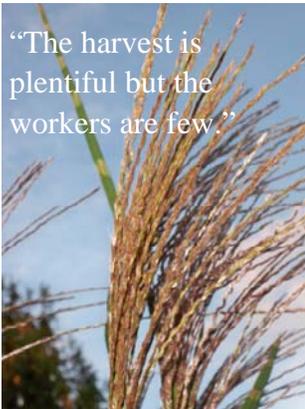


"Think Globally, Act Locally"



"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."

New Mission Launched—The Closet

Norma Siekkinen announced the launch of a new United Methodist Women/Gay Street United Methodist Church mission project called "The Closet." Their first day of outreach was Friday, October 23. This will continue to be held on the third Friday of each month. Using interest from the Hibbard fund that is earmarked for missions, the United Methodist Women have purchased soap, de-



tergent, toothbrushes, shampoo, diapers, disposable hygiene items and other taxable products that a food card doesn't cover.



"The Closet" will be open from 4:00—7:00 P.M. in Room 101.



Everything will be available free of

charge to persons who present their Award Letter or food stamp card.

In addition, used winter clothing will be available free. We expect that many persons coming to Hot Meals will take advantage of "The Closet."



If you would like to donate coats or jackets, please bring them to the church office or see Norma Siekkinen or Peg McCracken.



All donations are appreciated, but monetary donations are preferred since they have arrangements to buy these items in bulk. Checks should be made out to Gay Street UMC, in the memo section write "The Closet" and all monies will be forward to the UMW Treasurer. We are working together to provide this valuable outreach to our sisters and brothers in Christ.

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Esther Hertzog Coming to Mount Vernon

“Not Like Me/Just Like Me: Bringing Jewish and Arab Women Together in an Effort Toward Peace” is the topic of the lecture Esther Hertzog a noted Israeli scholar, will be presenting on Tuesday, November 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Educational Service Center.

Everyone is invited to attend. For more information visit the website at www.knoxdwc.org.

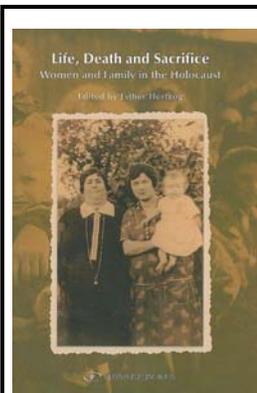
Esther Hertzog is a social anthropologist who heads the Social Science Department at Beit Berl College., Kfar Saba, Israel. Her research focuses on gender issues, welfare policies and the Israeli bureaucracy. She is the author of *Immigrants and Bureaucrats: Ethiopians in an Israeli Absorption Center* and co-editor of *Israel: Local Anthropology*. A political feminist, she founded women’s parties in 1992 and in 1999. She also founded the Women’s Parliament, which she has coordinated since 1999. She is especially interested in the role of women in the peacemaking process



Esther Hertzog

Note from Colleen Hicks: The Sarah Circle will meet a week and a day early in November -- on Tuesday, November 10. At 6:00 p.m. Sarah Circle will meet at Carolyn Allar’s home (18 Martinsburg Rd.) for a Chili supper & our usual time of fellowship, with discussion of any circle /UMW business. Then, we’ll car-pool over to the ESC (Educational Service Center - Career Center) to hear Esther Hertzog who will speak at 7:30 p.m. (PLEASE RSVP for supper through the church office ~ 392-6626—BY November 5.)

One of Esther Hertzog's recent books.



Esther Hertzog, was born to Holocaust survivors on a boat to the holy land. It has been said about her book “Life, Death and Sacrifice: Women and Family in the Holocaust ”...From out of a world of death and destruction, extermination camps, ghettos, starvation and disease, there rises the figure of the woman in the Holocaust... the core of the fascinating studies in this collection.”

Thanksgiving for Prayers Supper

Jack Scott gave a power point presentation last month for the United Methodist Women on his latest trip to Israel. Included in his presentation was the story of “Thanksgiving for Prayers Supper.” The Muslim family of the little boy below right had a big dinner (300 – 400 people!) to thank all the folks who had prayed for their ill little boy. He had drank poisonous spray that is used on fruit trees and they didn’t know if he was going to survive. The family was so grateful they wanted to show their appreciation for all the prayers said on their son’s behalf.

Jack recently gave his power point presentation at the Coshocton Grace United Methodist Church. If you would like to have him come to your group/circle, Sunday School class and share with you about his experience, you may contact him at 740-392-8896.



Is God Calling YOU?

The UMW nominating committee is looking for a president and vice-president to take office in 2010. If these two offices remain vacant, it may be necessary to have circle leaders form the executive committee. We also need a chair for Glora Wysner for 2010 since Norma Siekkinen is completing her term.

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UMW Meetings for November:

November 6, Church Women United World Community Day

November 10, 6 p.m. Sarah Circle meets at Carolyn Allar’s home (18 Martinsburg Rd.) Chili supper & short business meeting before carpooling to Career Center to hear Esther Hertzog presentation. RSVP by November 5 @392-6626.

November 11, 9:30 a.m. Dorcas Circle at Lea Woodward’s home

November 11 at 1:30 p.m. Glora Wysner Circle at Norma Siekkinen’s home on Woodlake Trail. Elsie Spurgeon is program leader.

