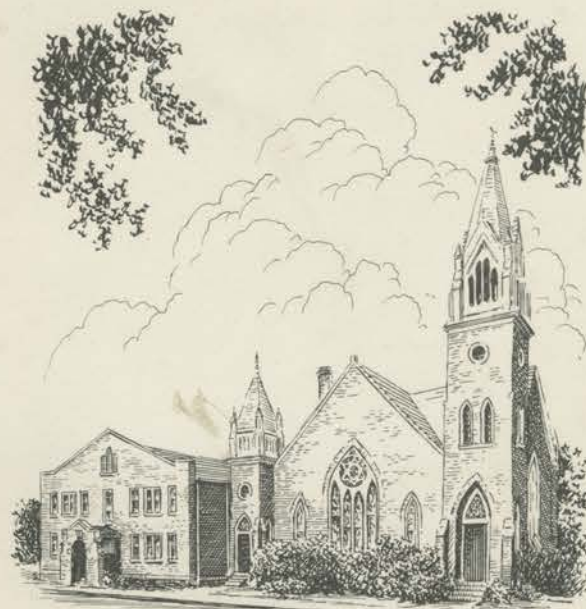


OUR MOTHER CHURCHES

Womens Missionary Society
 Womens Society of Christian Service
 United Methodist Women
 Central United Methodist Church



"THE OLD METHODIST"



Central Methodist Church
 Mount Airy - North Carolina



CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

sum of those days. At any rate, furniture was bought, carpets were laid.

So time went on, the various "circles" having their individual customs and times of meetings. In the mid 1900's, there were several circles individual enough to be noted. There was the Woman's Circle, or study group, with Mrs. Calvin Graves as teacher. There was the "night circle" of the 1930's and '40's made up of working women; a little later the Wesleyan Service Guild, made up of working women, a different appellation but part of the general women's group.

General meetings were held as of now.

When the Methodist Protestant, the Evangelical Church, and the Methodist Episcopal Church merged and the Methodist Church became known as the United Methodist Church, the women's organization took on a slightly different format. The women's organizations had to merge. As usual, when there is a change, some practices prospered and some fell by the wayside. In the end, the women's organization developed into the practices which it had had for years. In general, the old ways of organization prevailed and are still very much as they were in the earlier days, individual interest groups, various times of meetings, unified into one general meeting at specific times.

Today, as in former days, a church cannot do without its women's groups. Who would furnish the kitchen? Who would look after the individual poor? Who would see that furnishings were repaired and replaced? Who would see about the decorations and preparation for special occasions?

From the very first the church has had to depend upon its women for many things, and an organization such as the United Methodist Women makes the tasks easier and successful.

The women have never let the church down.

THE METHODIST WOMEN ORGANIZE.

Officers for the Year 1924

Mr. R. H. Leonard President.

" J. F. Hadley Vice "

" H. M. Fay Treasurer

" J. L. Fisher Rec. Sec.

" J. A. Munch Cor. "

" H. W. Lammie Sect. Supplies

" " " Social Service

" J. F. Prather Spanish

" J. H. Folger Chairman Local Port

" A. E. Smith Treas. " "

" B. E. Herman Sect. Young People

" J. A. Jackson " Children

" S. M. Hale Agt. Voice

" J. D. Price Publicity Microscopic Study

Subject	Leader	Helping
Jan 1924	Mrs Leonard	Mrs J. F. Folger " J. F. Hadley " Ed Mc Kinney
S. Lammie		
Feb.	Mrs. Embury	Mrs E. C. Fay " Raymond Smith " Ed Mc Kinney " Calvin Graves
Mexico		
March	W. P. Clark (Price)	Mrs. Andrews " Serris " P. Graves " Fulton " Jenkins " Boyer
Our Spirit of understanding in Race Relations		
April	Mrs. Jackson	Mrs. Clarke " Mc Kinney " Herman " Serris " Mitchell
" New Neighbors from Land Afar "		
May	Mrs. Calvin Graves	Mrs. Price " Leonard " Folger " Mary Franklin S. " Mc Kinney
" Our Young People "		
June	Mrs. Souverville	Mrs. Carey " Leonard " Smith " Serris " Mitchell
" Children of Unmarried Mothers "		

Subject	Leaders	Helps.
July 1924		
Country Church	Mrs. Andrews	Mrs. Matt. & Lunt
		" Parkbridge
		" Pine
Aug.	Mrs. Dismore	Mrs. Duncas
		" Mott
		" Roadway
		" Minnick
		" Wagon
		" Clark
Sept.	Mrs. Holt	Mrs. Graves (Lebanon)
		and eight ladies
		" Jordan
Oct.	Mrs. Hutchinson	" Mc Kinney
		" Mott, looking
		Graves (Calvin)
Nov.	Mrs. Hayes	Mrs. Murray
		Hunter
		Pine
Dec.	Mrs. Leonard	Mrs. Dyer.

Minutes of Jan. Meeting 1924

The first meeting of Woman's Missionary Society for 1924 was held in the St. George's Church, which has been so handsomely furnished by me of our members. (Mrs. Mott) in honor of her father and we wish to assure her of our deep appreciation. With Mrs. Leonard, our newly elected President in charge - would say right here, that she accepted the position very reluctantly, but we are delighted to have her and feel she is the right woman in the right place, and if there's any work we are we will have a chance to show it for first look over the list of things to be done, we are given the privilege of selecting the ones best suited to us, and we wish to see to help in every way possible to make this a No. 1 Missionary Society.

