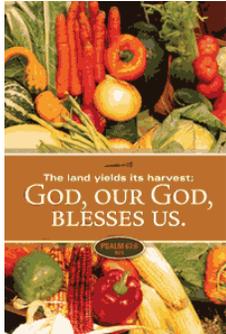


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"Think Globally, Act Locally"



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Note of Appreciation. . .

Norma and I want to thank everyone who dug into closets and attics to contribute to our latest Rummage Sale. And thanks to Marna and everyone who baked and worked for the Bake Sale. Much love to our church family, Jason, Roger, Perry, Carol, Trish, Doug, Diana, Sue, Mary, Joann, Carolyn, Ed and Jan Cosby and all who helped with set up.

Then there were the friends: Lil Conley, Randy Ramsey Kim Callahan and Fern Harvey (who drove from Springfield) all who assisted in setting up. Last, but not least, our daughters: Sue Baker, Sharon Dehaven and Lisa Phillippi,. We love you all a bunch!!! The food from Mary, Frances and Lisa kept us going through this long week.

Aside from the money we earned, we contributed to Mount Vernon Players, Danville Interchurch, a local florist (with all those vases) and to Frank Austin, who picks up the leftovers and distributes them to many needy people. Suggestion...go to a play and see some of the costume items we donate to the Players. ~Peg McCracken

Note: Proceeds from the rummage sale were \$1,300.96 which will go to help local mission.

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Three Rivers District UMW Meeting

~Linny McNeill

On a beautiful Saturday, September 24, the Fall Meeting of United Methodist Women Three Rivers District was held at Roscoe United Methodist Church. Our attendees from Gay Street Church were: special guest—Dr. Martha Moody, Maurine Scott, Bonnie Magaw, Peg McCracken, Carolyn Allar, Trish Rankin and Linny McNeill. A note



Trish Rankin, Program Resources

about the church—it is a beautiful modern church built on top of a hill, with floor-to-ceiling windows in the sanctuary, providing a bit of distraction as the squirrels outside were having a grand time hunting nuts and cavorting!

A memorial ceremony was given for the UM Women who had passed on this year. From Gay Street UMC we honored Ida Mae Smith and Virginia Walker.

Trish Rankin gave the book review for the Program Resource update. Some of her recommendations: *Slant*, *No Turning Back*, *The Undertaker's Wife*, *Interviewing Broken Vessels*, and *Same Kind of Different as Me*.

Maurine Scott, our UMW "Bag Lady" gave the report on the latest Book bag progress—to date 11,000 have been made! Amazing!



Carolyn Allar, Peg McCracken and Bonnie Magaw enjoying themselves.



Maurine Scott promoting sewing School Bags for UMCOR

Our morning featured speaker was Maurine's daughter, Marti Moody, who spoke on "Head Scarves and Hope," about cross-cultural adventures in Israel, where she has



Dr. Martha "Marti" Moody

been on missionary trips on several occasions. Marti stays with a Palestinian-Israeli host family while there and teaches English. She is in the northern part of the country, near Lebanon. Jerusalem is twenty percent Arab and three different religions are followed: Judaism, Islam and Christianity. Seventy percent of Jerusalem is Muslim, ten percent is Christian, and about twenty percent Jewish. Most of the adult women wear headscarves, although there is much variety in the clothing choices of the younger girls—many wear western types of garments, but some with a scarf, or a combination of styles together. You do not see knees, shoulders or cleavage on women! The Muslims pray five times a day and don't smoke, drink or gamble.

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The families take picnics out on the hillside during the olive harvest. Most olives are used for olive oil. They grow ninety percent of their food and it is prepared from scratch, chicken, rice, vegetables, fruit are prevalent. It is largely an agricultural country. The fruit harvest is figs, grapes, pomegranates among others.

Weddings are extravagant affairs and interestingly, although women cook all the food, the men serve it at weddings.

Marti said Arabic and Hebrew languages are similar, but they think our English is very difficult. She accompanied her talk with a slide show and fielded questions about going on her trips. They usually are two and a half weeks, are safe because they stay with familiar host families and everyone in the village knows them.

The afternoon speaker was Rev. Lynne Hottle, Chaplain of Genesis Hospital in Zanesville, Ohio on "Offering Hope During Times of Loss." The communion was offered by Rev. Jim Humphrey, district superintendent.



Bonnie Magaw, Maurine Scott, Peg McCracken, Marti Moody, Carolyn Allar and Linny McNeill after the district meeting.



Daughter & Mother: Marti Moody and Maurine Scott

Martha Moody was born and raised in Ohio by her parents, Rev. Jack and Maurine Moody. She graduated from Oberlin College and received her MD from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, where she also completed her residency training in internal medicine. She has been married since 1985 to Dr. Martin Jacobs; they have four teenage sons and live in Dayton, Ohio. Moody was a private practice internist for 15 years. Currently she is retired from private practice and volunteers as medical director at a clinic for the working poor.

