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"Think Globally, Act Locally"



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Join the fun!

~Carolyn Allar

Fellowship Hall Christmas Trees will be ready for decorating the week after Thanksgiving. Any group in the Church is invited to adopt a tree to decorate for Advent. A \$25.00 prize to be awarded the group or individual with the best decorated tree (to be voted on at the UMW General meeting and Christmas Luncheon the first Wednesday of December.) The tree to beat (last years winner) is the Choir tree. If your group participated last year, I hope you will consider taking part again this year. It truly made for a very festive hall. Last year we decorated nine trees. This year we will have twelve. The color theme is blue (to go with the canvas backdrops and stage curtains), and blue Christmas ornaments will be provided to augment your tree and provide a cohesive look. The trees are pre-lit with white lights, and perhaps blue lights will be added this year. Please let Carolyn Allar know by October 10 if you or your group would like to reserve a tree.

Three Rivers District Meeting Mission Highlights

School Bags

Carolyn Allar presented the update on the School bags on behalf of Maurine Scott during the Three District meeting. A total of 3,174 school bags have been sewn for the 2011-2012 Conference year by our East Ohio Conference.

The following is an excerpt from the school bag update:

“The photo on the right is the direct result of the Holy Spirit at work! The sister of a friend of ours belongs to a small Presbyterian church in Rochester, New York. On visiting here she learned of our project and told us of a young couple from Togo in Africa who had arrived as new employees of a Rochester company. The pregnant couple came to their church on a cold winter day dressed in summer clothes and the church reached out in love and enfolded them. They learned of the difficulties of life in their village and how people must struggle. There was a small school supported with funds from the Vatican but they had few supplies. Our new friend, Mona, immediately responded to the idea of our project and instituted it in their little church. The people sewed, Mona found transportation on a steamer going to Toga and the result is what you see in the picture. The man on the left is the chief holding a newspaper which he does not have the skills to read. The two men on the right are the principal and the teacher. You have only to see these faces to know how so little can mean so much. God is good indeed and how he can use us if we only respond. This picture is reflective of our denominational outlook that we are all God’s children. Through the teachings and the call of His son, Jesus, we can be used in unimaginable ways if we but tune our ears and hearts to the message.”



Take note of the two little boys in the front with their hands in the pocket of the school bag checking to see what is in there.

An average of 2,000 per year over the past seven years equal 14,000 book bags sewn by East Ohio women in mission!



Rev. Paul White

Rev. Paul White was a dynamic speaker in the morning session speaking on “Mission Opportunities.” Paul is a native of our area. He attended church as a youth at Howard United Methodist Church with his grandmother. He is currently the Director of Connectional Ministries of the East Ohio Conference. Prior to his current appointment he was the District Superintendent of Painesville District. Our own, Mary Blencowe was the afternoon speaker and shared with us about the 3Cs Initiative and “Becoming Disciples.”



Mary Blencowe

An installation service was held for the new 2013 officers. Three of our own: Trish Rankin, Marge Winkle and Carolyn Allar were installed as President, Vice-President and Program Resource respectively. Those attending the meeting were: Shirley Workman, Janet Jennings, Carolyn Allar, Trish Rankin and Marge Winkle.



Gloria Wysner Circle ~Shirley Workman

The Gloria Wysner Circle met at Marge Winkle’s home on September 12 with Barbara Humphreys, Helen Connell, Lee Dunlop, Kathy Blackburn, Maurine Scott, Elsie Spurgeon, Becky Stewart and grandson, Zoran, Alta Smith, Shirley Workman, Rosa Hogg, Helen Metcalfe, Linny McNeill and hostess Marge Winkle. Discussion was held on the upcoming District and Conference meetings, to be held in Coshocton and North Canton respectively. Rosa Hogg announced she would be attending the Dorcas Circle from now on due to transportation. Marge gave the Response Moment on the New Life UM Church in the Short North of Columbus, Ohio. Their mission work is tremendous with only 60 active members they work with twenty-seven other churches and groups to help feed the homeless people. Marna presented the program “We in The World—Necessary Things—Mission Work,” using 1 Kings 7:8-16 and John 6:32-35 explaining our gifts from heaven.



