

UMW is Faith-Hope-Love in Action

UMW makes a difference with our history of mission. In the 1800's, missionary societies supported the founding of clinics, hospitals, leprosaria, medical schools and other healing ministries throughout the world. By 1909, American Protestant women's missionary societies were supporting 80 hospitals and 82 dispensaries around the world. Mission healing involved care for the whole person. In 1890's India, Methodist missionary Dr. Nancy Mansell led a petition drive to raise the minimum marriage age to 12. Mansell was outraged at the high mortality rate among child brides, who were forced to have intercourse with much older men. Women missionaries sought a host of social reforms to end such practices as female infanticide and foot-binding in China, female genital mutilation in North Africa and forced prostitution in Burma. Join with UMW and help us continue to make a difference in the lives of women, children and youth around the world!

United Methodist Women

(Any interested woman is invited to come to any or all groups!)

Thursday, September 8

11:00am - Mary Martha Group meets in room B211. Read Ch. 7 in Eat With Joy: Redeeming God's Gift of Food. Lunch out after the meeting.

Monday, September 12

10:30am - Circle 7 meets in B211 .

Thursday, September 15

10:00am - Knitting Ministry Group meets in B211. Anyone interested is welcome.

Monday, September 26

10:30am - Morning Glories meet in the Room B211.

New books on the UMW shelves: The White Umbrella (Social Action), Things Your Mother Never Told You, The Journey, and The Bible and human Sexuality (Spiritual Growth), I Am a Girl (Leadership Development), Joy to the World (Education for Mission).

On **October 16th** the UMW will be honoring babies born to our church members from October 2015 until September 2016 with a **Baby Gift to Missions** at the 9:00 & 11:00 worship services. If you would like to honor a grandchild or another baby born during these dates **who is not** a member of our church, please contact Jeanettia Rush (706-234-2531) or Jackie Harrison (706-203-0858) with your information by September 2. There is a minimum \$10 donation required for honoring a baby of parents that are not members of the church.

Plan ahead! **Saturday, October 1, 8:30 - Conference UMW Annual Meeting** at Cumming First UMC. Registration deadline for lunch and childcare, without late fee is September 16. Registration forms available on UMW shelves in Church Office. Call Cindy Shelton for carpooling.

Plan further ahead! **Saturday, October 29, 8:30-1:00 in the Wilder Dining Room**, Mission Event on Latin America: People and Faith.

Fair Trade Store

Shop in the Fair Trade Store (Church Office kitchen area) during Church Office hours or on Sundays! Shop our selection of chocolate bars, coffee, olive oil from Jerusalem, a variety of tea and snacks.

Make out your check to the church and give it to Jo Ann. Didn't find what you want? Fill out an order form and drop it off at the Church Office before October 1. Next deadline: December 1. Questions? Contact Sondra Wilkins (706-291-1945).

Outside the Walls of Rome First

Thursday, September 12

7:30 p.m. - Bryan Stephenson lecture (author of Just Mercy) at Berry College, Cage Center.

Saturday, September 10 - District Mission Event at Griffin Chapel.

Friday, September 23

10:00 a.m. - Murphy-Harpst Auxiliary meets at the Cedartown

Deadlines

September 16 - registration to Memoree Emerson for **UMW Conference Annual Meeting, Saturday, October 1**, Cumming First UMC.

October 1 - Fair Trade orders due to the Church Office.