

# The Link



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## *Another Note from Anne:*

### ***Thoughts on Time***

Time or the organization of time has, at one time or another, been a concern for each one of us.

Below are some song titles, quotes and phrases that mention time. As you read them, think of what meaning they might have for you.

Time marches on.  
As time goes by.  
Time after time.  
What time is it?  
I don't have the time.  
Til the end of time.  
Time ran out.  
One more time.  
If I could save time in a bottle.  
Time waits for no one.  
The time is now.  
Maybe next time.  
Once upon a time.  
Take time to smell the roses. (my favorite)

As we strive to find time for all of the activities that are part of our lives, the Bible reassures us that there is a time for everything. This is expressed beautifully in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 17. Try to read it when you have time.

**Anne**



## Purpose of United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the Global Ministries of the Church.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

<b>Fri.-Sun. July 7-9</b>	<b>Mission “u” Rev. R. Hendrickson (Dean) Georgian Court University Lakewood, NJ</b>
<b>Thurs., July 27</b>	<b>Annual UMW Day South Seaville, NJ 12:30 pm</b>
<b>Mon., Sept. 18</b>	<b>Salad Luncheon – 12 noon Speaker – 1 pm - TBA Wesley Hall</b>

### PROGRAM FOR JUNE:

*“Do Your Own Thing”*

#### MISSIONS POSSIBLE

Please share your time and resources to be a blessing to others.

Knit or crochet for the PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY. They are so appreciated!

Continue to donate to Little Hands Little Feet, especially underwear, socks and baby blankets.

Bring used ink cartridges to church.

DINE OUT at the Restaurant of the Month to support St. Andrew's! Coupons are available in the Narthex.

Continue with circle projects.

### CHANGES TO THE 2017 UMW MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET

New telephone number for Lee Manns: 856-429-2495

## **CHURCH WOMEN UNITED**

Twenty-five women attended the CWU-NJ Spring Assembly, “**Water: Connecting the Drops**”, held at St. Andrew’s UMC on Saturday, April 22. Barbara Brown read the children’s book, Water Everywhere, about the water cycle and spoke about the Pop-Up library literacy ministry. Sara Joslin provided information about NJ watersheds, water resources and water quality. GNJ Conference UMW Past President Marilyn Powell spoke about the impact of climate change on human health and climate justice. New and gently used bras were collected for Free The Girls to enable survivors of trafficking in Africa to generate funds to start a microenterprise. Marilyn Ivers and Sandy Weaver gave tours of Little Hands, Little Feet ministry.

The CWU-NJ Intergenerational Tea is at First Baptist Church in Cranford on Saturday, July 22.

## **GATEWAY SOUTH POVERTY TASK FORCE: POP-UP LIBRARY**

Thank you to all those who have donated books. Our HUB library is at Memorial UMC in Pine Hill. The grand opening of their **Soul Cafe** on May 17<sup>th</sup> makes the library available to the Pine Hill community along with their new food pantry. Books are sorted and available on tables to pick up for our PopUp library literacy outreach. PopUp librarians are needed to collect, sort and distribute books. PopUp librarians are collaborating with partners such as Virtua Hospital’s Travelling Farmer’s Market and Camden Healthy Start to distribute books. ***We bring books where libraries don’t go.***

## **GATEWAY SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER FunD NIGHT: SPRING INTO MISSION – PLANTING THE SEED**

Thirty-five women attended the Gateway South district UMW annual Neighborhood Center FunD Night on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at Chews UMC in Glendora. Vedra Chandler, Associate Director for the Neighborhood Center in Camden, and Chef Frederic were our speakers and shared about the importance of planting the seed in each child served by the Neighborhood Center. All were invited to the Neighborhood Center’s Family Day on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. St. Andrew’s UMW was recognized as one of 10 Five Star Units in the Gateway South district for 2016. We enjoyed a time of fellowship, a light meal / desserts and a dramatization based on the story of Hadassah (Esther).