Zoran really wanted to go fishing...he was sure he could bring in a whopper!



Standing: Becky Stewart
L-R: Lee Dunlop, Zoran, Linny McNeill, Shirley Workman



Shirley Workman, Barbara Humphreys, Marge Winkle



Elsie Spurgeon



The Winkle’s train set-up was a big hit with Zoran!



Shirley Workman, Rosa Hogg, Barbara Humphreys, Lee Dunlop, Kathy Blackburn

Excerpts from Trish Rankin's Report to the Three District Meeting: Book Recommendations



Trish Rankin

Many of you know that I went with Maurine Scott's daughter, Martha Moody, to Israel this summer for almost a month. Touring but mostly teaching English to 4th-8th graders in a small Muslim/Israeli village called Deir al-Assad on the Galilee district. The experience was amazing, while sometimes being equally frustrating.

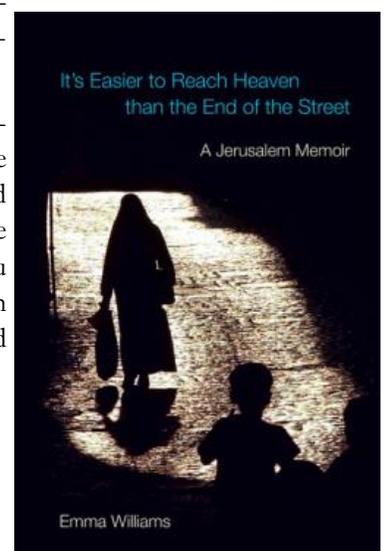
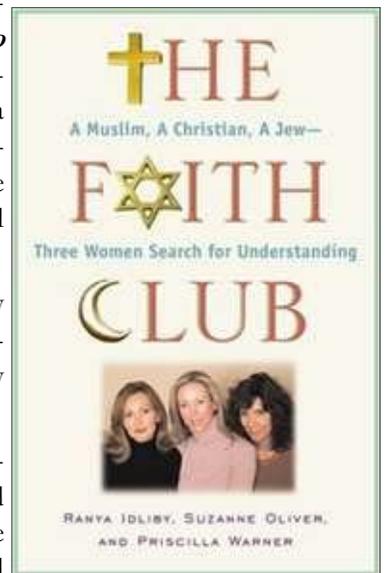
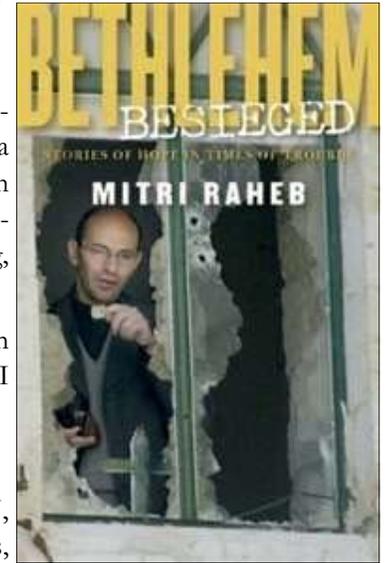
I decided to read three books on the conflict in Israel from the perspective of the Muslims before my journey since I had heard the Jewish side three times during my last three visits to Israel.

Bethlehem Besieged tells how in 1948, Palestine was declared an Israeli state by the UN, overturning the British Mandate, splitting the land between the Palestinians and the Jews, especially the Holocaust Survivors, who had nowhere to go. Since then, war has been ongoing, each claiming the disputed land given to the Palestinians. In the book, *It's Easier to Reach Heaven than the End of the Street*, an American woman and her three small children arrive in August of 2000 in Jerusalem to join her husband, who works with the UN as a peacekeeping unit. As a physician, her account displays with astonishing clarity the hundreds of thousands of lives turned upside down by the current political situation between the Israelis and the Palestinians. With amazing honesty, Williams exposes the humanity as well as the hypocrisy, at the heart of both sides of this conflict.

In A Faith Club, authored by three women a Jew, a Christian and Muslim tells how they met regularly for several years with the goal to find their similarities instead of their differences but human nature steps in causing conflicts they had to resolve before finding any common ground.

