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"Think Globally, Act Locally"



Rummage/Bake Sale

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The Fall UMW Rummage and Bake Sale will be held on Wednesday, September 1 ~ 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. and Thursday, September 2~ 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and Varsity classroom.

You may start bringing your quality items in a week before and placing them on the stage in the fellowship hall. Clothing, kitchen items, toys, shoes, boots, books and decorations. . . etc., will be greatly appreciated. Baked goods will be needed, too! They will be sold in the Varsity classroom. Soup & sandwiches will be offered, too! Come join the fun and fellowship. Contact Peg McCracken for more information 740/397-2252.



This is UMW's community outreach to help those less fortunate, and UMW's only money making project for the year. Monies generated support local and global missions.

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Round-Up at the McNeill Hacienda ~Linny McNeill



L-R: Linny McNeill, Shirley Workman, Nancy Vail, Kathleen Breneman, Helen Connell, Bonnie Magaw, Marge Winkle, Emily Gordon, Maurine Scott, Virginia Kline, Alta Smith. Also attending: Kaye Rine and Marna Burwell

The Summer picnic of the UMW Gloria Wysner Circle met at Linny McNeill's home Wednesday, July 14 with a Western Cowboy theme. Attending were Kathleen Breneman, Marna Burwell, Helen Connell, Emily Gordon, Virginia Kline, Bonnie Magaw, Linny McNeill, Kaye Rine, Maurine Scott, Alta Smith, Nancy Vail, Marge Winkle and Shirley Workman.

The ladies were all given a bandana to wear upon arrival and several wore hats, vests and denim attire! Everyone looked so cute in their outfits! Decorations included the hostess's Quarter Horse trophies along with many other artifacts: horseshoes, hobbles, cowboy boots, bridles, old bits, western books & bookends, an Indian head, cowboy statue, armadillo, six-shooter (fake), Bowie knife, spurs, steer skull with rattlesnake, Mexican sarape, and a horse (1890 Carousel!).

Among the picnic selections were BBQ beef, cowboy beans, potato salad, deviled eggs, corn salsa with blue taco chips, veggies and dips, cheese tray, mixed fruit bowl, blueberry pie and mint brownies. No one went home hungry and it was enjoyable to just relax and fellowship with one another on a beautiful day in the country.

Reminder: The next Gloria Wysner function will be the day trip to Lakeside – **TUESDAY, August 10**. Becky Stewart has graciously volunteered to drive the van again this year. We will be attending Martha Moody's talk at the Lakeside Women's Club. Marti is an author of several books and is Maurine Scott's daughter. Those wishing to go please meet at 8 AM in the Kroger parking lot behind Java Hut. Call Linny McNeill for reservations. Home: 397-3686, cell: 507-5066.



Clockwise: Helen Connell, Emily Gordon, Bonnie Magaw, Kaye Rine, Nancy Vail, Shirley Workman



Gloria Wysner Cowgirls Had a Grand Time Off Trail



L-R: Kathleen Breneman, Maurine Scott, Marge Winkle, Alta Smith, Virginia Kline



L-R: "Linny's Ma" Virginia Kline, Linny McNeill, Kathleen Breneman, Maurine Scott



Clockwise: Nancy Vail, Shirley Workman, Helen Connell, Emily Gordon, Bonnie Magaw, Kaye Rine

School of Christian Mission

~Linny McNeill

Gay Street United Methodist Church was represented at the Mount Union College School of Christian Mission Friday, July 16 by Bonnie Magaw, Maurine Scott and Linny McNeill. We were very proud to have Maurine announce to the assembly that 8,300 book bags have been sent in!

The featured speakers were Judy Nutter, Rev. James Humphrey, Rev. Carol Duhlin, and Rev. Dr. Valerie Stultz.



Judy Nutter spoke on *“The Beauty and Courage of Sudan: Why a Dream of Peace is Possible”*, *Geographic Mission Study 2009-2010*. Judy participated in the General Board of Global Ministries Mission, Education, and Advocate trip to Sudan. It was quite an eye opening talk on the hardships endured by these resilient people and their determination to learn about Christianity.

Next presenting, were Rev. Jim Humphrey and Rev. Carl Duhlin. Jim is the District Superintendent of the Three Rivers District and served five local churches in the East Ohio Conference over the past twenty-eight years. Carl is a commissioned deacon of the United Methodist Church, serving on staff at the Doylestown UMC, organizing church mission trips. Their presentation was *“Joy to the World: Mission in the age of Global Christianity” 2010-2011 Study Theme*. Carl Duhlin spoke on Armenia, the oldest Christian country in the world. 3 P’s of accomplishment for missions:

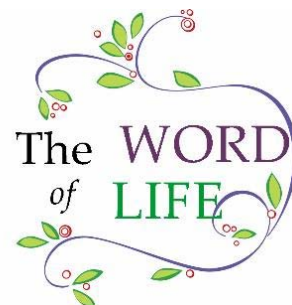
you need players, payers and prayers! Methodists believe it is a basic human right to have health care. Also, Carl’s church women knitted countless winter hats for the children of Armenia.