## **COOKIE MINISTRY UPDATE**

Eighteen boxes of cookies and candy were packed and delivered to our college students and one military member on April 23. Many thanks to ALL who baked a multitude of sweet treats for those hungry young men and women in their time of need—EXAMS! Whether you made cookies, donated money towards expenses, or helped pack the boxes, the Cookie Ministry team thanks you for your contribution to support our college students during this stressful time of their academic year and our military members serving their country.

## **A NEW KIND OF BAZAAR/FLEA MARKET -- OCTOBER 13-14, 2017**

We will start taking donations earlier--- after June 1.

Vacation Bible School is going to be in July and will probably want the use of the stage – donations can still be stored behind the brown curtains.

We propose:

Do away with several booths -- Books and Records, Linens, Toys & Country Store, the reason being that in 2015 those booths did a mere half of what they did in 2013.

Keep: Trash & Treasures, Garden of Eatin', Bake Shoppe and Jewelry.

As in years past, we would request no TVs, computers, large furniture, exercise equipment -- NOTHING LARGE ANYWHERE! This year we will request NO BOOKS, RECORDS, DVDS.

We would incorporate Linens, Toys and Country Store back into Trash & Treasures – ALL of this would be on the stage and on the floor directly in front of the stage.....items will not be sorted and displayed as “showy” as in the past, but the purpose is to change and this is the start. With these changes, there would not be a need for so many workers in individual booths. We could all work together and times for workers could be divided up so not everyone has to work in one particular place for the entire time of the Bazaar – set up, work days, and clean up.

NEXT NEW THING: We propose renting space to vendors – spaces would be in the alcoves as well as in the Narthex, Graf Room and the Lounge. We will be in touch with Hope and Trinity Churches to ask how much they rent spaces for, etc. (We think it would be about \$30 per space). Vendors bring along their own followings and can be a big boost for our Bazaar.

We would like to offer filled, themed baskets for sale – we would want people with decorating skills who would be willing to work at filling the baskets. We're not going to look for huge baskets to sell, rather smaller, more affordable ones -- we are still in the thinking stage on this one.

We would like to offer a service to the public that would bring people in and then they would stay for the Bazaar – we are checking into having the Cherry Hill Police come and do a Kids' Fingerprinting on Saturday morning for about two hours.

We are also investigating the possibility of someone to do Silhouette portraits again – does anyone know of a person in our midst who is artistic and would love doing this?

We are going to approach the Youth Council and ask them if they will do a “Fingerprint Art” booth -- similar to what we did a number of years ago.....and/or an area where children can come in and make and take something ..... More work on that is needed right now.

If at all possible we would like the option of accepting credit cards. This would make it possible for people to purchase more things they would like, but don't have the cash in hand for it. We are looking into getting that set up for Wesley Hall.....the church already has the capability to do that and Pastor Richard assured us it would work. Money would go to the church and the church would reimburse UMW.

About collecting the donations: In past years we have worked around the office hours, and people would also bring things in the evenings when coming for other events and the church would be open for that purpose. Pastor Richard feels that is a workable solution – and the vendors coming in will not be coming in until Thursday to do their set-ups and they will remove all of their things when they leave Saturday.

We would, again, offer babysitting for the Bazaar workers.

We realize these are some major changes and with change comes unforeseen problems, but with our Lord's guidance, we think this will work and perhaps be a stepping stone to more successful Bazaars in the future..

Carol Allen & Marilyn Ivers, Bazaar Co-Chairpersons



# NEWS FROM OUR CIRCLES

## Anna Circle

**Leader: Marilyn Ivers**

**Meets the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the lounge**

**April 2017:** Eleven women attended Anna Circle on Tuesday, April 4, including guest, Colleen Mc Quade. Sandy Ferguson was hostess and Pam Nanni did the program. Marilyn Ivers shared a number of prayer concerns and members shared others. Sara Joslin read the devotion that was used at the spring conference meeting. The news that Martha Seaney had fallen was reported and the fact that her children are looking into care facilities. Pam Nanni will serve as reporter in May.