Food Security



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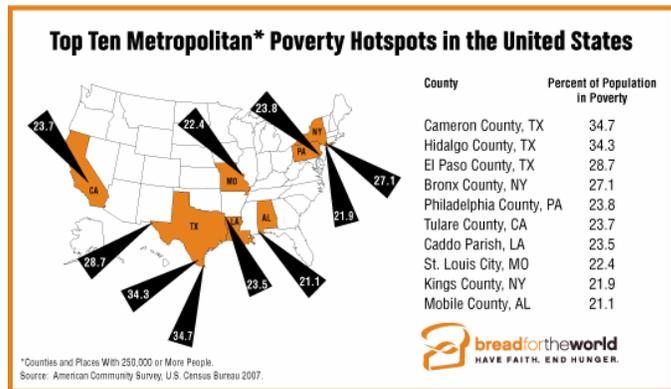
Janet Jennings led a program called Food Security from the 2009 UMW Program Book *Who's at the Table?* After the singing of a hymn and a prayer, she highlighted the efforts of the organization Bread for the World (www.bread.org) that has worked since the 1970's to influence government leaders to do more to combat world hunger. Our United Methodist Church and many other denominations including Catholics support this hunger advocacy group. For a number of complex reasons, including the current worldwide economic recession, the world hunger problem has been worsening since 1995. Today one out of every six persons in the world is malnourished. For the first time in history, the number of hungry people in the world is over a

billion and increasing.

To illustrate visually and dramatically what our country is doing to help other nations with food, clean water, nutrition programs, and agricultural development, Janet, assisted by Kathleen Breneman, unrolled a 25-foot strip of paper. The entire length represented the total budget of the United States. The amount spent to assist starving people in other countries was 1 1/2 inches of the strip or less than one half of one percent.

Even if support of embassies and military support were included, it would amount to barely three inches of the 25-foot strip. If the United Nations' goal of cutting world hunger by 50% by 2015 has any hope of being realized, all countries, and particularly wealthier countries such as the United States will need to increase the amount invested.

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Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, December 2, for the annual UMW covered-dish Christmas luncheon at the church. Guests are welcome. Brief circle meetings will be held at 11:00 preceding the meal, and we will eat at 11:30 with Glora Wysner serving as hostess. The program will be presented by Trish Rankin based on her School of Missions course and/or her recent Lands of the Bible Cruise focused on the travels and teachings of Paul.



First Female United Methodist Bishop in Africa

Elected as the first female United Methodist Bishop in Africa in 2008, Bishop Joaquina Nhanala has coordinated women's projects for the Mozambique church and led a World Relief HIV/AIDS program designed to mobilize churches for education and advocacy in Mozambique's three southern provinces.

She was accepted for theological studies at the 1985 Mozambique Annual Conference and received sponsorship from the Women's Fellowship and was ordained a deacon in 1989. When the civil war in Liberia disrupted her studies, she completed her diploma in theology at Trinity College in Ghana.

In 1998, she graduated from Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology with a master's degree in Bible studies and theology and also served as a teacher and dean of students there. She speaks five native languages, as well as Portuguese and English. **A beneficiary of a United Methodist Women scholarship** for her studies, Bishop Nhanala now presides over the Mozambique Episcopal Area covering Mozambique South Annual Conference and South Africa Provisional Annual Conference.



Bishop Joaquina Nhanala

Excerpts from an interview Yvette Moore did with Bishop Nhanala for Response magazine:

Response: We celebrated your historic election as the first woman bishop in Africa last summer. What does your election say about the role of women in the church in Africa?

Bishop Nhanala: My election shows where we are in Africa as a church, and our growth in understanding that men and women can serve in positions, according to where God calls them. Mozambique elected the first native bishop in the United Methodist Church. This time Mozambique elected the first woman bishop. My election says a lot about the contributions of African women, not only to the church, but to the continent in general. Women are contributing in such a way that there is no way they can continue being disregarded.

What are the critical issues facing the areas you oversee?

There are several issues facing the three conferences I supervise.

- HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis, which all impact maternal health;
- Unemployment rates are high in all three conferences;
- Literacy.

Youth and women make up the majority of members of our church. What affects the women and youth, children included, affects the church as a whole.

What ministries are women leading in your conferences?

Women have built schools for boys and girls in areas where there were no schools. They have an interesting project rescuing and creating a very good living environment for the elderly women rejected by their families for various reasons. Orphanages led by our women receive children from infancy, often from the government, whose mothers died in childbirth. Other children in the orphanages lost parents to HIV/AIDS and other diseases. One of the children who came out of one of those orphanages is now a pastor. We have another who is a teacher. We have some who are at university level. These ministries are making a difference.

War is a part of the recent history of Mozambique. How does this impact the church's work?

The church brought the warring parties together. After the war, the church has done a very good job of helping people live together. We're dealing with cases where people know who killed their relatives. However, because of the work the church has been doing, and the community leaders and the government, people are able to live with each other. They're able to forgive and move on. Our people have witnessed the destruction of war. Now we are witnessing the benefits of peace. We do not want to go back. A lot of work has been done to clear away landmines from the war. Still a lot of areas have not been cleared. It is our hope that one day, not a single landmine will remain.

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East Ohio Annual UMW Meeting

~Bonnie Magaw



Installation Service of UMW Officers The East Ohio Annual Conference meeting that Maurine and I attended October 9-10 was at the Sunbury United Methodist Church. Newly elected conference officers were installed by Elaine Hopkins, wife of Bishop John Hopkins. Maurine gave an enthusiastic book bag presentation to the 130 women in attendance. As a result, more book bag kits have been distributed throughout the East Ohio Conference. The Southern Hills District alone has taken 500. Over the past five years, Jack and Maurine Scott have purchased fabric, cut out, and put together between 6,000 and 7,000 book

bag kits. On Oct. 15 they plan to go to the Mid-Ohio District meeting with more book bag kits. The completed bags are sent to Sager Brown where they are filled with school supplies and then shipped all over the world. Cash donations to help cover shipping costs are needed. (You can donate to School kits by making your check out to Gay Street UMC, in the memo section note: School Kits.)



Children from Zimbabwe display school kits.

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