

# Women's FOCUS



FIRST CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Dates to Remember

April 26: Executive Committee Meeting  
Monday 10:30 am.

April 29– May 2:

UMW National Assembly in St. Louis

Peggy Wilkerson will represent FCUMC.

May 14-16: Spiritual Enrichment Experience at Lake Junaluska, NC

Registration forms are available! Six members are already signed up!

June 28-July 1:

FCUMC Vacation Bible School 9:30-12:00

*Look who is Lending a Hand*

**Circle 4** will be coordinating the relief/water station on Oak Street for the 'Race for the Cure' in September. Laurie Schwartz will handle all the details for this occasion.

**Circle 10** is looking for volunteers for VBS. Please contact Heather Cockerham, Marla McDaniel, or Mary Grey Moses if you are interested in helping.

## United Methodist Women

April

### United Methodist Women urged to...

#### Help Everyone Count in the 2010 Census.

The census is a very important aspect of our democracy, and **everyone** needs to be counted! By now, your 2010 U.S. census form should have arrived in the mail. Be sure to take time to complete and return the form! UMW is proud to be partner in the 2010 census, joining the government, non-profit, corporate, and community organizations committed to encourage members to support the U.S. Census Bureau's goal of achieving a complete count. Why the census matters:

The census is a racial issue

The census is an economic justice issue

The census is an immigrants rights issue

#### Take Action

- Complete and return your 2010 census form! [Visit the Census Bureau website for more information.](#)
- Encourage others to complete and return their 2010 census form!
- Explain to your local unit why the census is so important.
- Reach out to immigrant and other historically undercounted communities.
- Include a message in your local newsletters about the importance of filling out the census.
- Offer your church as a "Be Counted" site. In this program, the U.S. Census Bureau will come to locations where people did not receive forms and help people to submit their forms. [Contact your Regional Census office.](#) (PDF)
- Offer your church as a testing center for applicants applying for census jobs. [Contact your Regional Census office.](#) (PDF)
- Write a letter to President Obama and Secretary Napolitano calling for the suspension of immigration enforcement actions in 2010 so migrants can participate in the census without fear. See the sample letter below, signed by 200 organizations.

#### Resource

For more information on how to take local action to help everyone be counted, see the United Methodist Women Action Alert below. Contact Susie Johnson, United Methodist Women national staff for public policy, at 202-488-5660. [This was taken from http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/](http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/)



Dianne Folk

President's Corner

Birds are singing, bulbs are blooming, trees are budding; can Spring cannot be far away? I love to watch the earth, in which God created, awake from its winter's rest! Several things are in the works in the up coming months. Watch for information about coupons for education on the UMU bulletin board. This project has purchased a school bus and several computers for the Red Bird Mission.

\*\*We still have the Chattanooga Adventure Books available for \$30. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Africa Mission trip. The book contains buy one, get one free coupons for a wide array of local and regional restaurants, and attractions. If anyone is interested, they can contact Jeanne Brice at 842-4062 or 432-6962.

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"The earth is the Lord's" Psalm 24:1-2

Spiritual Enrichment Experience May 14-15, 15-16

The 2010 Spiritual Enrichment Experience will be a wonderful time to get away from the stress of life and renew your mind, body and soul. We are so excited as Spring will be bursting forth at Lake Junaluska, offering walking trails and many lovely flowers. It's such a beautiful place—a place where one may experience not only personal blessing, but spiritual revitalization and challenge as well.

This year's speaker is the Reverend Catherine Clark Nancy, who grew up at Brainerd United Methodist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee's. When Catherine talks about her call to ministry, she often speaks of hearing God's voice through Sunday School teachers, choir directors, and youth counselors.

Several of our very own UMW members have all ready signed up for this retreat. You need to register by April 28th. Registration forms are located on the table below the UMW bulletin board.

Circle Meeting Reminders

Circle 1 and 3: Monday April 19th at 10:30 in Mohney Hall

Circle 2: April 8th at 9:30 at church

Circle 4: April 27th at 7:00 location TBD

Circle 6: April 19th at noon in the Prigmore Room

Circle 7: April 26th at 7:00 pm in the Parlor

Circle 10: Monday April 12 at 6:45 pm at Rain

Circle 11.5: April 8th at 10:00 in the Parlor



UMW Spotlight: Mrs. Pauline Martin

Just listen to what people are saying about Pauline.



- She has a wonderful talent playing the clarinet and is very willing to play if she can when asked.
• She has a funny wit and can always bring a smile on my face.
• She is willing to help when there is a need.
• She is a sweet Christian and wants that to shine out in whatever she is involved in.
• She's a great friend to me. She has been on mission trips and given of her time and talents in helping repair someone's home.
• She is a special person and has worked hard for everything she has become in her life – she's an inspiration to never, never say "I can't".
• She is always willing to help out and keeps fun in our work!

Member of the Morgan SS, FCUMC choir, and the Aldersgate Vibrations Handbell Choir. She attends many local mission trips and plays the clarinet.