But my minutes will grow into hours if I

Program for Sunday night service

Lesson 402 ended literary program

Minutes for Dec '23 were read by Mrs Munch

Treas reported 736.62 collected for the year 1923

The following names were added to roll

Miss Stone, Mrs Andrews, Fred Wolfe and

G. O. Gouss. Mr Lomas, Lulu Stephens

reported call for help. Mr Weddman are

Wickstrom let her & three children work and

any help will be appreciated. Mrs Boyer

then offered prayer for sick of our church

Mrs Folger brought before society the need

of doing something to make church more

attractive & a call meeting for next Monday

was named to decide what best to do

Mrs Mc Kinney gave some thoughts from Isaiah

emphasizing importance of not leaving

Christianizing world to teachers & missionaries

look get down to facts and figures, and
to I might lose my job.

The meeting opened with hymn 654

followed by prayer by Mrs Mc Carro

Subject - S. America - five points relating

to lower classes of Brazil given by Mrs Price.

Fulton, Prother and Somerville, one on paper

class. Mrs Maynard South

How long the church has been working in

Brazil. Mrs Jas. G. Wiley.

Our first Missionary (Woman) Folger said it

Mrs Boyer & Price have friends in S. A. who are

Missionaries, their work carried on similar

to our - have three conferences

Mrs Hadley gave clipping from Voice - Signs of

New day in Brazil. Mrs Mc Callum - what

Centenary has done - good here, our Centenary

pledge was discussed and Committee, with

Mrs Boyer chairman, was appointed to arrange

but we may tell with our freights and
 Reverse, as well as with our money
 compare to a battle, we need feel something
 with it if we expect any interest
 Mr. Boyer, Mr. Carg and Jas. Goshel
 to meet Mr. Drilling by thanking her for
 her adjourned

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

May 11th, 8 P. M.

I. The value of the Missionary Society to its
 members.—

Mrs. E. C. Foy, Mrs. John L. Ashby, Miss
 Bertha Bell, Mrs. S. M. Hale, Mrs. C. C. Creveling.

II. The origin of the Centenary movement.—
 Mrs. T. P. Jimison.

III. What the Centenary proposes to do—

- (1) At home. Mrs. D. C. Absher.
- (2) Abroad. Mrs. Vance Price.

IV. Battle Hymn of the Centenary.

V. How may this task be done?
 Miss Cora Earp.

Western North Carolina Conference
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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Central

For its participation in all
Channels of Undesignated Giving
During the Year 1993

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SECRETARY FOR FINANCIAL INTERPRETATION



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United Methodist Women
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRESENTS THIS CERTIFICATE TO

Central United Methodist Women

**IN RECOGNITION OF
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
DURING MEMBERSHIP EMPHASIS**

August 3, 1995
DATE

Dori Thurman
CHAIRPERSON,
MEMBERSHIP
COMMITTEE

Central United Methodist Church (Mt. Airy)

**IN RECOGNITION OF
Mission Studies
COMPLETED**

1. Global Economics
2. Families from Scripture to Today
3. _____

DISTRICT MISSION CO-ORDINATOR
CHRISTIAN GLOBAL CONCERNS

Miss Carolyn L. Smith
CONFERENCE MISSION CO-ORDINATOR
CHRISTIAN GLOBAL CONCERNS

Sept. 1, 1995
DATE

BYGONES

QUARTERLY REPORT OF LOCAL TREASURER WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Retain) Original with check to:
one) Miss Cloyce Woody, Guild Treasurer
copy) 415 North Spring Street 1945 Beach St.
for) Winston-Salem, N. C. *Apr. 13*
file)

Deadline for reporting:
Last day of July, October, January & April

Name of Guild Treasurer _____ Date _____
Street Address _____ City _____
Church _____ Name of Guild _____

Pledge to Missions \$ 50.00
Special Membership (list on back the name) _____
Scarritt (\$3.00 annually) _____

Cultivation Fund (15¢ per member annually) _____
Week of Prayer (Observed in October) 22.75

Supply Work: Home _____ 7.00
15% of Foreign _____ 7.00
Missions Magazine & Picture Fund (\$1.25) _____
Annually _____

Total _____

Supplementary:

WSG Scholarship Fund (25¢ per member to be paid annually). This is CSR & LCA even though included here, credit will be given in CSR & LCA, so must be included in that total also

Check to Co _____

Mrs. Graves' Mission Study Class
Big Affairs
Mrs. Ashby - (Marg. mother)
Mrs. Fulton
Somerville
Woltz
Preacher's wife
Mary Emily
Minick etc.
Dramatized mission study
Costumes
Regular plays
served sumptuously
no credit course
(Learned a lot but had a lot of fun)

One of our United Methodist Women Estelle Greenwood Belton, recently came across a cookbook of her late mother's, Mrs. Joe (Mattie) Greenwood, put out by the Night Circle of the then Women's Missionary Society. (How we do love to change names!).

This lively circle probably started in the 1930's. Each Christmas there would be a big Christmas party at the Oscar Merritt's. The Merritts lived in the big granite house which used to stand on the hill at the end of Rawley Avenue. Each Christmas was ushered in by a huge blazing star placed in one of the upstairs gables.

Then came time for the Christmas party which was held in the big living room which was centered with a huge decorated tree. Then each member would reveal her heart sister.

Estelle recounts how she and her brother Wayne would get to stay up late to find out who their mother's heart sister was. Of course the tidbits Mattie had tied up in her Christmas napkin had nothing to do with the excitement.

As we mentioned the other week, Estelle Greenwood Belton ran across an old cookbook of her mother's, Mattie Greenwood, which was gotten up by the first night circle, we think, of our church in the early 1940's.

