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"Think Globally, Act Locally"



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You're Invited! ... **All Daughters Banquet**
May 5, 2010
6:30 P.M.
Gay Street United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
Special Speaker: Gayle Roy
Meal by the Summer Work Mission Team (tickets may be obtained from the Summer Work Mission Team)
Menu: Chicken, red skinned potatoes, asparagus/green beans, salad, rolls and strawberry truffle.
A free-will donation will be taken for the meal.

- UMW Executive Committee**
- Catherine Seward co-leader, 392-3496
 - Carolyn Allar co-leader, 507-9825
 - Linny McNeill co-leader, 397-3686
 - Marietta Van Fossen Secretary, 397-1133
 - Angie Richards Treasurer, 392-7904
 - Norma Siekkinen Ast. Treas., 397-4386



Gayle Roy

A little about Gayle Roy:

Marriage, children, and work kept Gayle from pursuing writing. By 1978, she committed her life to Christ and became a follower of Jesus. Through her relationship with Jesus, she felt moved to spend more time in ministry and left the competitive work force in 1997.

Gayle speaks publicly to groups to share her experiences as a mother of a disabled child, a worker in disaster fields, and other pertinent topics in a secular sense and more importantly, to groups to bring them closer to Christ. She is the founder of Path Finding Ministries. She teaches Bible studies and leads a home group as well as serves as a coach to other small group leaders. Gayle and her husband, Ken, have

been active in serving the victims of Hurricane Katrina, the floods in Cedar Rapids, IA, and Louisville, Ky. (See Path Finding Ministries.org). They are currently waiting an assignment for Haiti. Gayle has published her journal in a picture book format, *Mission in Manhattan, "9-11" Portraits*, teaches a weekly prayer journal group through the internet, and has a weekly nursing home ministry.

Tonight Gayle will share from her experiences from her mission trip to New York City following the tragedy of that fateful day that will forever be known as "9-11".

Three Rivers District Spring Meeting Overview

excerpts from Glora Wysner minutes by Janet Jennings

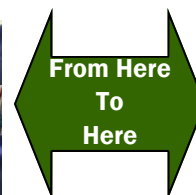
The Three Rivers District spring meeting was held Saturday, April 10, 2010 from 9:00 to 2:00 at the Utica United Methodist Church.

Maurine presented the book bag project and distributed about 260 kits. She and Jack plan to visit two more district spring meetings and distribute 500 or 600 more kits that women will take home and sew. There has been a photo on the Internet of a boy in southern Sudan wearing one of

our bookbags around his neck. Trish, a district officer, helped plan the day, conducted two Sudan workshops, and led the closing song.



Part of the school bag production process in the Scott's basement.



A boy in Sudan carries his UMCOR school bag to school each day, as he has no home to leave his belongings.

Linny's Review

~Linny McNeill

The Gay Street United Methodist Church was well represented at the United Methodist Women Three Rivers District meeting Saturday, April 10, at the Utica United Methodist Church with nine women attending. There were: Trish Rankin, Maurine Scott, Peg McCracken, Marge Winkle, Janet Jennings, Marietta Van Fossen, Helen Connell, Carolyn Allar and Linny McNeill.



Valerie W. Stultz

The theme for the day was "If We Weren't Here," and the keynote speaker was Rev. Dr. Valerie W. Stultz, District Superintendent of the Canal District who spoke on "UMW in the 21st Century." Valerie is a delightful, dynamic speaker and despite the rather negative and depressing subject, she communicates in a kind manner. She spoke on UMW's loss of influence due to shrinking membership. With newer and younger women disinterested in joining, we need inspiring ways to attract other members. Without our mission's passion and joy, we have failure. "Statistics are show-

ing our mission is failing." It's not always fun to confront this unpleasant challenge, but we must — if we take risks, accept the opportunity, stretch, think outside the box, leave our comfort zone, it can be done with God's help.

"UMW does such valuable missions, we can't afford to let it die. . ., but we need to get rid of 'stuff' that isn't working, listen to the Lord, reclaim our gifts of imagination and get radical again like our early Methodist women."

It's okay to be a little undignified if it gets results, so sweeping changes can come to UMW." Younger women want to make a difference in the world and that is what we need in UMW.

