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March 2017 Newsletter

Responsively Yours: Called to Act

by Harriett Jane Olson

Since the 1950s, United Methodist Women has affirmed a version of the Charter for Racial Justice. The charter was adopted by The United Methodist Church in 1980. We have engaged in this work since our founding because of who we are, who God is and what God expects of us. In 2017, we need to call on this long commitment to counter new expressions of an old enmity.

When the charter was written, white supremacy, Jim Crow and lynching of African Americans was a scourge affecting communities throughout the nation. Over the past 60 years the work of justice advocates, persons of goodwill, lawmakers and law enforcement changed these norms of expression and helped end some of the most heinous actions. However, persons with eyes to see and ears to hear know that the attitudes and prejudices that underlaid the violent expression of racism, anti-Semitism and xenophobia have remained.

In this century something has changed as the United States squandered international goodwill by launching ill-conceived and nebulous wars on terror and doubled down on a domestic “war on drugs,” criminalizing diverse populations in urban areas while treating drug abuse in suburbs and wealthy enclaves as a health crisis. Economic changes have led to the loss of unionized jobs in manufacturing and production, and white nationalism has rebuilt a network of connections outside the public view.

Practices and policies in our systems of government have played on a fear of the “other” that does not recognize our common humanity. Surveillance of mosques, stop-and-frisk policing aimed at persons of color and detention of immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers have criminalized persons of color. These policies may not have the same “shock the conscience” factor as lynching, but the effect is undeniably to build fear and distance among people based on their race and religion.

We need look no further than the hate crimes reported in the past few months to see the rise in expression of the vilest attitudes. A white woman is caught on video telling a Hispanic woman at a big box store to “go back to where you came from.” Children in school are taunted by white classmates who say their parents will be deported. Jewish buildings and graves are marked by swastikas, and rarely are police officers disciplined, dismissed or prosecuted for exerting undue force or discharging their weapons on African Americans and Native Americans.

As the charter reminds us: “racism robs all human beings of their wholeness.” The majority culture in the United States is daily revealing this lack of wholeness. It is critical that we renounce the fear of the “other” that allows weapons manufacturers, private prison operators and politicians to manipulate us for their own gain. We must reaffirm that “all women and men are made in God’s image and all persons are equally valuable in the sight of God” and “our struggle for justice must be based on new attitudes, new understandings, and new relationships.”

Some ways to proceed can be found in the charter and in the resources around it, including racial justice teams in your conferences and districts. We are also instructed by “Speaking Out for Compassion: Transforming the Context of Hate in the United States” (#3422, Book of Resolutions, 2016), which calls us to interrupt hateful and demeaning speech and action, to listen to one another and to encourage law enforcement to track and prosecute hate crimes.

As United Methodist Women, as Christians, we are called to act at such a time as this (Esther 4:14).

United Methodist Women

Our Circles

Morning Circle

The Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the quilter's room.

Shalom Circle

The Shalom Circle will have a brief meeting after the week of prayer breakfast on March 11, 2017.

Prayer Focus

Our prayer focus for March is on David and Margaret Youth and Family services in La Verne, California. They are nestled in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, 30 miles east of Los Angeles on a campus covering 17.5 acres. Their most recent rating was 4.6 stars out of a possible 5 from 31 google reviews. Their mission statement reads "David and Margaret empowers children, youth, and families through culturally diverse services that foster emotional, educational, spiritual, and identity development." In the 1880's, La Verne was known as Lordsburg and there was no child welfare system in place. In 1902, First National Bank president, Henry Kuns, donated land and a large building to the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Church to establish the David and Margaret Home for children, naming it after his beloved parents. Through the years he donated more land and generous monetary gifts. Today they serve more than 1,000 clients through programs such as a work force training center for youth, a community recreational center offering sports, arts, and musical events, a learning enhancement center for tutoring and GED/College prep, anger management classes, abuse recovery treatment for drug and alcohol use, foster home certification, and mental health therapy for individuals, groups, or families. They also operate the highly successful Joan Macy school, a small, certified school to meet the needs of at risk adolescent girls ages 11-19.

Birthday cards will be sent to missionaries Doris Frazier in Kentucky and Juliet Choi in New York.

UMW Call to Prayer and Self Denial Brunch

The UMW will be hosting the Week of Prayer and Self Denial brunch on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the church social hall. All ladies of the church are encouraged to attend the special program. The theme of this program is Maternal and Child Health. The Call To Prayer and Self Denial offering will support partners that offer programs and advocate for the health of mothers and their children. We will also collect women hygiene items and children items (diapers, wipes, pull ups, personal hygiene products) that will be sent to local agencies.

A sign up sheet is located on the door at the back of the sanctuary. Please sign up by Wednesday, March 8th.