Some upcoming events were discussed such as the Church Women United Annual Assembly on April 21, the UMW Spiritual Retreat on April 29, the Salad Supper on May 15, and providing cookies for college students and military members due by April 23.

The men from Hilltop were very happy with their dinner and gave an orchid plant to the circle as a thank you.

It was announced that there will be a bazaar this year on October 13 and 14. It will be open to vendors and no books or records will be sold. Donations to the bazaar will be collected starting June 1.

We were reminded to continue to donate to Image and Attitude and to bring regular size sanitary napkins for Camden schools to our May meeting.

St. Andrew's donated nine suitcases to the Camden school trip and it was reported that Camden's methadone clinic may be relocating.

Pam presented a program that focused on the injustice that has occurred in dealing with the mass incarceration of innocent people. It is a widespread problem in this country. UMW members are being called to action to try and do something about it as Christians. She recommended books to read to learn more and provide ideas on things to do.

Sandy Ferguson, Reporter



**May 2017:** On Tuesday, May 2, 2017, nine members of the Anna Circle met in the lounge. Our hostess Pauline Kohl served a delicious egg casserole. Our leader Marilyn Ivers opened the meeting with a selection from her "Hugs" book centered on Psalm 32, verse 8, and advising us that "God will lead us. God is the ultimate advisor." Marilyn took our prayer concerns and lifted up those who are in need. We read our UMW Purpose and Sara Joslin read devotions about finding room in our hearts. Marilyn suggested that in the fall we begin our meetings at 9:30 instead of 10:00. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

Marilyn reminded us of the UMW Salad Supper on Monday evening, May 15. Pastor Work and Mary Layton will present a program on their mission work in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Our June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at the Cathedral Kitchen in Camden. We will have lunch at the CK Café. Food orders need to be in to Lois by May 31. Cost is \$20.00

Lois Stawicki was our presenter for a program on Mothers in Action. This program focused on mothers in the Bible who saved children's lives. We learned about Jochebed, the mother of Moses, who put him in the river to save him from Pharaoh. Two other women were involved in helping Moses. His sister Miriam and the Princess both had important roles. Through these women working together, Moses was saved. Women can team up with other women and do great things together. The UMW works to provide maternal and child clinics.

Lois had a lovely display about babies on the lounge table. She included a photo book of a child clinic in Gambia where her daughter Stephanie had served in the Peace Corps. Lois and her husband also visited there. Lois concluded the program by asking us to think of lullabies that were sung to us by our mother or that we sang to our children. It was a sweet discussion of poems and songs that brought fond memories of children and mothers.

The meeting was ended with a prayer.

Pam Nanni, Reporter



**Elizabeth Circle**  
**Leader: Lydia Work**

**Meets the first Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m in the Church Conference Room**

**April 2017:** We met on April 9<sup>th</sup>, a beautiful spring morning. Present were: Our leader Lydia Work, Amy McCausland, Connie Visconti, Aquilla McNeal, Sandy Weaver, Connie DiRocco, Jill Mayo, Sue Karra, Pat Manley and our special guest UMW President Anne Thompson.

We recited our UMW Pledge and Elizabeth Circle Covenant. Lydia discussed upcoming activities including the Salad Supper on May 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be one of the circles who are hosting the supper. The speakers will be Pastor Richard who will do a presentation on the mission trip to Haiti. Mary Layton will discuss the mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

Our circle members continue to donate clothing, baby blankets and money to Little Hands Little Feet and plastic utensils, napkins and sandwich bags to Cathedral Kitchen.

We continued our DVD by Rev. Adam Hamilton, "When Christians Get it Wrong". What does it mean to be a Christian? Christians should be a witness to God by being humble and living as an example of a Christian. We need to ask ourselves three questions: Do I love God? Do I strive to follow Jesus? Do I strive to love others?

Next month the topic on our DVD will be "when bad things happen to good people".

We will be having our Ladies Night Out dinner at LaScala in Marlton this month. We enjoy being together for our circle meetings and our fellowship at our monthly dinners.