Some of these members are not with us any more. We will list those whom many of us will remember with pleasure.

There are Mattie Greenwood, Hallie Benbow, Mrs. C. E. Cox, Edith Poore, Lib Saunders, Minnie Lawrence, Katie Burke, Inez Britt, Annie Elder, Lillian Byerly, Maude Fulcher, Pearl Gwyn, Mrs. C. N. Clark, Maisie Cook, Tommy Hull, Dorothy Robertson, Laura Collins, and Catherine Merritt.

These women may not still be with us but their recipes linger on.

A PROGRAM TO REMEMBER

2—The Mount Airy NEWS.

Tuesday, November 18, 1969.



RECEIVING GUESTS IN THE CHINESE ROOM were (l to r) Mrs. Johnny Yokley, Mrs. Richard Patterson, Mrs. Lawrence Allen, Dr. McSwain, Mrs. H. O. Woltz, Sr., Mrs. W. H. Cooper and Mrs. Jack Greenwood.

—NEWS Photo

Oriental Curios And Costumes Highlight China Mission Study

An oriental air prevailed at Central United Methodist Church Wednesday evening when the mission study concentrated on "Understanding China." Mrs. Lawrence D. Allen, chairman of Missionary Education, had charge of the program on Mainland China. Guests were invited to visit

the "Chinese Room" which was improvised in the ladies parlor. Curios and souvenirs belonging to the church members were displayed effectively throughout the area.

Mrs. H. O. Woltz and Mrs. W. H. Cooper, dressed in authentic costumes, greeted the visitors and explained the

origin of many of the treasured relics. Background Chinese music and wind chimes added to the oriental atmosphere.

Among the items exhibited were two tables owned by the pastor, Dr. Horace McSwain; a nest of straw suitcases, costumes and dolls purchased by Mrs. Woltz while visiting the orient, a peacock picture over 75 years old brought by Mr. and Mrs. John Geiger, Sr. The piano was draped with red Chinese brocade and held a display of Chinese tea sets,

figurines and vases. Silk prints and tapestries decorated the walls.

Chinese Dinner

At six o'clock a typical Chinese dinner was served in the church fellowship hall. Mrs. Robert M. Smith played a Chinese hymn as the guests assembled and Dr. McSwain pronounced the invocation.

Members of the Katherine E. Price Sunday School class prepared the meal which consisted of chicken chowmein with noodles, sweet and sour icebox slaw, fruit cups, Chinese tea cookies and hot tea. Miss Virginia Coltrane, Miss Louise Kendall, Mrs. D. T. Joyner, Mrs. Mattie Lee Hawks, Miss Connie Hawks, Mrs. Jack Leach, Mrs. Clarence C. Belton, and Mrs. Lena Hodges concocted the dinner.

Assisting in serving were Mrs. Carroll Gosnell, Mrs. J. H. Bryant, Mrs. Jack Greenwood, Mrs. Richard Patterson and Mrs. James Grimes. They also wore official Chinese costumes.

Chinese lanterns centered the serving tables and napkins inscribed with Chinese characters carried out the motif. A focal point in the room was a Chinese garden, complete with Pagoda, bridges, and lake, which was designed by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Greenwood.

China

The study course was conducted in the senior high room of the church. Mrs. Allen introduced the program and gave background history of the old traditional China, dwelling mostly on the years 1850 up until World War II. She used the latest news items and authentic posters from Red China on the bulletin boards to elucidate her points.

Dr. McSwain then told about the years from World War II up to the Cultural Revolution 1966. Robert M. Smith explained the Cultural Revolution and related experiences of an Australian student, Baden Teague, while in Red China.

At the conclusion of the program a film on "Three Villages in Change" was shown. It dealt with three different villages in three parts of China, all under communist rule.

Central Methodist Honors

Members of Central United Methodist Church honored their pastor, the Rev. Julian M. Aldridge, Jr., and family with a luncheon Sunday following the morning worship service. Julian, wife Becky and young son Burns moved this week to Morganton where he has become pastor of First United Methodist Church.

Their other two children, Rebecca and Mack, were unable to be here. Rebecca is working at Yosemite National Park in California and Mack has a summer job at Lake Junaluska.

John Mills and Dick Wimbish were in charge of the program which followed the covered dish luncheon. Jack Greenwood pronounced the invocation.

Members of the congregation remembered Julian with a gift of appreciation as the group gathered to extend best wishes.

In his morning sermon Julian mentioned how he and the family had been welcomed when they came to Mount Airy four years ago. "There were even fresh roses in the parsonage," he added. At the Sunday luncheon, there were more roses. Some had come from Emma and Hugh Merritt's rose garden.



The Rev. Julian M. Aldridge Jr., wife, Becky, and son, Burns, say good-byes at church luncheon.

Aldridge Family

ONE OF OUR
SAD FAREWELLS



Becky gets farewell kisses from Darren Martin and Todd Greenwood.



Roses from Hugh and Emma Merritt's garden helped decorate the fellowship hall.

PAST AND PRESENT



WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE OFFICERS of Central Methodist Church were installed during the Sunday morning worship service. They are (l to r) Mrs. Jack Greenwood, president; Mrs. Ben Graves, vice president; Mrs. Richard Vaughn, secretary; and Mrs. Eric Jarrell, treasurer. The organization has approximately 225 members. —NEWS Photo



Greenwood Wilson



Wimbish Ham, Iken Lambert



Warren Greenwood

IT TAKES ORGANIZATION



In the United Methodist Women's organization there is something for everyone. If you like formal meetings, all our circles but one have them. If you don't have the time for regular meetings but want to be involved, that is the one.

