

We Have Been Missing You!!

No doubt you will agree, these seven months apart have been long, and difficult. There is still a need for caution in avoiding the COVID 19 virus, but we are learning that wearing masks, hand washing and avoiding large crowds are good safety measures.

Anticipation is mixed regarding the arrival of fall's cooler weather—will it help suppress the virus or will it worsen. One thing is for certain, there are holidays coming around the corner and some celebrations will likely look different than in past years. But taking a cue from the colorful leaves, let's make up our minds to enjoy the change!!

October is...



There's still time for you to send a note to Pastor David Lord and Rev. Susan Hughes for Pastor

Appreciation Month. Since our shut down in March, these two spiritual leaders have been working overtime to

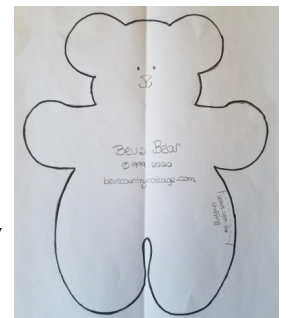
keep us connected to Bethlehem's mission and vision. It would only take a minute for you to drop a note of "thanks" to them for all they do.

Stuffing Teddy Bears

Yes! we are hoping you will help us sew and stuff teddy bears for the patients in the ED at

Franklin Carilion Hospital in Rocky Mount. They are asking for them!! Patterns are on the UMW bulletin at church for you to take home, cut out, stuff and sew. Any questions call Sandra Burriss.

Drop off finished bears in church workroom.



OUR United Methodist Women's PROMISE

We promise to pray for each other, that we may grow in our trust of God, and be faithful in our service to others. Together we renew our baptism covenant, to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church, by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service, that in everything God may be glorified, through Jesus Christ.

Officers – 2020

President:

Lynda Imirie

VP/Coordinator,

Spiritual Growth:

Connie LeMasters

Secretary:

Nickie Wheeler

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Kimberly Coffey

Coordinators,

Special Programs:

Linda Beard,
Becky Camden

Secretary,

Program Resources:

Eleanor Brockman

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bership and Nurture:

Judy Frailing

Coordinators,

Social Action:

Ann Marie Smith,
Beth Wohlgemuth

Coordinators,

Outreach Ministries:

Robyn Holmes, Vicki
Steffens, Sandra Burriss

Members at Large:

Barb Hildreth, Nancy
Galvan

Nominating

Committee:

Karen Simmerman, Ann
Marie Smith, Beth
Wohlgemuth

Proposed New UMW Officers for 2021

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present to you the following slate of officers for Bethlehem United Methodist Women for 2021

President

Sandra Richardson

Secretary

Nicki Wheeler

Special Programs

Linda Beard, Becky Camden

Membership

Judy Frailing

Missions Outreach

Gini Milne, Nancy Galvin

Vice President

Connie LeMasters

Treasurer

Kimberly Coffey

Program Resources

Barb Hildreth

Social Action

Ann Marie Smith, Beth
Wohlgemuth

Members at Large

Lynda Imirie, Ann Saad

We will call for a vote in November.



Glorious Gifts, Too

It was well over 10 years ago that our dear departed friend Larry Broomall first brought the idea of *Glorious Gifts Too*, to Bethlehem.

For \$10 to \$100 you can give a gift (card) to a family member or friend recognizing your donation in their honor to one or more of 12 local and

international charities. Brochures detailing the donations will be available starting November 1st at Bethlehem and on the church website.

This is a wonderful way to give a glorious gift to the Christ child by helping those in need while honoring loved ones at Christmas.

No act of kindness
no matter how small
is ever wasted.

~ Aesop



**BELIEVE
THERE IS
GOOD IN
THE WORLD**

The Purpose of the United Methodist Women

The 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.

Social Action Updates

So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo

We are encouraged to learn more of the United Methodist Women's social action campaigns. Among them, racism is at the core of one of the issues we are working to achieve change.

In order to better understand racism, the book "So You Want to Talk About Race" by Ijeoma Oluo has been selected as one of the 2020 books on the UMW's reading plan for social action. They also, recently sponsored a 4 part webinar which discussed the book by zoom meetings of which I participated .



This book has skyrocketed to the New York Times bestseller list as there has been such a media spotlight on systemic racism in our society .While this is a difficult subject to talk about it is a necessary one if we are to ever end racial oppression and the many forms it takes.

The author presents honest conversations about race and racism and how they infect almost every aspect of American life. Some of the chapter headings are "What is Racism? Why am I always being asked to check my privilege? What is intersectionality? Is police brutality really about race?, What is the school to prison pipeline?, Why can't I use the "N" word? What are microaggressions? What is the model minority myth? and Talking is great but what else can I do?"

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Encouragement/ Thinking of You cards

Gail Marshall, cancer

Marty Bowers,

recovering from knee surgery

Sandra/Sonny Burriss,

general health concerns

Sue Whitney,

recovering from surgery



A Child's Christmas

At Lake Christian Ministries, the needs of those struggling to make ends meet are greater than ever.

So although we are having to rethink “how to,” we are definitely going to do **A Child's Christmas**.

As of this writing, we are planning to have the first angel trees up the week of November 9, including one at Bethlehem. We will need shoppers to help us the week of December 7th, but sorting and distributing will only allow limited participants, following social distancing and mask protocols. If you are interested in shopping, email Lynda Imirie at fredlynda@aol.com.

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She offers tools in each chapter which give white and people of color the means to engage in and deal constructively with dismantling racial prejudices and biases. You may feel discomfort with or disagree with some of the ideas which the author presents in the book but I felt challenged to assess my own beliefs and perceptions of this complex and very polarizing subject. If we are to ever dismantle racist systems in our communities, agencies, workplaces, governments and churches, we must first understand it and this book helped me achieve that. This book will be available in our church library.

Reviewed by Beth Wohlgemuth, co – chair Social Action, BUMC's UMW

BUMC Vision

Outward bound, together with Christ, we seek to make a difference
in the world around us through the power
of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the Kingdom