to our organization. Get connected, do new programs, share your new ideas and spread the word about all our Mission Projects around the world.



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“Jesus often went on a **retreat** into a **mountain** apart to **pray** and he is **inviting you**”

**Take Action in Social Action:
Purchase Fair Trade Chocolate for
Easter and Mother’s Day**

Ladies of all ages!! Mark your calendar, Ipad, iPhone on September 14th, 2013.



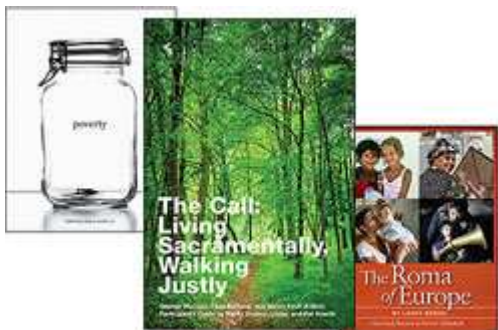
It will be our Fall Spiritual Retreat, it will be held at Pineland’s Retreat Center in Browns Mills, NJ. Our speaker will be **Kem Monk** speaking on the topic “**Prayer as a lifestyle**”. I challenged each church to bring at least 3 women to attend. Take this time to strength and renew your relationship with God.

Many cocoa plantations use slave labor, including children, to harvest the crop. Please make a pledge to be responsible this Valentine's Day - or any day! - and purchase only fair-trade chocolate. As a United Methodist Women and as a consumer, you can change lives. Your local health food store should have a wide selection of fair-trade chocolate to choose from. Or, for cards and chocolates pictured below, go to Trans Fair USA (<http://www.transfairusa.org>).

It will be an Awesome Spiritual Retreat!!.

P.S. - Calories count less from fair-trade chocolate ;)

Great cost \$12.00 includes lunch



Learning Together for Transformation of the World is an opportunity to study current issues impacting society based on recent mission study topics. Mission u is open to members and non-members of United Methodist Women. Each Mission u event offers classes on topics covering three themes: [Spiritual growth](#) [Geographic](#) [Issue study](#)

What shall I expect?

At Mission u: Learning Together for Transformation of the World you grow in understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context. The studies give particular attention to the responsibilities of women in the fulfillment of the mission work of the church. Youth, children, men, and clergy are welcome to study and learn with us.

**July 12-14 Mission u (Cooperative School of Christian Mission)
Georgian Court University, Lakewood, NJ**

**July 27 Mission u (Cooperative School of Christian Mission)
One day event for all ages.**

Spring Meeting UMWomen April 20, 2013 at Aldersgate UMC



Think about it.



Consider it.



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Tell us what to do

NRSV Judges 19:30

Topic: Human Trafficking in NJ

Youth, Young Adults and Women come and gather with us at our Spring Meeting.

Join us to learn about, What is and Ways of Human Trafficking among us?

UMWomen Get Informed, Get Connected, and Get Involved!!!

TIME: 10am-3:00pm. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., Program starts at 10:00 am

PLACE: Aldersgate UMC, 568 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick, NJ 08816-3539

COST: \$10.00 includes continental breakfast and lunch *Ingathering: *Health Kits*

We invite the local units to bring a "love gift" --- a check -- for the offering....all money will be donate to **New Jersey Sandy Relief Foundation**

Pre - Register: Contact Carole Nelson carole.nelson@comcast.net with the number attending from your unit. Make payment day of meeting at Registration table. Chilcare available if is requested in advance.