If you like large groups, we have general meetings with excellent, well planned programs and an informal social hour. Our circles are smaller groups and give an opportunity to know one another. If you like to associate with women with your common interests, we have circles of all age groups. There are morning circles, but if you work or can't make it during the day, we have two evening circles. If you like to participate actively in a program there are plenty of opportunities, but if you just like to sit back and listen, we have plenty of room. Every speaker needs a listener.

If you need a friend or just want to meet someone new, UMW has one. Try it, you will like it!!

Some of us overweight people have to take stock of ourselves sometimes and then reduce our girth. The same thing has happened to the Morning Circle of our United Methodist Women. It got too big. Very few had homes large enough to accommodate it. Other people wanted to change to a morning circle.

Therefore, beginning with our next year this circle and some from Anne Clark Circle have been divided into four groups. Obviously, to get a job done or a question settled it is sometimes imperative to have just a few people, a committee, do it.

This committee was comprised of Margaret Francisco, Laura Harms and Robbin Gardiner. The committee did its best and left an option for the members to have the privilege of changing her circle if she likes.

Look over the list under UMW News which is posted on the bulletin board next to the hall door and make any desired change. Good luck.

For UMW news check this space weekly.

This board meeting is made up of the officers and committee chairmen of our local society. It is a very important meeting and one that is well attended. At it the plans for the coming year and months are presented, talked about as to pros and cons, accepted or discarded.

A small group is informal. Opinions which one would be reluctant to express publicly can be freely expressed there. There is no time limit so the atmosphere is relaxed. The advantage is that the pros and cons have already been mulled over and a conclusion usually reached. Then it is up to the general membership to accept or reject it.

It would be a disaster for a general meeting to last several hours as these informal board meetings tend to do.

There are not many work meetings which one really enjoys and at which one actually has a good time. But the planning sessions of the board of the United Methodist Women of Central is one such.

Made up of the officers and committee chairmen this group of women meet, present plans for the coming months, discuss the pros and cons--and yes, argue--and then come to some conclusion. That is not the end of it. All of these plans are presented to the general membership which either accepts or rejects them. The general membership has the final say.

Such a meeting took place on January 8 at a luncheon meeting at Pat Woltz's. It can be truly said that a good time was had by all--and a profitable one too.

The United Methodist Women cordially invite all Methodist Women, if not already committed to a Circle, to join one. The experience is gratifying as well as pleasurable.

AND WE WORK

Have you remembered to keep your Campbell Soup labels for the Bethlehem Center. In case this has slipped your mind, please save and put in the box in the hall.

Here is the list:

Campbell Soup, beans, juice
Pepperidge Farm Products
Mrs. Paul's Seafood
Swanson's Pot Pie, dinners, canned goods
Prego Spaghetti Sauce
V8 Juice
Juice Bowl (apple, orange)
Marie's Salad Dressing
Franco-American Products

Thank you.

United Methodist Women

We members of Central have a great opportunity to help the needy of our community this month. All we need to do is to bake something, or cook something, or freeze something and bring it to the church at 8:00 A.M., Monday Nov. 19 when it will be sold. The Social Concerns group will do the rest.

Pies, cakes, muffins, loaves of bread, or jars of pickles and jellies, or frozen soup mixes, spaghetti and such will provide monies to help local needy families.

Wrap bread, etc. in saran wrap or put in ziplock bags. You may even put some in individual packages which you estimate could be sold for \$1.00.

What a good way to give Thanksgiving cheer to those less fortunate than we.

PLEASE-----DON'T THROW ANYTHING AWAY that might be good for a yard sale.

In the near future the United Methodist Women are having a Yard Sale beginning with surplus goods long stored in the kitchen closet. The Methodist Men are going to see that it is a success.

Anything that might sell--and that means just about anything, even for a dime--save it.

Plans will be announced later.

IF FELLOWSHIP WERE TO GO OUT OF A CHURCH, THE CHURCH WOULD PROBABLY DIE. AFTER ALL, CHRIST WAS A GREAT SOCIALIZER.

WITHOUT THE WOMEN OF OUR CHURCH FELLOWSHIP WOULD CERTAINLY BE AILING. THE TWO SUNDAYS OF GET TOGETHERS WHICH CENTRAL ENJOYED RECENTLY, FURTHERED THE SENSE OF CLOSENESS FOR CENTRAL.

THE "COVERED DISHES" WERE ALL SO WONDERFUL--THE TABLES WERE SET BEAUTIFULLY AND THE FLORAL CENTERPIECES WERE MAGNIFICENT.

EXCEPT FOR THE WOMEN WHO OBVIOUSLY HAD TO BE VISIBLE IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES, THE WORK WAS ALL DONE ANONYMOUSLY, BUT THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN WERE RESPONSIBLE.

Kid2tuff

It would be enlightening if children could run a store. The next best thing would be their buying which took place at the children's Bazaar at our church last Saturday. Parents and grandparents we are told, can't wait to open their packages at Christmas from the children. One grandfather, we know, will enjoy his toothbrush. Another father can really enjoy playing with his train.

Thanks to the generosity of the members of Central the Children's Bazaar was a great success.

No adults were allowed except for "clerks" and the volunteer "wrappers".

Reports came in that everybody had a very successful shopping spree with the "clerks" seeing to it that no child went away disappointed.

Sometimes it came to a battle of wits as when one pre-schooler came to buy two Muscle-Men. When told that he could not buy anything for himself, he thought for a moment then brought the two Muscle-Men back to buy for his dad because "he'd love it". And do you know what he will do?" he said. "He'll draw up his muscles to fight me and I'll have to have one to fight him back!"