We are looking forward to our dinner and to our next circle meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Pat Manley, Reporter





**May 2017:** We met on May 7th with 11 members present: Lydia Work, Sandy Weaver, Jill Mayo, Sue Karra, Aquilla McNeal, Sue Malec, Janet Anderer, Amy McCausland, Connie Visconti, and Pat Manley. We welcomed our UMW President Anne Thompson who was attending our meeting with us.

Aquilla brought delicious muffins and juice for our meeting.

We opened our meeting with prayer concerns and Lydia discussed upcoming church and UMW activities. Elizabeth and Martha circles will be the hostesses for the Salad Supper on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. The speakers will be Pastor Richard and Mary Layton who will discuss the mission trips to Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

We continued with our DVD by Rev. Adam Hamilton, "When Christians Get it Wrong". This chapter was about when bad things happen to good people. We discussed how sometimes it is difficult to understand why people sometimes suffer a great deal or have tragedies in their lives. Some of these people distance themselves from God, but others turn to God in order to make sense of a tragedy.

By focusing on the support from our church, family and friends it is easier to get through difficult times. It is important to draw strength from the positive energy around us, instead of constantly wondering why something has happened. Christians help each other when they are going through a crisis. God's plan for us is to help each other and support each other.

We will be meeting at Michaelangelo's in Cherry Hill for dinner on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> and are looking forward to our next circle meeting on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Pat Manley, Reporter



### Esther Circle

**Co-Leaders: Yvonne Moore and Claire Beaverson  
Meets the second Thursday of every month at 11:15 am at a local eatery  
and then the Graf Room**

**April 2017:** Present were Gloria Wilcock, Lois Hill, Mary Vona, Claire Beaverson, Yvonne Moore, Nancy Wyatt, Nina Kemps, Barbara Fegley and Mary Lou Johnson, a friend of Yvonne. Our President, Anne Thompson, also joined us for lunch and the meeting.

We recited our Pledge and Lois Hill led us in devotions. She read the story of the Easter egg and how its meaning has changed over the years. Our prayer concerns continue for Katherine Phillips who is now in Collingswood Manor for continued therapy in the hopes she will be able to live independently soon. We also pray for a friend of Nina Kemps whose husband died recently. Our Circle Friend, Esther Byers, couldn't join us as she was a little under the weather and we hope she is feeling better.

We were reminded that the Prayer Shawl Ministry is always in need of shawls, including the baby shawls for newly christened babies. Don't forget Little Hands Little Feet who continue with their ministry of supplying needy families with baby/children's clothes. There is a continuing need for underwear for children of all ages. We will be participating in the Cookies for College Kids by providing cookies or by contributing towards the postage. We also collected boxes of zip top sandwich bags for Cathedral Kitchen.

Thanks to everyone who contributed lunch "fixings" for the IHOC men who were with us for two weeks. They indicated they always like to come to St. Andrew's and so appreciate what we do for them.

Nina Kemps reported on the latest "doings" of our missionaries in Panama, David and Cindy Ceballos. She also had received the latest copy of "Tha Panama Pipeline", the quarterly update of what has been happening and what is hoped to be accomplished in the coming months. It includes pictures of them and the new kitchen that is almost completed. Their ministry is growing and taking shape. Their highest attendance this year has been 117 on one particular Sunday. Congratulations!! Esther Circle will be sending them a monetary donation to assist them in continuing their ministry in Panama.

Yvonne brought to our attention the current building of peace between Japan and Korea. Japan's occupation of Korea from 1910 to the end of World War II certainly gave Koreans reason to resent Japanese brutality. Two hundred thousand Korean women were forced into sexual servitude by Japan before and during World War II. They were called "comfort women". A group of 238 of these women came forward in recent years.....only 44 remain alive and their average age is 89. They continue to demand an official apology and reparations from the Japanese government. For several years a peace-building seminar has taken place including participants from the United States. These seminars are sponsored by the United Methodist Women who bring young women together to better understand the past and work for a different future. To learn more about this, read "Building Peace Between Japan and Korea" in the March 2017 issue of "Response" magazine.

