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# Williamsport District Newsletter

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## *Message from our co-presidents*

Dear United Methodist Women members,

Polly, Helen Nace, Pat Wittig and myself attended Assembly 2018 held in Columbus, Ohio on May 18-20. It was an awesome experience. There were over 5,200 women from around the world. The theme was “The Power of Bold—Faith, Hope, Love in Action”. The highlight was the worship service and communion on Sunday with 8 women Bishops sharing the elements.

The District Team will be holding their Retreat on Aug. 11th in Pennsdale. Please call one of the team if you have concerns you would like shared.

We are looking forward to District Annual Day on Sept. 29th at the Beacon UMC, 148 S. Main St., Hughesville (registration form is attached). Karen Barraco has been putting together a great day. Please be sure to mark your calendar and bring a carload.

Kay Rhinehart & Polly Walker, Co-Presidents

## *Purpose*

*United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.* 1.

August 2018

# *Strong & Courageous:* Building on the Legacy

Williamsport District Annual Day  
September 29

10 AM to 2:30 PM

The Beacon UMC • 148 S. Main St. • Hughesville

*Guest Speaker - Kyla M. Harvey*  
Executive Director of the Neighborhood Center, Harrisburg

There will be lots to celebrate as we gather in Hughesville for District Annual Day, September 29! We will celebrate strong and courageous women of the past, who have passed on a legacy of being in mission with women, children and youth for 150 years, and we will honor our connection with the national mission institution in Harrisburg, Neighborhood Center, founded in 1910. We will recognize former district presidents of United Methodist Women, and highlight the strong and courageous women of the Williamsport District who are building on the legacy with mission work today.

*“Be strong and  
courageous;  
do not be frightened  
or dismayed,  
for the Lord your God  
is with you  
wherever you go.”  
- Joshua 1:9*



The founders of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Seated left to right Mrs. Thomas A. Rich, Mrs. Edwin W. Parker, Mrs. William Butler, Mrs. Lewis Flanders. Standing, left to right: Mrs. Thomas Kingsbury, Mrs. William B. Merrill.

# A Message from our Treasurer

Greetings to the Williamsport District UMW:

As we approach the end of August, I am sure that many of you are gearing up to have your units become more active. Vacations will be over and along with our young people our days become more structured.

As of now we have paid approximately 42% of our pledge to conference. Since we are a little over half way through the year, we still have some work to do. I just want to remind you to keep working on it, as I am sure that we are going to be able to make this goal.

I also want to encourage each unit to become a Five Star Unit for the year by giving in the first 5 categories: Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition (minimum-1 pin - \$40), Gift to Mission (minimum-\$5), Gift in Memory (minimum-\$5), and Thank Offering. We had 14 units last year and would love to see that increase. I will be contacting the unit treasurer's in the fall to let you know if you need anything to complete your Five Star status.

Your Love Offering for Conference Annual Day should be sent directly to the Conference Treasurer, Donna Speelman, 600 Yale Street #607, Harrisburg PA 17111. Each unit should be receiving an envelope from conference that is already addressed. If you don't receive it use the above address and make it out to the Susquehanna Conference UMW.

The Legacy Fund will again be collecting money at Conference Annual Day. We are encouraged to give a minimum of \$1.50 per member. Please do NOT send pennies and definitely do not roll them. (They all have to be opened as the bank will not accept rolls.) Please pay by check made out to UMW National. If you want a receipt have the address on the check or in an envelope with the check. You can bring your check to Conference Annual Day or mail it to Donna Speelman. Any other time that you contribute to the Legacy Fund, mail it directly to the New York address, which your treasurer should have.

If you have any questions about these offerings, please give me a call at 570-584-2761. I am praying for each unit to have a successful and productive year. I hope to see many of you at District and Conference Annual Days. It is always exciting to see and hear what other units and districts are doing to serve our Savior.