And with another who wanted to buy a package of candy canes which were intended for wrappers. He wanted a whole package because his mom "just loved peppermint". He got them.

IT TAKES MONEY

Our local Central United Methodist Women do quite a lot of financing with no particular burden on the local membership.

Each member makes a January pledge of her choosing, pays it, and then our efficient secretary, Ginny Adams, deposits it.

Our local organization makes the largest pledge of our district although there are other churches generally as capable of making an equal amount, but we are generous.

Then we have contributions from other sources: individual gifts, the Good Samaritan fund...a fund for charity over and above the pledge from non-members or those inactive... and from projects. We also have a memorial fund.

We are pleased to say that when an urgent call comes up we are ready. When a worthy project looms to which we want to contribute, we are ready. When a routine matter comes up to which we are committed, we are ready.

We are a comfortable, financial group all because our United Methodist Women are generous.

Every successful organization needs funds to keep it going and Central's United Methodist Women is certainly a successful organization.

At each meeting, board or at a general meeting, a financial report is given by its very knowledgeable and capable treasurer, Ginny Adams.

Income comes in from various sources: individual pledges; memorials; special gifts from the Good Samaritans (those women who do not belong to any circle); miscellaneous; monies given for special projects; monies made from special projects; and interest on savings and current accounts.

Our organization of United Methodist Women gets along well financially. Other than the annual pledge made the women are very rarely asked to contribute individually. Yet through the Memorial Fund, special gifts and projects, surplus pledge monies, and what have you, the women have been able to contribute much locally.

In our United Methodist Women meetings nobody is pressured for money. Yet our UMW always comes out in the black with usually some left over.

Of course at each meeting there is a routine treasurer's report and usually a discussion about expenditures from special requests and problems which come up, but no pressures and no hard feelings ever.

Money for our UMW projects come mainly from three sources: individual pledges, special projects such as our last yard sale, or from special funds such as the Good Samaritans and Memorial funds.

Our women make and give the largest district pledge of any church in the district. In addition it takes care of many, many local needs, special mission requests, or any other special requests which come in. This is in addition to the necessary operating expenses.

The UMW of Central is a thriving concern.

UNITED METHODIST



You are a Methodist woman. You don't belong to a circle? Don't have a way to get to meetings? Too many chores to do at home? Time not convenient? Just don't like formal meetings?

Whatever the reason which keeps you from joining a circle, you can still be a good Methodist woman. How? Join the:

GOOD SAMARITAN CLUB!

Just contribute some cash to help with special projects which are always coming up. No formal meetings. Call or write:

Mrs. Ben Graves (Barbara)
309 Fairview Avenue
Tele: 786-5330

So far this year the women have contributed \$500 for Hospice, \$770 for a special educational fund; \$200 for the Day Care Center; \$150 for a special Vacation Bible School project; \$400 to the public schools for clothing for needy children, and other small items as they occurred.

AND WE GIVE.

The United Methodist Women at Central are the most cooperative and "givenist" bunch imaginable. For instance, in last week's bulletin you read of the spectacular results of the Bake Sale engineered by the Young Women's Circle (Social Concerns). Obviously, there are not enough members of this Circle to have gotten together enough items to sell. So who pitched in? Members of other circles.

At the same time there are unsung and unknown women who work behind the scenes. Notice who helps serve at Mid-Month Renewal and other functions.

Often workers are not visible. Whom do you think keeps the pew racks filled with cards, pencils in the visitor's folders, etc.? Not the little church mice or flies which are coming in out of the cold.

We have all heard of 5***** generals and 5***** restaurants, but do you know there are 5***** units of UMW? One of our goals for 1990 is to become one of these units.

In UMW there are 5 areas of "undesignated" giving. This means that money derived from these areas may be used any where in the world as emergencies arise; it is money not previously promised for a specific project.

Here at Central we are over halfway to our goal. We have 3*** to our credit. Three down and 2 to go.

1. We have already made our Pledge to the District;
2. In our budget we have designated funds for two Mission Recognition Awards. Names of recipients will be named later in the year;
3. An "in Memory Gift" has been given in memory of Estes Ashby.
4. "Gifts to Mission"--anyone of us may make a gift of \$5 or more, to honor someone, to remember a relative or friend, for a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, congratulations or just a way of saying "thank you".
5. By contributing to the "World Thank Offering" we will complete the five categories. Hopefully, all of us will be a part of this. You will be hearing more about it in May.

Money collected by the women of the United Methodist Women goes to many places. One such is a general category called "Undesignated Giving". This money goes wherever there is a special need. Two such local sources were the Memorials given to the UMW and the money donated by the Good Samaritans--that group of women who do not belong to any circle.

Another such is the World Thank Offering. This money comes from voluntary and spontaneous giving. This year each member was asked to place a little jar near the kitchen sink, a dresser, or some easy to see place and each time a member was thankful for some little favor she would place a few coins in the jar.

The women did and the amount came to \$2927.45. Not bad for small change and being thankful for such small favors as one's hair getting dry by a certain time, a child getting a school honor, or some such.

The United Methodist Women of Central is a giving group. Other than the basic \$2300 it pledged to the district, it supported various and sundry projects as it saw the need. Here is a partial rundown of 1988.

The local UMW distributed \$2,492.44 to its community and church which included such items as Hospice, Child Center, needy family, Pacesetter's classroom and other lesser items of that nature. \$637.56 went for tuition and textbooks; \$636 for Supportive Community projects; \$165 for services to the bereaved such as food always needed at such time. It took care of the necessary operating expenses such as flowers, reception, general meeting expenses, postage, etc.