Sarah Circle Happenings ~Janet Rehling

The Sarah Circle met on September 21, 2011 at 7:00pm in the downstairs church parlor.

Eight members were present: Carolyn Allar, Nancy Davis, Peg McCracken, Norma Siekkinen, Angie Richards, Georgia Meyer, Ruth Hubbell, and Janet Rehling.

President Carolyn Allar opened with a prayer by Maya Angelou. **Cheer baskets** for shut-ins will be packed and delivered by the Congregational Care Team this December. Cookies and candies will be furnished by the circles.

The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations and nations to create practical acts of peace on a shared date. It was established by a United Nations resolution in 1981 to coincide with the opening of the General Assembly. The first Peace Day was celebrated in September 1982. In 2002 the General Assembly officially declared September 21 as the permanent date for the International Day of Peace.



October 5, 2011 is the next **Executive and General Meeting** at 10:00. A Covered Dish lunch will follow at 11:30. Rolls and drinks will be furnished.

Carolyn gave a program on **PEACE**. International Day of Peace was established in 1981. She said we need to aim to achieve peace through the stages of thinking, learning, living, giving, listening, acting, and praying.

The next meeting will be on October 19. Janet Rehling has the program and refreshments.

Dorcas Circle News ~Barbara Jones

The Dorcas Circle met at Marietta Van Fossen's home on September 14. Six members were present as we went over business from the Executive Committee meeting. Barbara Jones gave the program on "Finding Peace." Get well wishes were sent to Garnette Yanchek and Joan Neighbarger.



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Gloria Wysner Circle News ~Linny McNeill



Bonnie Magaw assisting Debbie Baker, Hope Springs Ministry co-leader.

The September Gloria Wysner Circle met at the Winkle’s home September 14 with the following present: Special guest—Debbie Baker, Bonnie Magaw, Barbara Humphreys, Alta Smith, Nancy Vail, Trish Rankin, Marna Burwell, Linny McNeill, Marge and Marshall Winkle and their resident “entertainment cat” Callie.

The program was given by Debbie Baker, assisted by Bonnie Magaw in Carol Topping’s absence. Bonnie led a reading of scriptures and peaceful messages for calmness and understanding of relaxation through really thinking what words mean as we read. Then Debbie gave a comprehensive and informative presentation of the workings of Hope Springs Ministry through a photo show, depicting the various events they have done. She explained about the labyrinth, used as a symbol at many Hope Springs Ministry activities. At the Fall Retreat, there is an outdoor labyrinth they can walk on, also on the floor labyrinths indoors or elsewhere, people can walk through them. The purpose of the labyrinth exercise is to release your worries, and stress . . . a spiritual journey as you travel through the labyrinth. The difference between a labyrinth and a maze is that labyrinths have no deadends. There is one path in, and the same path out. A maze is more of a “trick” - you may get trapped in a deadend. Debbie showed that they use a variety of labyrinths— cloth ones laid on a large floor, finger labyrinths and pencil labyrinths. She also discussed using drums as a spiritual tool, both at church and at the retreats. We saw some familiar faces in Debbie’s slide show and we’re fortunate she could join us again.

The program was followed by a brief business meeting as we enjoyed Marge’s awesome apple walnut cobbler.

Our next Gloria Wysner Circle meeting is scheduled at Shirley Workman’s home on October 12, with Maurine Scott having the program.

Also a reminder: UMW Executive Board meets October 5 at 10:00 AM with a covered dish luncheon to follow at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker is Perry Brokaw.



Bonnie Magaw, Shirley Workman, Alta Smith, Nancy Vail, Marge Winkle, Trish Rankin, Debbie Baker, Barbara Humphreys

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Deadline for the next issue is:
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Dates to Remember

Circle Meetings

October 3 – Executive Board meets 10:00 AM. Luncheon will follow at 11:30 a.m. at the church.

October 12 – 9:30 a.m. Dorcas Circle meeting

October 12 – 1:30 p.m. at Shirley Workman's home

October 19 – 7 p.m. Sarah Circle



Don't forget—UMW Annual Celebration: October 28-29

The East Ohio UMW 2011 Annual Celebration will be held at Churchill UMC, Youngstown under the theme "All Things Made New." Friday evening at 7:00 pm, Juanita Pasley, director of The United Methodist Community Center will be the keynote speaker. Saturday's program begins at 10:00 am with Jeanette Kraus, Women's Division director, as the worship speaker; annual business meeting and installation of officers. Training for district officers and focus groups on the topics of Human Trafficking and Racial Justice will be held in the afternoon. There will also be a children's program. Cost is \$16 for adults and \$10 for children age 5-12. For more information or to register send an email to mcasterregina@yahoo.com. Reservations must be received by October 15.