

Unit Officer Training

On January 22 local unit officers met for training at First United Methodist Church in Jefferson. Thanks to FUMC-Jefferson for their wonderful hospitality. The delicious breakfast snacks and luncheon meal were enjoyed by all. In addition to a great learning experience and

wonderful fellowship, an added treat for some was having an opportunity to attend the Jefferson Annual Quilt Show.

Thanks to all those helped with the preparations for the meeting.



Assembly Time



Fellowship Time



Welcome to our new president,
Frances Standridge



Some of our officers attending the meeting:
L-R: Doris Rowland, Arnola Zabrokrtsky,
Frances Standridge, Sue Bright, Beverly Graham

Upcoming Events

Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat	March 4-5 Lakeview
District Executive Board Meeting	March 5 Lakeview
Winterfield UMC Craft & Plant Sale	March 26 Longview
District Spiritual Growth Retreat	April 2 FUMC Longview
East Texas Crusade for Christ	April 13-15 Kilgore
Texas Annual Conference	May 29-June 1 George R Brown CC

Reading Program

Two of the purposes of the UMW Reading Program is to encourage members:

- (1) to expand understanding of and participation in God's mission;
- (2) to increase sensitivity to all human beings--their needs, interests and concerns.

There are four different programs based on the number of books a person reads. At the district Spiritual Growth Meeting April 2 there will be books available to purchase that are on the reading list. You may want to consider joining with another unit to share books.

Important Web Sites

Texas Conference United Methodist Women, to get information about upcoming events, registration forms, etc.

www.txconfumw.org

United Methodist Women

www.umwmission.org

United Methodist Women's Online Community

www.umwonline.org

Texas Conference United Methodist Church

www.txcumc.org

Special Note

On the next pages there are several flyers advertising various events. You may want to print out copies for posting to your bulletin boards.

If you have any event or information you would like to share with our North District United Women members, please let me know. If you are planning a garage sale, special event or celebration, this would be a good way to let others know about your plans. I will be happy to forward your news to all our members. Also, please send me any information you would like to be included in our next newsletter. My e-mail address is srlock@sbcglobal.net; my phone is 903-757-7638. I look forward to serving as your new communications coordinator.

In His Service,
Sarah Lockridge

Spring Celebration Spiritual Growth Retreat

March 4-5, 2011
Lakeview Conference Center
Palestine, Texas

February 18 is the deadline for early registration. See the next page for more information about registering.

Guest Speaker Harriett Jane Olson



Harriett Jane Olson has served as deputy general secretary of the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church since Sept. 4, 2007. As such, she is chief executive officer of the Women's Division, the national administrative and policymaking arm of United Methodist Women. A Harvard graduate and attorney, Ms. Olson was a partner specializing in real estate and environmental law for the Pitney, Hardin, Kipp and Szuch law firm of Morristown, N.J., (1983-1996) before working for the church full-time. Prior to leading the Women's Division, Ms. Olson served at the United Methodist Publishing House as senior vice-president for publishing, editor for church school publications and United Methodist Church book editor. She supervised a staff of 125-150 persons responsible for the development, production and trade distribution of resources from Abingdon Press, Cokesbury and Kingswood Books.

Spring Celebration Spiritual Growth Retreat

Friday Registration

Roy Hall Building
3:00pm - 4:00pm
Resources and Book Sales
Displays
Hospitality

Friday Evening
Dinner
Worship
Fellowship

Late Registration 8:00pm - 9:00pm

Saturday
Greet the Day
Breakfast for Over-nighters

Saturday Registration

Roy Hall Building
7:30-8:30
Program Resources-
Book Sales
Hospitality

Gathering in Song
8:45-9:00AM

Guest Speaker
Focus Groups Meet

Lunch Noon
Book Sales

Focus Groups Meet
1:00pm - 2:15PM

Communion
2:30
Sending Forth

Registration Received Before February 21st

Dorm: **Asbury** if not requesting First Class Housing

Adult (Friday overnight, Friday Evening Dinner thru
Saturday lunch) \$56

Adult (Friday overnight thru Sat. lunch,
(Late Arrival) No Dinner 46

Child—10 and under (Fri. overnight thru Sat. lunch
(Late Arrival) \$26

**For Overnight First Class Housing: Add additional \$10 for
DOUBLE OR \$25 for SINGLE OCCUPANCY.**

Adult (Saturday only, includes lunch) \$16

Child—10 and under (Saturday only, includes lunch &
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*Additional \$15 will be added to this late registration
rate if you walk in without preregistering. Dinner on
Friday evening not available for Walk-Ins.*

So that proper childcare can be provided, we cannot accept
registration for children after the February 21st deadline.

