

# Shore Women in Connection



A quarterly newsletter for the Eastern Shore District  
United Methodist Women

## A Word from the President

New Year Blessing to Each of You!

My name is Barbara Justis. I am excited to be the incoming president of the Eastern Shore District United Methodist Women! I attend Adams United Methodist Church where I have served as the UMW Vice-President as well as a Certified Lay Speaker and the outgoing Church Council Chair. I am a project manager at NASA Wallops Flight Facility, mother of three, and grandmother of four. I am a come-here originally from Southern Illinois. But enough about me!

Thanks to the diligence of the Nominating Committee the 2012-13 District Mission Team/Executive Committee is fully staffed. The Executive Committee meets at least 4 times a year and hosts the following district meetings per year: 1) The Annual Fellowship Luncheon in February, 2) Fall Annual Meeting in September, and 3) The Day Apart in November. The district will also have a

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Barbara Justis, President

## Fellowship Luncheon, February 18

The District Fellowship Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, February 18th at St. John's United Methodist Church in Atlantic. Registration begins at 11am followed by lunch at 11:30. Linda Porter, Virginia Conference UMW Social Action Mission Coordinator is the planned guest speaker.

All UMW members and pastors are encouraged to attend this event to start our new year off with fellowship, food, and information. Our area leaders will be contacting you by February 10th for your unit's total count for attending. If you do not hear from your area leader or have questions, call Debbie Barber at 757-787-2412 or email: deb@hotmail.com.

The cost of the meal will be \$7. Our menu will be: vegetable soup and clam chowder; salad; turkey and ham club sandwiches; assorted cakes and pies for dessert; with coffee, tea and water.

An offering will be collected to benefit the 'All God's Children' summer camp session at our Occohannock on the Bay Camp and Retreat Center, August

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5-10, 2012. All donations will go to the needs of the children of incarcerated mothers and fathers who attend camp. Your generous support is appreciated.

Driving directions for those unfamiliar with St. John's UMC: U. S. Rt. 13 north our south to Oak Hall, then turn EAST on Nock Landing Rd. (traffic light adjacent to Arcadia HS). At the stop sign in Atlantic turn right and drive South through Atlantic. As you leave town, St. John's is on the right.

I can't wait to see my Sister's in Christ for this wonderful gathering!

—Debbie Barber, Vice President/Luncheon Coordinator



Photo: 2010 Annual Meeting

## UM Day at the General Assembly



Barbara O'Toole, District UMW Social Action Coordinator is headed to Richmond on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Annual UM Day at the General Assembly. Registration is at 7:00 a.m. at Bon Air UMC. It's a day when God calls congregations to step outside the local church and step up to building relationships with our elected officials in Richmond. The United Methodist Women Social Action Program provides opportunities for UMW units to be involved in social justice issues and to work to ensure that the words of Micah 6:8, "*...what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your*

*God*", become a reality by advocating for justice.

The Women's Division directors continually study the issues that affect women and children. They work within the resolutions established by the General Conference, the legislative-making body of The United Methodist Church and communicate to the UMW members about the initiatives in which we can become involved. Attending the United Methodist Day at the General Assembly is just one of the social action goals established by the Virginia Conference UMW.

John Wesley often preached about works of piety and mercy as inseparable. Charity is a gift, but social action helps change systems that keep people oppressed and dispossessed. As United Methodist Women, we believe that these are inseparable. For over 135 years, children, youth, and family advocacy, racial justice, public policy, and global policy are the foci of United Methodist Women's advocacy and part of their mission call. Their advocacy helps improve and empower the lives of women, children, and youth, nationally and internationally.

Join Barbara and the other Eastern Shore UMW representatives in Richmond then check off goal #2 on the Virginia Conference 2012 Social Action Award application. The UM Day is sponsored in part by the Virginia Conference UMW. To receive a Social Action Award, complete one of the required goals and 5 additional goals listed on the Award Application.

For more information, contact Barbara O'Toole at 757-442-4494.

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meeting in each Area. The date and place will be announced at the Luncheon. The Conference also has a number of events scheduled.