Upcoming District and conference events

UMW World Day of Prayer	March 3 rd	Francis Asbury UMC (noon-1 P.M.)
Greenville District Day Apart	April 1 st	Lee Rd. United Methodist Church
Spiritual Growth Retreat	April 29-30	Lake Junaluska

Please watch the newsletter for more details on these events.

Greenville District Day Apart

The Greenville District of the UMW will be having its annual Day Apart program on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at Lee Rd. United Methodist Church. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. There will be a worship service and then everyone will attend a workshop. The program will conclude with lunch. Registration fee is \$10.00 per person. The workshops are:

Jewelry making (\$10.00 fee for supplies for class)

Chair Yoga

Mission In Action (learning about and making washable pads for women less fortunate) (possibly may be charge for supplies for this class)

Women Overcoming Crisis

Healing Through the Hymnal

Bible Study (over flow class)

Our very own, Dawn Stewart will be leading the jewelry making class. Anne-Marie Failor is in charge of coordinating this event for the Greenville District.

Deadline for registering is March 1st. If you would like to register for the event and a workshop, please contact Dawn Stewart, Anne-Marie Failor, or Vickie Failor

Thank You. Thank you to my church family for your cards, phone calls, texts, visits & most of all your prayers during my recent surgery & recuperation. I am so blessed to be a part of this loving church. Love Gloria Moore

We express our thoughts and Prayers to the following:

Sympathy. The Pastor and congregation express their deepest sympathy to **Eddie Hughes** upon the loss of his father, Waymond C. Hughes, of Merritt Island, Florida. Waymond passed away on Wednesday, February 8th, he was 88 years old. He worked for Southern Bell in his earlier years, there will be a memorial service later.

Sympathy. The Pastor and congregation express their deepest sympathy to Vera Standfield upon the death of her husband Doug Standfield who passed away on Thursday, February 16, 2017. Vera is Jayne Ferrer's sister. We express our sympathy to all the family as they go through this difficult time.

Sympathy. The Pastor and congregation express their deepest sympathy to the family of **Ann Donaldson** who passed away on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, she was the widow of Earl Robert Donaldson, Jr. Ann was received into Berea Friendship UMC in 1967.

Sympathy. The Pastor and congregation express their deepest sympathy to the family of Kimmie and Greg Bates upon the death of Greg's brother. Kimmie works in our daycare.

Inspiration Group. The Inspiration Group will meet on Thursday, March 23rd at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to come join us for a great time of fellowship. Details will come later.

CDC News

We have a packed house and are registering for the upcoming school year! We are looking forward to the warmer weather for the children. We have an Easter egg hunt, party and pictures all in March with lots of special Easter devotionals to share with the kids. We are praying for all who have been sick and are asking prayers for Kimmie Bates family in the passing of her brother in law. Have a wonderful month!!!



February Ministry Workers Ushers



- March 05 Steve Capps, Tony Earnest, Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter
- March 12 Eddie Hughes, Jim Humphreys, Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter
- March 19 Steve Capps, Rick Greer, Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter
- March 26 Steve Capps, Corky Holman, Jim Humphreys, Ronnie Hunter

Those who serve in March

- Altar Guild for March Debbie Capps
- Stewardship for March Tony Earnest
- Trustee for March Corky Holman

Children's Message For March

- March 05 Terri McCloud
- March 12 Terri McCloud
- March 19 Terri McCloud
- March 26 Terri McCloud

Acolyte Schedule for March

- March 05 Debbie Gissendanner
- March 12 Lynnsey Nalley
- March 19 Debbie Gissendanner
- March 26 Lynnsey Nalley



Nursery for March

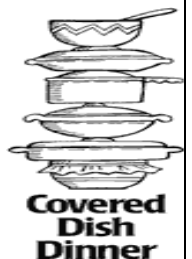
- March 05 Vickie Failor & Lynnsey Nalley
- March 12 Jane Walker & Kristie Argo
- March 19 Debbie Capps & Lynne Dyson
- March 26 Becky Philpot & Melissa or Mark Miller

Children's Church for March

- March 05 Terri McCloud
- March 12 Terri McCloud
- March 19 Melissa Miller
- March 26 Terri McCloud

Covered Dish Lunch.

Please join us on Sunday, March 19th for our 3rd Sunday Covered Dish Lunch in the fellowship hall. Bring a dish to share with other.



Trustees. The Trustees will meet on Wednesday, March 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the Ruth Bible Class. All trustees need to attend. We have several things that need to be discussed.