Trish's Review

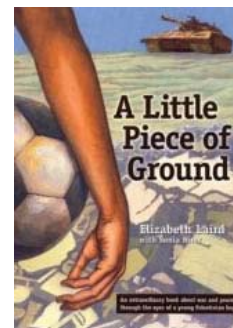
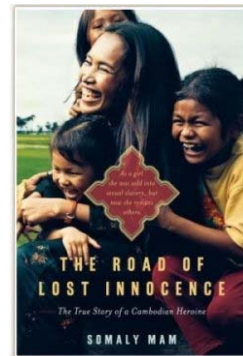
The spring district UMW meeting at Utica United Methodist Church was enjoyable and informative, communing and communicating with other women from throughout our Three Rivers District. Reverend Doctor Valerie Stultz was our speaker, inspiring and entertaining at the same time. The resource room offered us opportunities for new literature, program materials and free handouts. Susan, our resource chairwoman delighted us with her mound of books, that she reviewed, inspiring us to

~Trish Rankin

read contemporary religious books like *A Little Piece of Ground* about a Palestinian boy living in Israel or *Road of Lost Innocence* by Somaly Mam. Her haunting story of being sold as a child sex slave and her fight against the corruption that steals children's lives or *A Love Affair with India* by Mabel Jones, talking about mission work there. Many sold out promptly after the meeting.

Our lunch time was yummy with a spaghetti casserole, salad, bread and brownies.

Three breakout study groups took up much of the afternoon time, offering a variety of subjects: Using the *Response Magazine* more Creatively by Judy Elliott, *For the Love of God*, a study on the book of John, by Catherine Miller and *The Beauty and Courage of Sudan* by Trish Rankin. Each one gave us an insight into spiritual growth, outreach and missions led by our district leaders, helping us grow in wisdom and compassion. Our next district meeting is tentatively scheduled for September.



The Closet

~Norma Siekkinen

I wanted to give you an update on The Closet. This past Friday, April 16, we had fifty people that we serviced. Mary Blencowe helped up by taking the people to the Fellowship Hall and giving out numbers to avoid a traffic jam in the hall. We removed all of the clothing from The Closet and took them to the rum-

mage sale. If anybody wants to donate summer clothing, we can accept them now, since our next rummage sale will not be until September. We will always accept taxable items, the most needed is detergent and shampoo. You will find the best prices for those items at the local dollars stores in Mount Vernon.

We are still purchasing our items, however, any additional things are always very much appreciated. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for this outreach to our local community.

Norma Siekkinen, Peg McCrackin, Sue Baker
~The Closet Managers



"Inside The Closet"

Rummage/Bake Sale

~excerpts from Glora Wysner minutes by Janet Jennings

Norma Siekkinen said receipts from the recent Rummage and Bake Sale were \$1,196.50. Some small expenses are yet to be deducted. The UMW thanks the many who donated, baked, sorted, and helped sell. We appreciate the help of Tim Fitzgerald, member of the church, who helps with pricing by appraising collectibles and antiques. Leftover winter clothing items from The Closet mission project were put in the rum-

mage sale. As in the past, a representative from The Mount Vernon Players was invited to look through the rummage for costumes for upcoming productions. Frank Austin of Utica came after the sale with three trucks and six people and took all the remaining items to his warehouse for distribution to central Ohio people in need.



Rummage Sale 2010
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Dorcas Circle

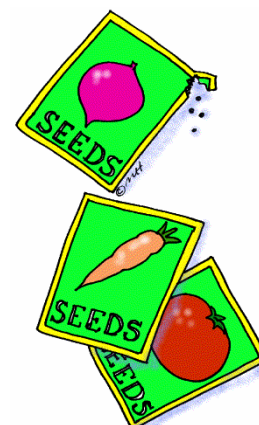
~Catherine Seward

Seven women attended the April meeting. The women voted to take care of the October luncheon. Joan Neighbarger gave the program. It was decided that we would not meet during the months of January and February due to weather conditions.

The Dorcas Circle would like to thank everyone that donated to the Jackson Area Seed Ministries either in seeds or in monetary donations - \$463 was given towards this worthwhile mission outreach!



The godly woman ‘Dorcas’ from the book of Act



*Scenes from the
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Rummage/Bake
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Upcoming Dates for United Methodist Women

UMW Circle meeting dates:

Dorcas—May 12, 9:30 a.m. at Lucille Bowden's home

Glora Wysner—May 12, 1:30 p.m. at Trish Rankins' home

Sarah—May 19, 7 p.m. at the church

Don't forget the UMW Executive Committee will meet at 5:00 p.m. in room 102 prior to the All-Daughter Banquet on Wednesday, May 5!

Mark your calendar for the UMW Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on June 2.