I am proud to introduce to you, the members of the Mission Team/Exec. Committee (\*newly elected):

- \*President Barbara Justis (Adams UMC) 665-1419/esumwppresident@gmail.com
- \*Vice-President Debbie Barber (Drummondtown UMC) 787-2419/barber\_deb@hotmail.com
- \*Secretary Barbara Mason (Christ UMC) 336-6436/barmason26@yahoo.com
- \*Treasurer Renia Davis (Market Street UMC) 787-5645

Coordinators are:

- \*MNO \*Sandra Chandler (New Mission UMC)
- Spiritual Growth Dorris Kilmon (Smith's Chapel) 442-9476/dorris27@visi.net
- Education/Interpretation Madelle Hastings (Johnsons UMC) 678-5650
- Social Action Barbara O'Toole (Bethel UMC) 442-4494
- Program Resources Rella Hale (Johnsons UMC) 442-4216
- Nominating Committee Patricia White (New Mission UMC) 442-6236
- \*Annette Pilgrim (Union UMC) 824-3605
- \*Joyce Bowen (Epworth UMC)
- \*Tammie Townsend (Adams UMC) 665-4934

Area Leaders are:

### Area I – Lucille Paugh (Johnsons UMC) 442-2515

Area I Units: Belle Haven, Bethel, Craddockville, Epworth, Evergreen, Franktown, Johnsons, Melfa, New Mission, Ocean View, Painter-Garrison, Smith's Chapel, Snead Memorial, Travis Chapel

### Area II – Connie Taylor (Grace UMC) 665-5058

Area II Units: Adams, Calvary, Drummondtown, Grace, Leatherbury, Market Street, Metropolitan, Onley, St. Thomas, Swain Memorial

### Area III – Robin Fletcher (Friendship UMC) 824-4510

Area III Units: Assawoman, Berea, Christ, Deas Chapel, Downings, Friendship, Hallwood, Pocomoke, Sanford, St. John's, St. Marks, Union

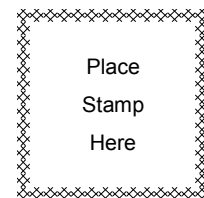
The District needs to know who you are too! Please contact your Area Leader with the name, address, phone number and email for your President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. It is extremely important for us to have the correct information so that your unit receives information from the district and conference. Please call even there are no changes. You can also submit your contact information online at the District website at [www.easternshoredistrictumc.org](http://www.easternshoredistrictumc.org). Click on Ministries & Missions on the left then scroll down to District United Methodist Women.

Our plan is to have the 2012-13 Handbook ready to distribute at the Luncheon in February.

Yours in Christ,  
Barbara J.

**Attention Treasurers!**  
 We have a new District  
 UMW Treasurer. Please  
 send remittances to:  
 Ms. Renia Davis  
 16285 Red Bank Lane  
 Melfa, VA 23410

**Eastern Shore District**



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**upcoming events** —details will be announced for each event as available

- January 28 Support the Occohannock on the Bay High Noon Polar Duck Dip, 11 am regis.; 12 N is the Dip
- February 2 UM Day at the General Assembly (UMW Social Action activity)
- February 18 District UMW Fellowship Luncheon at St. Johns UMC, Atlantic, 11 am registration
- March 17 ES District UMC's Spring Leadership Training, Nandua Middle School, 8:30-2:30
- April 14 Area I Meeting (Place TBA)
- May 12 Area II Meeting (Place TBA)
- May 4-6 Spiritual Life Retreat, VUMAC Blackstone
- June 16 TBD Area III Meeting (Place TBA)
- June 1-2 SEJ Quadrennial Meeting, Birmingham
- June 4-6 Atlantic Regional School, Birmingham
- June 9 UMW Day at Ferrum University
- June 22-24 Annual Conference, Roanoke
- June 23 UMW Breakfast at Annual Conference
- July 27-29 School of Christian Mission (Weekend Session)
- July 30-August 1 School of Christian Mission (Weekday Session)
- August Mission Trip/Project Wesley Community Service Center, Portsmouth
- September 15 District UMW Annual Meeting (Place TBA)
- September 21-22 UMW Conference Young Women's Event
- October 26-28 40<sup>th</sup> Annual UMW Conference, VUMAC Blackstone
- November 17 District UMW Day Apart (Place TBA)
- 11/16-18 Women's Division LTE, St. Louis MO



Visited the new Virginia Conference UMW website yet? You'll be glad you did!  
<<http://vaumw.org/>>