



United Methodist Women
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Trinity Women



Camp Rainbow Connection: A Community of Caring for People with Intellectual Disabilities



Tuesday, February 14, 2017

10:15 am, Mastin Room

Guest Speaker: **Reverend Mike Harrington**
Magnolia UMC, Suffolk, VA.

Learn more about the week-long respite camp held for individuals with intellectual disabilities. CRC started in 1985 at Westview on the James and included 25 campers and 15 volunteers. Today, there are 120 campers ages 16-80s with varied ability levels, heritages, and faiths, with a staff of over 100 volunteers. Activities include Bible class, music, arts and crafts, games, dancing and more. Rev. Harrington has been on the staff of CRC for the past 5 years. He considers this ministry as one of the most important ways he responds to God's call to love and serve others. Don't miss the opportunity to learn more and find out how you can contribute and participate in this life-changing program.

Mission Emphasis: Items needed for bingo prizes such as coloring books, crayons, and fun jewelry.

February is Heart Havens month in the Conference. Heart Havens provides group homes in neighborhoods across Virginia where adults with a developmental disability live as independently as possible while being supported by 24-hour staff. Using a person-centered process to empower the people in the homes they can pursue their goals and dreams.

Items needed: paper products – toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex and paper napkins.

Circle 1

Circle 1 will meet on February 21 at 9:30 am in the Mastin Room. Bring scissors and an old pair of unwanted jeans (if you have any) and we will work on assembling shoes to send to Africa.

Circle 4

In January we assembled 20 health kits and signed cards for the Honduras team. We welcomed a new member to the group, Lola Jean Nichols.

Circle 5

Circle 5 will meet on February 21 at 7 pm in the Mastin Room for an interactive spiritual growth program, *Heirlooms of Faith*. Members each bring a token of their faith and share its meaning with each other.

Circle 7

In January we wrote notes to the Honduras mission team.

Circle 10

Circle 10 will meet on February 2 at 7:15 pm at the home of Ann Pierce. Lou Cei will be our guest speaker.



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For more information about the UMW, contact Mary Hetzel at 282-5872 or hetzelmary@comcast.net.

You can also visit: www.trinityumc.net/umw

Treasurer Tidbits

Congratulations! 2016 was a great year for our UMW. We received \$5,299 in pledges, and this amount coupled with great Harvest Day and Call to Prayer offerings, allowed the UMW to donate over \$13,000 to a wide variety of organizations. We are blessed to have a mission-oriented group of women who understand the importance of lending a hand and/or a financial gift to those in need. As we move forward in 2017, please remember our pledge campaign is during February and March. Receiving your pledges in the first quarter of the year allows our board to assess needs that may arise outside of our budgeted items, so we encourage you to submit your pledge during those months. I am always willing to address your concerns or questions. You may contact me at 804-338-0531 or sladams05@gmail.com.

- Shari Adams, UMW Treasurer



Winter Warm Heart Program

Trinity's *Winter Warm Heart Program* was Circle 5's focus in January. Crestview teachers Debbie Prout and Cindy Harris offered a snapshot of what is taking place at their school, where a number of Trinity members have served either as teachers or volunteers. Peggy Hart, Rhunell Pierce, Ginny Willis, Randi Johnson, Anne McWilliams, and Sara Gustine are among past and present Crestview staff with ties to Trinity. Circle 5 prepared a Valentine's favor for each on Crestview's staff (~65) with a written sentiment of appreciation, an invitation to TUMC, and a granola bar & hot chocolate mix packet. Circle 5 bid farewell to member Maria Butler who is moving. We also assembled 24 UMCOR health kits, with the purchase of items organized by Anne Burch. It has been our custom in recent years to bring canned goods and nonperishable food items to our meetings for the Sherborne Food Pantry.

Gifts in Memory

A gift to the UMW National Mission Institutions was given in memory of Ruby Chappell (Circle 5 & 9) and Bruce Parker (husband of Patsy Hallett, Circle 1).

Their families will receive a card notifying them of this donation in their loved ones' memory.



Thank You!

On behalf of Children's Hospital Foundation, I would like to thank you for your recent donation of cupcakes this holiday season. We are so appreciative that you took time to make these wonderful items for patients at our hospital. Please know that your gift brought joy here at Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU. The hospital relies on the generosity of its community and we are grateful that you took the time to think of us and make a donation. Thank you again!

- Sarah Irby, Director of Community Relations, Children's Hospital Foundation

On behalf of United Methodist Family Services, I would like to thank you for the ways your congregation is engaged in ministries with children and families in your community. As unwavering champions for high-risk children and families, UMFS highly values partnerships with churches as we collaborate to help families reach their full potential. Trinity's dedication to UMFS has been invaluable over the years. You have sponsored many activities, dedicated a vast amount of time, and supplied us with numerous resources to enhance our programs for our youth. You have truly been champions for our children in so many ways. We are particularly grateful that you continue to show your support of our mission and ministry through your participation in the UMFS December Offering. Because UMFS does not receive apportionment funds, we are extremely grateful for your congregation's participation. Together we can continue to create a world where caring, opportunity and generosity are passed on from generation to generation, empowering all children to contribute to society as engaged citizens.