**MAIL EARLY -
BEFORE February 18th**

**To arrange for handicap access call
Debra or Peter
281-658-5801**

Registration form on next page.

Mail form and check(s) to:
Debra and Peter Wroblewski
1059 Bimham Woods
Pasadena, TX 77503

Debra's e-mail: mstex7@yahoo.com
Phone: 281-658-5801

Those who mail together stay together.

Spring Celebration 2011

Registration Meals and Housing Select two Focus Groups Please Read Carefully

Send one form for each person (child or adult) attending. You may make photocopies. Campers and commuters must also preregister. Dorm residents should bring bed and bath linens, pillow, flashlight. Everyone pays in advance. No refunds for missed events. Any special dietary needs should be discussed with Lakeview ahead of time. Phone number: 903 538-2711. Do you need handicap access? (see instructions below)

Name _____ Badge Name _____ Address _____ City _____ TX, zip _____
 Church _____ District _____ E-Mail _____ Phone () _____ Emergency Contact _____
 Emergency phone _____ Physicians Name and Phone _____ Medical Insurance # _____

Policy Holder _____ Date of last tetanus shot _____ List allergies, special conditions, restrictions, medications on an attached sheet. In case of emergency, I give permission to the physician selected by the camp to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for the person named above.

****SIGNATURES REQUIRED for Children under 18**

Adult Participant Signature Required _____
 **Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____ **Printed Name of Parent or Guardian _____ **Accompanying adult if under 18.
 ***If under 18, fill in the following: Age: _____ Birth Date _____ Grade Completed _____ Special Learning or physical needs? _____ If Yes (Attach Sheet)

CIRCLE TO INDICATE FIRST CLASS HOUSING PREFERENCE OPTIONS:

Family Life Center, Central Building, OR Pat Thompson

ADD ADDITIONAL \$10 FOR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY, ADD ADDITIONAL \$25 FOR SINGLE OCCUPANCY TO REGISTRATION COST.

Friday Night Late Arrival?

Choose two Focus Groups: _____ Sisters in Community- Leah Taylor _____ Sisters in the Global World-Diane McGhee
 _____ Sisters in Service-Deaconesses-Shelby Rowan _____ Sisters in Spiritual Growth-Rev.Terry Dougherty
 _____ Sisters as Missionaries-Nina Fowler _____ Sisters in Evangelism-Rev.Jacqui King
 _____ Sisters in Advocacy-Ofelia Patlan _____ Brothers & Sister in Leadership-Rev.Danny Wayman

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Clip out Registration Form
 Send with check(s) payable to Texas Conference UMW.

Mail form and check(s) to:
 Debra and Peter Wroblewski,
 1059 Bimham Woods,
 Pasadena, Tx 77503.
 Debra's e mail:
 mstex7@yahoo.com
 Phone 281-658-5801

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Additional registration forms may be printed from website:
 www.txconfumw.org



Craft & Plant Sale

Bedding Plants for Spring & Summer
Handmade Crafts
Lots of Vendors

March 26
9 AM to 1:30 PM

Winterfield United Methodist Church
2616 Tryon Road, Longview
903-753-4825 or
903-295-1789

Proceeds to benefit mission projects.



You are invited!

District Spiritual Growth Retreat

April 2, 2011
9:30 a.m. - 12 noon

First United Methodist Church
400 North Fredonia Street
Longview, TX 75601

Guest Speaker:
Joyce Moore
Texas Conference Coordinator
for Spiritual Growth

Registration and Refreshments
9:30-10 a.m.