In His peace,

*Helen S. Nace, Treasurer*



# A Note from Helen

As always, this year at District Annual Day there will be a memorial service remembering women who were members of UMW who passed away in the previous calendar year. So, for this annual day, we would like the names of all members who passed away in 2017. We would also like a short description of the work they did in UMW. This description can be as short as one word or as long as three sentences. We will be sharing this information during the memorial service. **Please send this information to me by September 1st.**

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**MY PRAYER IS THAT ALL OUR UMW MEMBERS, NEAR AND FAR, WILL BE COMING TO DISTRICT ANNUAL DAY THIS YEAR AS WE CELEBRATE THE WORK OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN AND ITS PREDECESSOR GROUPS FOR THE LAST 150 YEARS!**

God's blessings,  
*Helen Keister, Spiritual Growth Coordinator*

## Welcome Karen!

Karen Cook of Pine Street UMC, Williamsport has agreed to take the position of Membership.

Karen was raised on a farm in Steam Valley, PA, near Fry's Turkey Ranch. She graduated from Liberty High School in 1964 and went to Mansfield State Teachers College majoring in Home Economics. In 1968 she graduated and went to teach in Delaware. She met her husband, Al and taught there for the next 30 years. While teaching, she was a member of an honorary sorority for women educators, Alpha Delta Kappa. Karen and Al retired in 2001 and moved back to Steam Valley on the family property.

Pat Wittig has been her mentor in United Methodist Women at Pine Street. "I look forward to working with this group and improving membership," says Karen.



*Kyla Harvey*

District Annual Day will be an exciting combination of celebrating our past and looking to the future as "strong and courageous" women of the Williamsport District. Join us on Saturday, September 29, at The Beacon United Methodist Church in Hughesville for what promises to be an inspirational, exciting day.

Guest speaker for the morning session will be Kyla M. Harvey, Executive Director of Neighborhood Center in Harrisburg. Founded in 1910, the Neighborhood Center is a national mission institution supported by United Methodist Women and the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church. Accepting the position of Executive Director in 2016, Kyla is introducing new programs to the Center and will be able to give us the latest information on how they are having an impact on the lives of children, youth and families in the Harrisburg area.

Kyla was working full-time and raising a young child while studying for her undergraduate degree. Since then she has gone on to achieve her Master's Degree in Social Work from Temple University. A lifelong resident of Harrisburg, Kyla brings 10 years of experience to her position. She is married to Jamien Harvey and collectively they have four children. Be in prayerful support of this important day. We look forward to seeing you!

**WILLIAMSPORT DISTRICT ANNUAL DAY**  
**Saturday, September 29, 2018 - 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**  
**Registration starting at 9:30 a.m.**

**The Beacon United Methodist Church, 148 S. Main St., Hughesville**

**WHAT TO EXPECT...**

- ◆ Celebrating 150 Years of women in mission through historical drama, personal stories, and honoring past presidents of the Williamsport District and former Wellsboro District
- ◆ Meeting district officers, seeing friends from area churches, and sharing ideas with others who are passionate about being in mission through United Methodist Women
- ◆ Learning about new programs and outreach happening at Neighborhood Center, a national mission institution in Harrisburg, as we hear from our guest speaker, Kyla Harvey, Executive Director
- ◆ Greeting the new Williamsport District Superintendent, the Rev. Troy Howell
- ◆ Electing new district officers and looking ahead to 2019
- ◆ Opportunity to pick up UMW resources and reading materials

**WHAT TO BRING...**

- ◆ Donations of baby products for the Caring Closet at Neighborhood Center (“onesies,” sleepers, baby shampoo, baby lotion, baby wipes, diaper rash ointment)
- ◆ Offering which will go toward our District Pledge to Mission
- ◆ All the officers from your local United Methodist Women and other women interested in mission!

**ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER OF HARRISBURG...**

The ministry began in 1910 by United Methodist Women in hopes of building a vital community by serving and empowering children and families. The Neighborhood Center is also an affiliate agency of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church. The Center is a licensed Christian based childcare facility with before school and after school care and summer programs. Other services include a Caring Closet, diaper & formula assistance, low-cost eyeglasses, food program for low-income seniors, and more.



**REGISTRATION FORM - Deadline: Sept. 15, 2018**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church** \_\_\_\_\_ **Your Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child care requested** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age(s) of Child(ren):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Send check for \$10 (which includes lunch), payable to Williamsport District UMW to:  
Helen Nace, Treasurer, 155 Crawley St., Hughesville PA 17737 (570-584-2761)**