- Angie Williams, Volunteer Manager, UMFS

Hermitage Country Store



The Country Store at The Hermitage is back on its usual schedule of being open from 10:30am-2:30pm on the fourth Friday of each month. Mark your calendars for February 24, March 24, April 28, and May 26.

Remember when cleaning out your closets that clothing for children and adults are needed as well as housewares.

Blood Drive

Sunday, April 9 from 8 am–12:30 pm is Trinity's next Blood Drive, but you can help before then. Our winter storm caused a blood shortage. Only when people are willing to roll up their sleeves and donate can we help replace this shortfall. **Come donate at the Community Donor Centers:** 2825 Emerywood Pkwy, 23294 (213-4100) or 4040 Cox Rd, 23060 (342-4020). Use the code "1622" when you register so your donation counts toward Trinity's account. The biggest needs right now are ONEG blood (double red cells would be great, but whole blood is needed as well) and APOS/BPOS platelets. But we need all blood types and greatly appreciate your effort to donate. Questions, contact: Carrie E. Young, Cyoung@vablood.org. Thank you for helping save lives. Please register with Mary Hetzel (282-5872) for our next drive at Trinity.

The Little Samaritan Mission Face of a Child project is back on! The focus this year will be shoes. Pictures should arrive shortly. See Jo Lewis for details.

Change of Plans

Due to our Winter Storm Surprise, we cancelled the Unit Meeting featuring Rev. Lynn Litchfield, of Grace Inside: Chaplain Service Prison Ministry of Virginia. The good news is that Rev. Lynn will open our fall program series on Tuesday, September 12, so we will all get to hear her amazing message. If you planned to donate either 'white elephants for Crossover or stationery and 2017 calendars for Grace Inside, please bring them to the Mission Central Closet behind the Display Case. We mailed four boxes of calendars and stationery to Effort Baptist Church, Attn. Nancy and Ron Spencer, 7820 Thomas Jefferson Highway, Palmyra, Virginia 22963.

Central Kids Club Meals

Please consider signing up to provide a hot meal to the children who attend Kids Club and Teen Group at Central UMC in the Manchester area of Richmond. Many of you have graciously served before and we thank you! The meal should include dessert. We generally have up to 25 people to feed. Central UMC provides paper products and juice. The children are ready to eat at 5 pm. (Coming at 4 is a suggested time only.) The children's program begins at 4 and you are welcome! There is an oven and microwave for heating up food. Some suggestions for kid friends meals that have been well received in the past are: fried chicken, hot dogs, chicken nuggets, spaghetti, meatloaf, hamburgers, tacos, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, salad, applesauce, raw carrots with ranch dip, fresh fruit, french fries, etc. Please use this link to sign up and find out the details: <http://goo.gl/ziiAPJ> You can also contact Hilary Coakley at hccoakley@gmail.com or 212-4015.

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Conference Annual Meeting

Trinity's Staff has agreed to **host the UMW Conference Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 28**. Bishop Sharma Lewis will offer the keynote message. This is an all-day event for approximately 200-250 attendees including a light breakfast, breakout groups, delicious Kelly Kindle lunch, Business Meeting, message from our new Bishop, and Communion Service ending about 4:45 pm. It appears there will be a smaller meeting of the Conference Executive Team with supper followed by music and an ice cream social Friday evening. Interested in helping with this opportunity for hospitality, please contact Mary Hetzel, 282-5872.

Trinity Stitchers

Many Hands Stitching Comfort for Others

The Trinity Stitchers' group continue working on quilts, shawls, pillows, tote bags, and baby slings and deliver items to those that need our comfort. We sent 25 baby slings with the Honduras Mission Team in January and are starting to work on more for next year. We are blessed to receive donations of fabric, yarn and other sewing items, from many generous donors, which help us continue in this wonderful ministry.



Example of baby slings for Honduras

Each month, we take time to bless our work and pray for others reciting this prayer together:

Help us dear Lord to make each stitch here today with love and a prayer in our hearts for the comfort, hope and healing of all who receive our gifts. Bless the recipients of them with strength and comfort that their burdens may be lightened and their hearts gladdened with the realization that they are loved and prayed for by their church family. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Written by Louise Girvin

We encourage you to join us on our workday or by working at home. We meet the 3rd Thursday in Room 323 from 9 am-3 pm (or whatever time you have available). There is much to be done and we NEED YOU!