Central's women are proud to be members of such a group.

The United Methodist Women of Central Church is a very giving group. It leads the North-western District in the amount it sends to the district in turn distributes it to various places---\$2749. The women are especially enthusiastic about giving \$575.00 toward altar supplies for a new church--and very successfully too--by one of Central's own. Last year \$1859 went into providing for needy children. When bereavement comes to one of our church families our women always try to be on hand with food and services. When other services are needed our women are there with funds..\$147 last year. The above is just apart of the expenditures of \$7182 our women made last year in effort to be of service.

WE HAVE SPIRITUAL NEEDS

Religion is something more than a meeting place with stained glass windows, beautiful music, and an inspiring sermon, as one recent speaker at a meeting of the United Methodist Women pointed out.

A person does need a worshipful, quiet experience in beautiful surroundings for his own peace of mind. But then he needs to follow up this experience with service.

The women of UMW like to think that they help to provide this. It tries to furnish emotional and financial and physical security to troubled teenagers and children; it tries to help with physical and emotional help with the home-bound; it tries to provide comfort and intangible help to those in need by its Prayer Chain.

The list is endless, but then the UMW realizes that the need for help is endless. It does try to help fill that need.

Have you ever been in the midst of some stressful crisis, did not know where to turn, and felt the urgent need of prayer?



The UMW is initiating a prayer chain for those who feel such need. If anybody is in trouble, needs help in prayer, he or she calls a key person who in turn calls another, and so on, thus making a prayer chain.

Only those women who are usually at home and are usually available are asked to join. The object is to get immediate help. If interested, call Barbara Graaves at 786-5330.

The Prayer Chain is working beautifully. If you feel the need for a special prayer call the church office weekdays or Barbara Graves (Mrs. Ben) over the weekend.

The United Methodist Women is an organization which really cares about those who are bereaved, in trouble, or need some special attention.

Attention to the shut-ins, those who find it difficult or impossible to get about, is a special concern of the Women.

Sympathy and help for the suddenly bereaved is another priority. So far this year, ten families have been remembered with gifts of food or with personal help if asked for.

The Women have a Prayer Chain which is working. If one feels he or she needs prayer all one needs to do is call the church secretary who will alert a member of the Chain.

The United Methodist Women really care!!

Are you feeling low? Do you have some seemingly unsurmountable problem concerning your family, your friends--sickness, loss of a loved one, a problem in which you can find no answer?

If so, why not try prayer? Our Methodist Women has a very effective prayer chain. One calls the church office. Someone there gets in touch with a member of the prayer chain; she in turn calls another member, and so on.

You do not need to state your specific problem unless you choose to. In case you do there will be someone listening who will lend a sympathetic ear. And there will be prayer.

This prayer chain has been working successfully for about a year. It is there to give you support when you need it.

Have you ever had "cabin fever" by being shut-in by the snows and bad weather of winter? Nobody to talk to, couldn't get out, those things you should have been doing and just didn't have the inclination. Remember? How often does this mood apply to our shut-ins?



Our United Methodist Women try to keep on our minds our fellow church women who cannot get about. We try to pay them a visit now and then to show them that they are not forgotten.

How much it means to a housebound person just to have a short visit, a small gift, just anything to provide a little company to those who find it hard to get about.

AND PHYSICAL NEEDS

Our United Methodist Women are justly proud of the local work they carry out with the help of the Social Concerns Group. They are proud too, of having enough funds to carry out this work.

Much of this is due to the Good Samaritans and to the Memorial Fund.

The Good Samaritans are the church women who do not belong to a regular circle but who are glad to contribute to its work. Many have sent in sizeable donations.

The Memorial Fund is set up for a like purpose. If you would like to give a memorial for some person for this cause just send the donation to church and designate for the United Methodist Women.

Needs for both children and adults are constantly coming up. No funds are dispensed unless the request is thoroughly investigated.

Christmas is the season of generosity and of helping. Organizations which include our church traditionally go all out to help the needy. Witness the outpouring of our own church during the night of White Christmas. But the season of helping for one circle of our United Methodist Women is a continuing process, that of the Social Concerns group.

Each of the twelve members and of the three associate members, takes a needy family under her wing. She visits the family, assesses its needs, and then sees to it that those needs are met, whether with material goods, counseling, or with providing such needs as transportation to a hospital or health clinic.

The group also is very interested in UMCOR, our church sponsored, non-profit charitable organization. The concern of this group knows no season.

It is very hard for us who have never experienced hunger or real deprivation of any kind to visualize a country in which 80% of its population has not enough food, clothing, or shelter, much less adequate health care--no heat in a mountainous country, the temperature of which often dips down into the teens. It makes one ashamed of our abundance, a very small percent of which we share.

Our Methodist Women are involved in many projects and have many interests. One such is looking after some needy families worthy of help.

Outside the office door in the hall is a box in which our church membership is asked to put some kind of staple food each month. This month it has been pinto beans. For June we are asked to bring a green vegetable.

If you haven't already contributed will you bring a bag of pintos or some other staple food which our concerned women can distribute?

Each needy family is personally known to these women, the Social Concerns Group, and the food you give will be personally supervised in order that the worthy family will receive something it needs. Any staple will be welcome.

Coming up in July. On July 15, our UMW will host an Open House at our Parsonage on Robin Road. Mark your calendar, time 2:00-4:00 P.M.

Did you know what became of your corn meal, oil, and other items which you so kindly left in the hall?

It was taken by the Social Concerns group to Yokefellow which, together with the Salvation Army, delivered it to needy families.