If additional information is needed, please contact:

Shirley Kibbe
903-753-1912
sdkibbe@att.net

EAST TEXAS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

PRESENTS

The Grandson of Billy Graham

EVANGELIST JONATHAN LOTZ

Bringing the Message

“GOD UNDERSTANDS”

April 13th, 14th, and 15th at 7 p.m. nightly

R. E. St. John's Football Stadium in Kilgore, Texas



Address: East Texas Crusade for Christ, 401 East
Main, Kilgore, TX 75662

Phone: 903-986-2273

Website: easttexascrusadeforchrist.blogspot.com

UMW Units Asked to Identify and Work on Social Action Issue in 2011

Each year, local UMW units are asked to address at least one social action issue priority. The priority issue is left up to the individual unit to decide upon, based on the concerns and interests of the UMW group and the needs of the church and community in which they work. Issues can be things like women and children's issues, hunger, poverty, education, immigration, environment, health care, social justice, human trafficking, employment, housing, etc.

At the training session held at the January District UMW meeting in Jefferson, there were a number of books and resources on various topics available to review. In addition, there was a notebook for each UMW unit distributed which contained a lot of information. If your unit was not represented at the Social Action training, check with person(s) from your unit who attended the District meeting as they were asked to pick up copies of the notebooks and distribute them to the designated Social Action Chairperson from their unit.

The Conference UMW has asked our District to report back on the issues which units plan to study this year. There is a report form ([UMW Social Action Issue Priority Form - 2011](#)) and envelope enclosed in the Social Action notebook to be completed and returned to Marty Vaughan, District Social Action Chairperson, by March 1, 2011. If you have not yet received this information, contact Marty Vaughan, Box 141, Jonesville, Texas 75659; mlvaughan@shreve.net; or (903) 687-3837 (leave message).

Is your communications area abuzz about "Change the World 2011"?

May 14-15, 2011, promises to be a great connectional weekend with congregations around the world putting faith into action outside sanctuary walls. We want to supply you with the necessary resources to promote the event. Rethinkchurch.org/changetheworld contains fliers and web graphics – all free for download. We hope that you will place a banner on your conference website(s) with a link to www.rethinkchurch.org/changetheworld. There, participants can register their event and begin to receive communications from UMCom. They will also be counted in the global stats and appear on the map being generated for Rethinkchurch.org. Articles suitable for reproducing in your newsletter or site will be available there as well.

Last year's stories can still be found online at www.umc.org/changetheworld. We hope that you will work with us this year to collect and share inspirational stories from your area.

A four-week sermon & study series will be released by Rethink Church in mid-March. This free resource for adults, youth/young adults and children will offer a companion multimedia bundle for \$25. Churches will receive a 50% discount coupon on the bundle following registration. The series is meant to begin on the weekend of Change the World, so congregations are inviting newcomers to both a service event and a sermon/study series. Registered churches will also receive free shipping and postage from orders placed on cokesbury.com (applicable to Change the World and non-CTW products).

For more information, please contact rethinkchurch@umcom.org.

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**North District United Methodist Women
2011 Calendar of Events**

District Officer Training	January 8	Lakeview
District Executive Board Meeting	January 8	Lakeview
Unit Officer Training	January 22	FUMC Jefferson 9:30 a.m. - 12 Noon
Legislative Event	January 23-25	Austin, TX
Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat	March 5	Lakeview
District Executive Board Meeting	March 5	Lakeview
District Spiritual Growth Retreat	April 2	FUMC Longview 9:30 a.m. - 12 Noon Lunch served
Texas Annual Conference	May 29-June 1	George R Brown CC Houston, TX
United Methodist Women's Luncheon	May 30	George R Brown CC Houston, TX
Texas Conference Cooperative School of Christian Mission	July 28-30	Lakeview
District Executive Board Meeting	August 6	TBA
North District Cooperative School of Christian Mission	August 20	Tapp UMC, New Boston 9:30 a.m. - 12 Noon Lunch served
Conference Fall Festival Friday Event	September 23	Lakeview
Conference Fall Festival	September 24	Lakeview
District Fall Festival	October 15	Hardy Memorial UMC Texarkana, TX 9:30 a.m. - 12 Noon Lunch served