Lois Hill presented the program which explored the call the Prophet Anna received and to understand how United Methodist Women regional missionaries are responding to God's call today. In 2000, UMW launched the Regional Missionary Initiative to assist women, children and youth with critical issues. Since the program's inception, all funding for programming and salaries has come from UMW's Mission Giving. In a few years, UMW will celebrate the dedication and foresight of our foremothers in mission as we lead up to our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019.

The meeting concluded with a Closing Prayer.

Our next meeting will be on May 11<sup>th</sup>. We will meet for lunch at Michaelangelo's on Brace Road at 11:15 prior to our meeting at the church.

Claire Beaverson, Co-Leader

**May 2017:** Present were Gloria Wilcock, Lois Hill, Claire Beaverson, Yvonne Moore, Nancy Wyatt, Barbara Fegley, Mary Lou Johnson, Jean Augustin and Esther Byers, our Circle Friend. We contributed juice boxes to the Neighborhood Center and blankets and underwear to Little Hands Little Feet. Barbara Fegley suggested we sometime take a tour of the Little Hands Little Feet work area at the church so we can see firsthand how this important mission works. She will let us know when this can be arranged.

We recited our Pledge and Lois Hill led us in devotions. She read a short story written by Norman Vincent Peale, Thank God for America, which thanked all who have made our land great. Barbara Fegley will make copies of this for our Circle members. Lois also read a story about a man who was losing his sight and declared legally blind. In time his eyesight began to improve dramatically, which he could not believe. He discovered that the members of the church his son attended had been asked to pray for him. Just more proof of the power of prayer!

Our prayer concerns continue for Katherine Phillips who is still recuperating. We also pray for Marilyn Ivers' sister who is seriously ill and for Lee Manns who is scheduled to receive a new kidney on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Please keep these people in your prayers.

We were reminded that the Prayer Shawl Ministry is always in need of shawls, including the baby shawls for newly christened babies. Don't forget Little Hands Little Feet who continue with their ministry of supplying needy families with baby/children's clothes. There is a need for socks size 12 months to 3 years.

Yvonne spoke about the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky which serves over 10,000 people annually. They have a preschool and kindergarten through high school classes. They grow approximately 30,000 pounds of produce in their gardens throughout the year. Volunteers from all over arrive during the summer months to help build houses, work in the gardens, etc. Henderson Settlement is part of the Red Bird Mission where for many years groups of young people from St. Andrew's Church would go to do God's work.

We are also supporting the project of supplying sanitary pads to the schools in Camden for distribution to their female students.

Claire Beaverson presented the program "Mothers in Action" which told the familiar story of Moses being found floating down the Nile River in a basket and being cared for by the Pharaoh's daughter. God was definitely in this plan to save Moses and to liberate his people.

The program concluded with a closing prayer.

Our next meeting will be on June 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be informed of the restaurant and time shortly. There will be no formal meeting on that day.

Claire Beaverson, Co-Leader

**Martha Circle**  
**Leader: Stacie Kolbe**  
**Meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the lounge**

**April 2017:** Five of our members were able to attend our April meeting. Spring seems to be an extremely busy time in our lives. Our children are immersed in Spring sports and activities, school projects and trips are keeping us busy, work schedules are exhausting and the housework is never ending. For some of us, personal time isn't feasible right now and even date nights with our husbands seem a luxury, rather than a much needed time to connect.

Trying to nurture our relationship with the Lord during this season of our lives can at times feel like just one more thing on the never ending "to do" list. And so, "balance" continues to be a goal for all of us.....how do we balance it all and still make time for our Maker?

I am thankful for a group of women that listens and encourages one another. May God bless these women and bring patience and peace to their lives. May God bless their families today and always. May God continue to bless our circle with friendship and fellowship. I ask this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Stacie Kolbe, Leader