Do you know that other anonymous women of our church unobtrusively take it upon themselves to see that individuals and families get help whenever it is needed?

One such person has been driving a wife to Winston to take her husband for his dialysis treatment several times a week. Recently the wife bought a used car but had not enough money for gas.

Do you know who provides her with money periodically to get gas? Our Methodist Women with funds from special gifts.

Our church and our United Methodist Women are both very involved in helping those less fortunate than they. These folk are remembered through individuals, through our Women's groups, from our White Christmas offerings, and through agencies such as Hospice, Hope Valley, Migrant Ministries, and such, to which our church contributes.

But when specific information about local needs is required, we are always sure of an answer when we contact the Salvation Army which keeps in close contact with the needy.

WE CARE FOR CHILDREN

"UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE..."

It is often the case that a lot of real ministry that goes on in a church like ours never gets told. This week 100 special SCHOOL KITS were shipped off for a project of UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) to provide much needed school supplies to refugee Bosnian children. Carol Jean Urmston read about the project in two of the UMW magazines and then got busy involving a number of our folks at Central.

In addition, the Friendship Circle (formerly Social Concerns), under the leadership of Judy Wilson, working with Polly Long, got this group really energized and they have provided some 60 SCHOOL KITS for needful children in areas of our own community.

To everyone who had a part in these two worthy efforts, a great big, heartfelt THANK YOU!!!

The United Methodist Women is up to its old caring, generous ways.

Money went last summer for Bible School T-shirts (to encourage participation and a big hit), money to help a promising student in gymnastic training, money for books and some other college expenses for a local ministerial student, and a few more incidentals. They also supplied funds for micarta table tops in the Sunday School rooms and helped some needy children in a neighboring school.

This money comes from donations other than regular pledges which go to the General Board. The old jewelry and knickknacks which we hope you will be saving for the December Children's Bazaar, will go for some worthy causes such as these.

The United Methodist Women, so it has been told, is the only organization in town to provide any "extras" for needy children.

These "extras" might range anywhere to a ticket to "The Nutcracker" at Christmas time to shoes for a whole family.

These gifts also inspire others to donate. When Rees Clothing provided a teenager with a NEW outfit of acid-washed jeans she was so overcome with emotion and gratitude that the donor had a hard time limiting his other gifts, which, incidently, came to around \$300.

Pine State Knitting has repeatedly donated dozens and dozens of sweaters for this use which have been invaluable over the years.

The recipients are thoroughly screened by school authorities, the Salvation Army, and by our own Social Concerns group.

For instance, the Ann Clark Circle was sponsoring some children from the Children's Home for the Christmas season. It divided itself into groups, each group being responsible for Christmas needs for one child or more.

One group provided Christmas for four children who were taken away from their home and could not go home for Christmas. Clothing, toys, or whatever the Home told them was needed or appropriate, was provided.

Truly, the Christmas spirit was present for these unfortunate children.

A Lenten project of some of our Methodist Women has been completed. Under the direction of Laura Harms some of our women got together scraps of brightly colored yarn and knitted eighteen baby blankets for the Yuma Indian Women in Arizona, a United Methodist Women project.

The blankets were square but knitted on the bias. The varied colored yarns came together in beautiful stripes which really looked "Indianny".

As they have so often done, one of our local industries came into the act. Spencer's donated two dozen undersized baby undershirts which were sent along with the blankets.

A job well done--and completed.

WE JUST CARE.

Recently, Central Church has lost several good members. There are special services which our church has always provided in times of bereavement.

But, there are other needs, other than spiritual, that United Methodist Women try to fill when void. It provides food and services in those instances where such services are needed.

The bereaved family is contacted. If desired, the Methodist Women provide the meal and service for a few or many as the case may be.

In some cases, the deceased has very little family which might not need or desire those services. In other cases, many out of town friends and relatives might be present, then help is usually needed.

That is where the United Methodist Women come in--to be there in a time of trouble.

When our Methodist Women see a need in our church they get to work and they do not always stay in the ranks of their organization.

Case in point. Some of the women noticed that the carpet in the pastor's study was in sad shape due to leakage from the ceiling. Same thing in the library due to the same reason. And there was no money in this year's budget for such replacement because this year's budget money had already been spent.

So what did they do? Just got on the phone and in the course of one afternoon they had the problem all settled. Due to the generosity of some of our members--problem solved.

And --lest we get accused of female chauvinism, have you noticed how well manicured our church grounds look? Sam Vaughn of the Properties Committee has made that startling change.

Our members respond when they see a need!

When death strikes the family of one of Central's members, the church is always there. So is Central's United Methodist Women.

When bereavement comes, the Bereavement Committee gets in touch with the family to find the best way it can help. If the family would like a meal prepared, somebody from the Women does it; if it would just like food, the food will be forthcoming.

For a nine month period, not even a year, food was prepared for nine families; two fruit baskets were given; and five memorials were made. For those families which lost a near relative, eleven families received a note of sympathy.

The church does not forget its members.

One of the selling points in our town's bid for one of the 10 All-American cities is the new Surry Free Clinic recently opened up across from the hospital. This clinic gives free service and medicine for those who are unable to pay for such. We had a little about this service several weeks ago. Our UMW was asked to be on the lookout for those folk who need such service. So cut this notice out so that you will know just who is eligible.

Monthly gross income no more than

\$781-single person

\$1054-family of 2

\$1326-family of 3

\$1599-family of 4

The applicants cannot have any health insurance, no Medicare or Medicaid. Persons may apply on Tuesday nights; the clinic is open on Wednesday. Our Social Concerns Circle helps with the medicine not otherwise available.