Jim Humphrey told about his first parish being destroyed by a tornado....the village of Coalburg was rebuilt by mission volunteers, so Jim goes on yearly mission trips to continue that mission. His talk was on the ins, outs and ups of ministry – most churches need to do more outs. “You cannot always get people *in* our doors, you have to go *out* of our doors to help people in need.”

Our final presenter of the day was Dr. Valerie Stultz, Canal District Superintendent, whose personal mission is connecting people to Christ through preaching, teaching, and spiritual guiding. Her topic was *“For The Love of God: John’s Letters – Spiritual Growth Study.”* She taught on 1John; no one knows for sure who wrote this book of the Bible, but it’s written to create a relationship, enable fellowship and provide experience of Christian teaching.

We also attended a special interest group class on “Membership Counts” about how to increase UMW membership, led by Mary Hill, East Ohio Conference Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator, who has put together an interesting booklet of “70 Ideas for Recruiting New Members.” The group shared various successful ways of attracting new women to UMW.

Many thanks to the Gay Street UMW for sending us to this meaningful seminar!



1 John 1

The Word of Life

1 We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- 2 this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- 3 we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

Fast Facts—Sudan



Margaret Dure (right) pumps water from a well constructed by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in the Southern Sudanese

Source: [CIA—The World Factbook, Sudan](#).

Location

Northern Africa, bordering the Red Sea, between Egypt and Eritrea

Area

Sudan is the largest country in Africa, dominated by the Nile and its tributaries
 Total: 1,557,038 sq mi
 Land: 1.4 million sq mi
 Water: 80,660 sq mi

Area—Comparative

Sudan is slightly more than one-quarter the size of the United States. [Click here for a map of Sudan.](#)

Climate

Tropical in south; arid desert in north; rainy season varies by region (April to November)



Natural Resources

Petroleum; small reserves of iron ore, copper, chromium ore, zinc, tungsten, mica, silver, gold, hydropower

Land Use

Arable land: 6.78%
 Permanent crops: 0.17%
 Other: 93.05% (2005)

Environment: Current Issues

Inadequate supplies of potable water; wildlife populations threatened by excessive hunting; soil erosion; desertification; periodic drought

Population

40,218,456 (July 2008 estimate)

Comparison with United States:
 305,644,793 (January 2009 estimate)

Sudanese Ethnic Identity

Ethnicity and religion crisscross Sudan and are often cited as seismic fault lines running through the nation. However, the victims of violence in Darfur are Muslim, as are the leaders of the Sudanese government charged with the abuse. People in the Southern part of the country are largely Christian or animist. The term 'Arab' can refer to black Africans, white or brown peoples who are Muslim or Christian. Lines defining people in Sudan are fluid. (Yvette Moore, "African Americans: Standing Vigil for Darfur," Response, April 2009.)

Languages

Arabic (official), English (official). More than 540 other languages including Nubian, Ta Bedawie, diverse dialects of Nilotic, Nilo-Hamitic, and Sudanic languages.



In the Southern Sudan village of Yondoru, as throughout the world, women are the ones who carry water, here bringing it from a nearby river to their homes. Families here are rebuilding their lives after returning from refuge in Uganda in 2006 following the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement between the north and south. Photo by Paul Jeffrey.

Gay Street United Methodist Women Newsletter



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Deadline for the next issue is:
August 19, 2010

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, August 10: Glora Wysner Circle to Janet & Irwin Jennings' Lakeside home. Contact Linny McNeill 397-3686 (home) or 507-5066 (cell). Becky Stewart will be driving the church van.

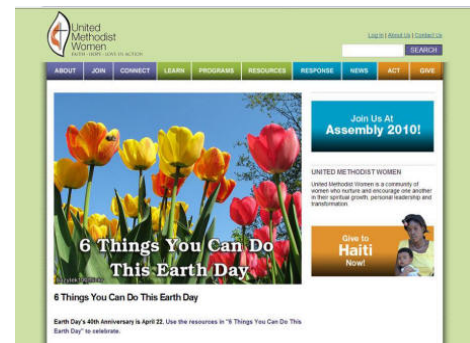
September 1 & 2: UMW Fall Rummage/Bake Sale

September 8: Dorcas Circle, 9:30 a.m.

September 8: Glora wysner Circle, 1:30 p.m.
Emily Gordon—hostess, Trish Rankin—program

September 15: Sarah Circle, 7:00 p.m. Room 102 at church

Check Out the NEW Website for United
Methodist Women!!



www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

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United Methodist Women has been challenging social injustice for more than 140 years. The organization provides resources and opportunities for members to help improve the lives of women, children, and youth nationally and internationally.