Janet Hill (contact at Granhill4@aol.com or 741-4394)

Micah Initiative

The **Micah Association Lunch** Meeting will be held Thursday, February 9, from 12-1:15 pm at the Weinstein JCC (5304 Monument Ave) in the Siskey Family Room. Our special focus will be Swansboro Elementary in south Richmond and midyear school reports by our Key Coordinators. Our Meet & Greet begins at 11:30 am with lunch by DeFazio's Catering to follow. The Micah Initiative is a Faith Community Partnership program connecting volunteers with each of the Richmond Public Elementary Schools. Lunch options include a variety of sandwiches or a garden salad for \$10, payable at the door.

New Volunteer Training for new volunteers will be held 5:30-7:30 pm on Thursday, February 9, in the Conference Room of the Jewish Community Federation Office which immediately adjoins the Weinstein JCC. This training is required for new Micah volunteers. We welcome you to bring a brown bag supper. Beverages and dessert provided.

Connecting with a school and enhancing the education of our students is a powerful way to begin the new year. Trinity's Micah partner since 2004 is Oak Grove Bellemeade Elem. School (2409 Webber Ave, 23224 off Jeff Davis Highway). To register for either event, contact Mary Hetzel, 282-5872.



ICGR

The annual ICGR Brotherhood Sisterhood Youth Award Ceremony will be held on Thursday, February 16, at 7 pm in the Sanctuary of River Road

Church, Baptist (8000 River Road, 23229). The Brotherhood Sisterhood Youth Award recognizes one High School Junior or Senior from each of the 50+ area high schools for their contributions to building better human relationships and intergroup understanding. These Honorees are of outstanding character. Volunteer help is needed for dinner preparation, serving and clean up. Please contact Lynn Johnston, Hospitality Chair, at lynncastle1@aol.com or 804-938-0206 to volunteer.

Volunteers are also needed to judge/score essays submitted for possible scholarships. Please contact Sharon Clayton, Co-Chair of Youth Award Committee, at sclayton@cbsva.com or 804-372-3996. Volunteering for this aspect of the program is all through email.

Monetary donations for the dinner and program costs related to the Brotherhood Sisterhood Youth Award may be sent to: ICGR, P.O. Box 28166/ Henrico, VA, 23228-0166. Interfaith Council of Greater Richmond is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization.

For up-to-date information about the Youth Award and other ICGR activities, you are invited to consult Interfaith Council of Greater Richmond on Facebook.

25th Anniversary of UM Day at the General Assembly

Centenary UMC hosted the 25th Anniversary Celebration of United Methodist Day at the General Assembly. It was jointly presented by the Board of Church & Society and the VA Conference UMW on Saturday, January 14. Rick Ruxton presented a video recognition of the history of UM Day with special focus on the Conference Legislative Network and the faithful support given by leaders such as Leona Bailey and Elvira Shaw. Bishops Pennell, Kammerer, and Cho were in the forefront following legislation through the lens of Social Justice, the Book of Discipline, and attending the annual event to seek to make an impact on our legislators. Jim Winkler, President & General Secretary of the National Council of Churches, offered the Keynote Address. Former Trinity member Beth Parker of Circle 5 traveled from Delaware to attend. This year's attendees of UM Day will meet on February 2, at 7 am at Bon Air UMC for breakfast, take a visit by bus to the 2017 General Assembly, and return for lunch and a panel discussion on issues of concern to United Methodists.



UMFS Square Dance

Square Dance Caller Gene Chamberlane and dancers from the Colonial Squares presented an afternoon of fun for United Methodist Family Services Residential students on Sunday, January 15. This annual event, presented by the UMFS Auxiliary, seeks to introduce our residential teens to the only uniquely American form of dance. In addition to squaring off to “do si do and allemande left,” the teens had the opportunity for popular line dances. The Auxiliary prepared a bountiful variety of sweet and savory snacks and beverages. In addition to quarterly birthday celebrations, the Auxiliary presents a formal English Tea for our Residential Students the first Sunday afternoon in June. The Women's Auxiliary meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday morning of the month and is led by President Dee Clements. Trinity members Ruth Forrest and Janie Branum were among Trinity's long-time, faithful Auxiliary representatives.



Save that Box Top!

An easy way to help schools address some of their operating needs is by clipping and saving those “Box Top for Education” labels. They can be found on products by General Mills, Yoplait, Kleenex, among others.

Did you know that each of these labels is worth 10 cents and each school can earn up to the maximum of \$20,000?



So don't throw them away and please remember to save that “Box Top”.

For 2017, Trinity is supporting OakGrove Bellmeade. We will alternate years with the UMFS Charterhouse School and Tuckahoe Middle School. Please drop them in the Box Top Education labelled plastic shoe box in Mission Central. Questions? Contact Janet Sommerville, UMFS Auxiliary Secretary, at 562-3303.

BOX TOP UPDATE: For the period ending November and December 2016, we collected 1,039 box tops church wide or the equivalent of \$103.90 for UMFS Charterhouse School. Thank you!! Please keep clipping and saving those box tops for OakGrove Bellmeade this year.