May is hospital favor time for Central United Methodist's women. For years and years, so long ago that nobody can remember, the women of Central and of other city churches have been making Sunday tray favors for hospital patients.

These favors range all the way from tiny cross stitch bookmarks to commercial pasteboard objects. To each favor is tied a tiny verse of scripture. This year the Women's Night Circle is placing a tiny, silk, red rose with its scripture verse on each tray; the Morning Circle is tying up a stick of chewing gum with its accompanying Bible verse. The possibilities are endless.

Our women hope that by this tiny bit of thoughtfulness the day will be made brighter for those confined to a hospital bed.

Your Reading Program

United Methodist Women



Reading helps to make a well rounded person. The United Methodist Women have a variety of well selected books which touch on four areas of concentration; Christian Global, Christian Social Involvement, Supportive Community, and Christian Personhood. These books are on a special shelf in our library, listed according to categories. Why not try one from each group? Please contact your circle leader or Carol Jean Urmston if you would like to be a part of the United Methodist Women's Reading Program. All names will be listed on the UMW bulletin board.

UNITED METHODIST



WOMEN

Are any of you interested in participating in a reading program for this summer which will cover the four areas of United Women's work: "Christian Personhood," "Supportive Community," "Christian Social Involvement," and "Christian Global Concerns?"

The books--and there is a wide selection----are recommended by the General Board. They would be in four areas of difficulty: ER Easy Reading; S & D Suitable for Study and Discussion; and LT Larger Type.

The books would be studies in conjunction with the Society's magazines, "Response" and "World Outlook."

There would be three plans. One would call for the study of four books, one for ten and one for twenty.

On the bottom shelf of the first section of our church library are 25 books which our Methodist Women have put together to clarify its four concerns: Global Concerns, Social Involvement, Supportive Community, and Christian Personhood.

These books are all interesting and readable. Take one, sign your name, and then return when finished.

Here are just four: Global Concerns: DON'T LET THE GOATS EAT THE LOQUAT TREES, the experience of two medical missionaries in Nepal; Christian Social Involvement, WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE, how the people of Israel coped with spiritual and secular dimensions of faith; Supportive Community, FAITH FOR THE OLDER YEARS, the joys and problems of growing older--decisions and transitions; and Christian Personhood, BEGINNING WITH MARY, poems about women in the Gospels whose lives were touched by Jesus.

Good summer reading.

SUCCESS STORIES

Everybody loves a success story, especially if it concerns an individual. Such a story has come to the United Methodist Women when its protegee for the last few years has met with success.

Several years ago, our then pastor's wife who was teaching at Surry Community College, spotted a person whom she thought had great promise, but one whose circumstances would have made such envisioned progress very difficult. So our UMW took over its project, giving this person moral as well as financial support.

The project has paid off. The young woman has graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Do you know what kind of work in which she is interested?

"Something," she says, "which will help others."

Sometimes we get the feeling that our church does not accomplish much in the area of spiritual growth. We must have done something right, though, because of our "graduates" who have gone out into the ministry-- John Taylor, Patricia Rothrock, Charles Adams, Robert Smith, and David Lawrence among them.

Our latest, David Lawrence, has just been assigned a very difficult job, that of starting a new church in Salisbury--no congregation, no building, no "trappings", just enthusiasm and a promise of hard work. David has been having about sixty at each service in a temporary building, a good beginning.

Our Methodist Women had some extra money on hand which it is going to give David to buy some "trappings": a baptismal bowl and pitcher, a communion chalice, and a bread plate; a little visible token of our love and admiration for David.

AND AN ALMOST FIASCO

There is no doubt about it. The society of our United Methodist Women of the Northeast District (ours) is alive and well, thank you.

Its annual Prayer Breakfast was held last Saturday at Mount Hermon Church just outside of Madison. The More or less rural church was full and running over.

When some of the visitors expressed concern about the ability of the church to take care of so many people one of the Mount Hermon women replied, "Oh, don't worry. When we received a pre-registered figure of 268 we knew we had to prepare for a crowd. We can cope."

And cope they did, brilliantly. Everything moved like clockwork; nothing ran out; even extra chairs were waiting in the sanctuary where the women heard a timely address by our charismatic district superintendent, the Reverend Kelley Jones, entitled "When We Pray".

A very satisfying day for a Prayer Breakfast.

Have you ever thought how dull life would be if everything always went smoothly? Experts on behavior tell us that adversities are what build our characters.



Our annual Prayer Breakfast last spring at which we hosted 165 went perfectly.

What a contrast to the Prayer Breakfast the year before. About twice as many came who were expected, the food ran out, and we kept the road hot to Neighbors across the street for more and more sausage biscuits.

We had another fiasco--neither was fatal--on our old bottle and aluminum can collecting. We collected glass and tins all right, but it surely was not worth the trouble.

But if these near calamities had not happened we would not have had this news item and we would not have had a good chuckle.



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WE ENTERTAIN AT JUDY WILSON'S

MOUNT AIRY - The United Methodist Women of Central Church is an active group. Numbering about 150 members, its activities range from the usual women's events, which it supports wholeheartedly, to special group as one which

merited national recognition.

One annual custom in recent years has been a reception honoring new members. This year, at the home of one of its members, twelve new members were so honored.



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A. Coleman
P. Mangels
Lynn Smith
J. Brinkley
E. Helso
L. Stanfield
J. Pettyjohn
P. Lewis



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WE ENTERTAIN AT MARSHA RATLIFF'S



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BUT WE
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Prather Hadley Crowell Minick J. Woltz Davis Fowler
(Smith not shown taking photo)

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