March 02 Roth Paxton
 March 03 Alex Stone
 March 04 T.J. Melton
 March 05 Debbie Capps
 March 05 Elyse Evans
 March 06 Billy Bush
 March 06 Bob Dunn
 March 06 Cindy Hester
 March 06 Bobby Taylor
 March 08 Darrel Youngblood
 March 10 Ronald Failor
 March 10 Libby Gilliam
 March 11 Parks Evans
 March 11 Mark Miller
 March 12 Mark Wells
 March 13 Henry Philpot
 March 15 Rebecca P. Surett
 March 16 Kay Moorehead
 March 17 Heather Heckman
 March 18 Brad Armstrong
 March 19 Mike Hovious
 March 22 Pastor Enrique Gordon
 March 26 Joel Sidney Disher
 March 29 Betty Stover



March 06
 Betty & Robert Bridges
March 13
 Martha & Roy Oxley
March 18
 Jayne & Jose Ferrer
March 25
 Carolyn & Tony Earnest
March 25
 Margaret & Jim Rawson
March 29
 Joyce & Kenneth Tucker

Bobbie Bogan
Mildred Bray
Mary Childs
Troy Clements
Jane-Hunt Grady
Donna Helms
Carolyn Hunter
Andi Nichols
Dot Nichols
Joe Philpot
Margie Philpot
Mildred Pollard
Glenn Wells
Allen Zorn



Special prayers for Glenda Argo and Carolyn Hunter's mother Doris Hollingsworth who is recuperating between the homes of her daughters.

Special prayers for Bobbie Bogan

Special prayers for Glenn Wells he is at St. Francis DT in Room 826.

PLEASE HELP UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST

We are only listing those who we know are in nursing/Assisted living homes, the home-bound, those who are hospitalized at present, and those who are at present under going medical procedures such as chemo, etc. We do not want to leave anyone out so if you want your name or loved ones name listed, please notify the church office. We will up-date this list every 30 days—please help us with this important endeavor.

Change in Committee meeting

During the November 2016 Administrative Council Meeting a new policy was adopted. The Administrative Council, Finance Committee, and Trustees will start meeting quarterly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. in the Ruth Bible Class. The schedule will be as follows
 Administrative Council: January 11th, April 12th, July 12th, October 11th
 Finance Committee: February 8th, May 10th, August 9th, November 8th
 Trustee Committee: March 8th, June 14th, September 13th, December 13th
 Committee chairs can call a special meeting if needed at other times.

Yard Sale. The Men's Club will have their Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, March 18th. While you are doing your spring cleaning, please remember to save items that you don't want so we will have plenty to sell. The sale will start at 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.



Holy Thursday

We will have a Holy Thursday service on Thursday, April 13th at 6:00 p.m.



Sunrise Service

We will have Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, April 16th at 7:00 a.m. Regular Worship 10:30.

Easter Egg Hunt

We will have an Easter Egg Hunt here at the church on Saturday, April 15th at 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon.



Ash Wednesday



We will have an evening service for Ash Wednesday on March 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p><i>1</i> Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 p.m. <i>Last day to register for the events and workshop, call dawn Stewart, Vickie Failor, or Anne-Marie</i></p>	<p><i>2</i> Quilters <i>10:00 a.m.</i></p>	<p><i>3</i> World Day of Prayer</p>	<p><i>4</i></p>
<p><i>5</i> Communion Sunday 1st Sunday in Lent S.S. 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 Esperanza at 1:00</p>	<p><i>6</i></p>	<p><i>7</i> Quilters <i>10:00 am & 7:00pm</i></p>	<p><i>8</i> Trustees <i>6:00 p.m.</i> <i>Last day to sign up for Prayer and Self Denial Brunch</i></p>	<p><i>9</i> Quilters <i>10:00 a.m.</i></p>	<p><i>10</i></p>	<p><i>11</i> <i>UMW will host the week of prayer and self denial brunch At 10:00 a.m. we will collect wipes, diapers, pull-ups, for local agencies</i></p>
<p><i>12</i> S.S. 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 Esperanza at 1:00 Daylight Savings Time begins</p>	<p><i>13</i></p>	<p><i>14</i> Quilters <i>10:00 am & 7:00pm</i></p>	<p><i>15</i></p>	<p><i>16</i> Quilters <i>10:00 a.m.</i></p>	<p><i>17</i></p>	<p><i>18</i> <i>Men's Yard Sale 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</i></p>
<p><i>19</i> S.S. 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 Covered Dish Lunch Esperanza at 1:00</p>	<p><i>20</i></p>	<p><i>21</i> Morning Circle <i>10:00 a.m.</i> <i>Quilters will follow</i> Quilters <i>7:00 p.m.</i></p>	<p><i>22</i></p>	<p><i>23</i> Inspiration Group <i>11:30 a.m.</i></p>	<p><i>24</i></p>	<p><i>25</i></p>
<p><i>26</i> S.S. 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 Esperanza at 1:00</p>	<p><i>27</i></p>	<p><i>28</i> Quilters <i>10:00 am & 7:00pm</i></p>	<p><i>29</i></p>	<p><i>30</i> Quilters <i>10:00 a.m.</i></p>	<p><i>31</i></p>	