UMW ASSEMBLY

April 25-27, 2014

Theme: *Make It Happen!*

Turning Faith, Hope and Love into Action



Pre and post activities will be available



Louisville, KY--Home of: Kentucky Derby, Louisville Slugger Museum and Field, Muhammad Ali Center, Belle of Louisville, Star of Louisville, Louisville Zoo

COSTS



- \$225 – early registration
 - \$260 – regular registration
 - \$285 – onsite registration
 - \$85 – daily rate
- A majority of the proceeds from the \$10 registration increase from 2010 will fund scholarships and ministry for



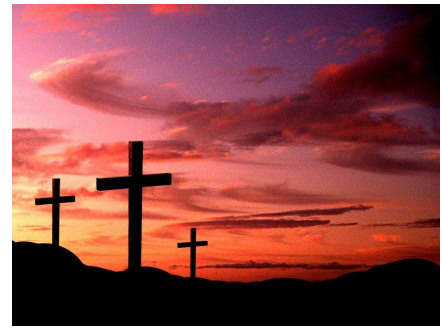
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WORLD-CLASS SPACE, UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE PLACE

Hotel costs begin at \$115 per night (plus tax) and higher depending on the hotel.

Lent Meditation

Being Bearers of Faith Confessing Christ in Word and Deed.

By Clara Ester; copied from UMWonline.net
Romans 10:8b-13; Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16.



If we believe and confess with our lips that Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead, our sins will be pardoned.

Years ago, I took a youth group from one of our United Methodist Women mission institutions to Atlanta, Georgia. We visited the Jimmy President Carter Library and Museum, the zoo, Six Flags Over Georgia, an art museum and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change. On Sunday, before returning home, we worshipped at Ebenezer Baptist Church. The sermon that morning was on sin. The minister talked about confessing your sins to the Lord and acknowledging that he is Lord of all. He told the congregation that they would be forgiven, that they would be made whole again. He told us that God had promised this to all who believed and that eternal life with God was assured. Some members of our youth group had previously been involved in minor criminal activity and had been given a second chance. Riding back home, I had to silence some of the other passengers for joking with the guys who had been in trouble. The others teased the guys by saying, "The preacher was talking to you today." One of the young men responded repeatedly, "But he told us that God would forgive if we only ask." On that journey home, we talked about confessing that the Lord is God and that he is forgiving God, but that you must believe. After returning home, one of the youth came to my office and shared his part of a carjacking crime that had taken place in the city. He was simply out for the ride and wanted to start fresh again with a clean slate. He decided to turn himself in and face the charges. Carjacking had become a federal offense and was not looked at lightly. He served several years in prison for the crime, but in return he became a new person and sin no longer controlled him. Today, he's a successful small-business owner with three different companies. He speaks with his lips confessing his crime and how God gave him a new life. He hires young people from of the community where he grew up.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for your promise. Thank you for giving us the chance to clear our slates. Amen.

The **Neighborhood Center** will be celebrating **100 years** of service to the community in Camden this coming May 11, 2013. The Center started with donations from the Victor Talking Machine Company, Fred Fox Sr., Mary Baird, William P. Davis, and Alexander Corson, names that you are certain to recognize as you drive around New Jersey from Corson's Inlet to Baird Avenue. The Center has been in continuous operation ever since those early days, in the 1940s through the 1950s the Center had five hundred children in its programs every day.

Today, the Center provides a Child Care Facility for pre-school age children, after-school program for school-age children, a teen program in the evenings called the Neighborhood Center Leadership Academy, Music, Dance, Theater, Soccer, Basketball, and Martial Arts classes in the evenings, a senior program, urban farming, community store, and community kitchen that provides, on average, two hundred meals every day of the year.

We are celebrating our **One Hundredth Anniversary** on May 11, 2013 with Gala Dinner and Charity Event at Tavistock Country Club at 6 PM so that we may celebrate and honor the past and look to future for our next century of service. The Dinner will benefit our teen program - "The Neighborhood Center Leadership Academy" and an expansion of our summer camp to include satellite locations in East and North Camden so that more children have a safe place to go during the summer. On May 18, 2013 we will be holding our One Hundredth Annual Meeting and Luncheon at Haddonfield United Methodist Church at noon to benefit the refurbishment of the Deaconess Building.

For more information please contact Vanessa Seiger at 856.365.5295 or vanessa@ncicamden.com

****Each district has been asked to donate two baskets (worth at least \$50) for the Auction.
For more information contact your District President.****

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