Imagine some authority coming to Ohio and declaring it now an Indian state, since hundreds of years ago they had an original claim on it. You were sent to a refugee camp or told to move elsewhere, all your money tied up in the home you occupy. Your job lost in the move, your neighbors scattered, even your family dispersed. This new level of poverty and deprivation causes anger at a level you never knew you could feel. The Indians take up residence in your home, claiming your belongings as their own. Now you can imagine the situation.

Both sides have legitimate claims, but the resolution has morphed into personal death stories, fueling their anger. Each side right in their own way, each equally wrong. When one Muslim visitor asked me why I allowed America to send in \$3 billion dollars a year to kill and control them, I was speechless. Here we only hear the side Israel wishes us to hear since we support their viewpoint. But in every conflict there are two sides, these books will help you comprehend both sides better. I hope you'll take the time to understand this discord, which we hear about constantly but never fully understand. Building bridges of understanding and empathy will help the tension in the Middle East and ultimately the United States as well.





ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Oct 26-27, 2012

THEME: "SISTERS IN SERVICE"

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NORTH CANTON
300 9th Street, NW, North Canton, OH 44720
(330) 499-6040

Hotel: North Canton Best Western
6889 Sunset Strip, North Canton 44730
Contact Number for Hotel: (330) 497-8799

Cost: \$89.79 including tax
2 Queen size Beds per room with Free Continental Breakfast
4 per room \$22.45 each
3 per room \$29.93 each
2 per room \$44.90 each

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS ON OR BEFORE
September 30, 2012

Directions to the church and hotel can be
obtained from MapQuest.com or your GPS.

When registering at the hotel, please let them know that you are with the
East Ohio Conference United Methodist Women.

Fri Evening Registration: 6:15 pm at the Church
Registration Fee: \$16 Adults: \$10 Children

Officer training will be held on Saturday, October 27. All officers/circle leaders are encouraged to attend. Contact Marna Burwell if you would like to attend. We will work on putting together a carpool.



Busy Workers!

Thank You!

Sue and I need to send our thanks to all the people who helped with the sale: three couples, the Gores, the Petersons and the Rehlings, then there was Norma, Shirley, Nancy, Carolyn, Sue and daughter Pam, Mary Cline, Jeff (who also helps at The Closet } Joann, Trish, Lil and Frankie. Of course, the U.M.W. treasurers, Angie and Marge and of course our good right hand, Roger. We certainly can't forget the ladies who furnished food for our helpers: Lisa, Gail and Shirley. It was so wonderful to take a break, rest our feet and have a bite. I met an amazing woman, Molly Sanders, who came looking for sheets. She and her church, Trinity Assembly of God, have a mission to tear sheets and pillowcases into strips, then crochet them into rugs for "Rugs for Uganda" I helped her in her hunt and donated all we found for her mission. We also donated to "Hope Now" and to the Early Education Center and MTV Arts. As always, the leftovers were picked up by Frank Austin, who supplies many shelters and has a warehouse, which his church opens on a regular basis, to distribute goods to those in need. Isn't it great to see how far all our church's rummage goes? This mission cannot continue without all the help we had this Fall. Thank you all, many times over. The total profit made for missions comes to \$1,612.00, which includes the Bake Sale. Not bad for goods that were all donated.



The Bake Sale went great! L-R:
Marna Burwell, Carolyn Allar,
Barbara Humphreys

~Peg McCracken and Sue Baker

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Deadline for the next issue is:
October 18, 2012

Dates for your Calendar

- October 3: 10 a.m. UMW Executive Board meeting in parlor
11:30 a.m. UMW Luncheon and general meeting in
fellowship hall
- October 10: 9:30 a.m. Dorcas Circle
1:30 p.m. Glora Wysner Circle at Lee Dunlop's
- October 17: 7:00 p.m. Sarah Circle at the church, Janet Rehling
hostess
- October 26-27, 2012: Annual Celebration at Faith UMC, North
Canton, OH "Sisters In Service"



October gave a party;
The leaves by hundreds came -
The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples,
And leaves of every name.
The Sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band.
~George Cooper, "October's Party"