



York River District Training Day November 12, 2011 – Crooks Memorial UMC

Nancy Yarborough opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. with 80 members in attendance (see attached list).

Edith Lumpkin, President of UMW at Crooks welcomed all in attendance.

Nancy Yarborough introduced the Mission Team.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH – Melissa White read from the Prayer Calendar and gave a devotion from the September 2011 Response Magazine. A moving devotion about “speak your dreams and it will be so”. She touched on the importance of the use of the Prayer Calendar and Response magazine in our units. In keeping with the spirit of “speaking our dreams” there will be a rally on March 31st that will be held at Warwick High School in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. This is a district social actions/spiritual growth event; please see “The Bridge” for more information. Melissa has put together a packet of information for each unit that include the goals of the Spiritual Growth Coordinator; a Litany on the Purpose of United Methodist Women; a Litany for Candle Burning and another proposed program for Candle Burning.

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION – Anne Keneipp led all in attendance in “The Purpose” and explained the “purpose” says it all – it is the reason why we do what we do! And we should try to accomplish as much as we can with what we have and one way to gauge what we do is through the “Mission Today” criteria which can be found on both the district and conference web sites. She stated we have 59 units and for the 2011 year 7 were “Mission Today” units; 17 “silver” units and 13 “gold” units for a total of 37 units. Everyone should strive to be at least “Mission Today”. She also stated that if the district officer pays their own way to district/conference events then they can be counted as one of your unit attendees. The E & I packet that will be given to all units include: The Mission Today form; and handout for the School of Christian Mission 2012; International Ministries of United Methodist Women; Labels for Education and The Journey of your Mission Dollar. Anne also emphasized the use of the Prayer Calendar, especially for keeping touch with our missionaries (send card to 5 missionaries and it will count as one of the goals towards “Mission Today”). She reviewed the use of Campbell Soup labels and stamps. Money earned from Campbell Soup Labels is divided between Henry Fork and Wesley Community Center; Stamps need to be cut with ¼” boarder and do not cut if the stamps are on a post card. Money from stamps is sent to UMCOR.

PROGRAM RESOURCES – Monica Sprague talked about how reading can open us to a world unknown, to mission work, personal lives of people that we may never know about unless we read. The Program Resources Packet includes an explanation of the reading program, how to order books from the Conference Lending Library, how to recommend a book for the reading list, how mission studies are picked for the School of Christian Mission and the 2011/2012 Reading form (forms are due Sept. 1st, 2012). Also, mentioned were that you can buy the books on the list cheaper at amazon.com or at Barnes and Noble and the reason they are more expensive when you buy from the conference is the difference is used towards missions. So please consider that when purchasing your books (if you do purchase from a vendor other than the conference) in giving the difference to missions.

MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE AND OUTREACH – Nancy Ramsome was introduced. She is new to the position (appointed at the end of October) and Monica Sprague will be assisting her until she feels comfortable in the position. Packets for the unit include: Job Description, suggestions due no later than January 10th of each year. Will need the names of new members and those members who passed away during the year by October 10th of each year. The October deadline is so that we can recognize those who passed away at our District and Conference meetings in October.

SOCIAL ACTIONS – Carol Palmer reviewed the Social Actions Award form and encouraged all units to participate in Social Action Events. Handout included a review of the Charter for Racial Justice, the reading program, activities that units can be involved in and a reminder to attend Assembly Day on Feb 2, 2012 and the Social Action/Spiritual Growth Event on March 31st.

NOMINATIONS – Brenda Callis talked about the need to have a “bank” or list of people of potential district officers. A nomination form is in the packet that units will receive.

SECRETARY – Jeanette Yoh provided information on taking notes and a list of the “do’s and don’ts of taking notes. Discussed the importance of getting the executive board meeting notes out as soon as possible as in most instances the Circle meetings will take place the next week. Archive minutes as they may be needed for future references.

TREASURER – Robin Steck for the quarter \$27,000 income (\$15,000 of that was pledges). Forms that are needed by the unit treasurers are found in the 2009-2012 UMW Handbook and also on the Conference web site (see UMW tab). She reviewed the rainbow giver program which fulfills the 5 channels of mission giving. She reviewed the 5 & 6 star units for 2011 (criteria is based on reporting year 9/1 – 8/31 of each year). At the conference we received Mission Today Certificates, 2 certificates for Candle Burning, certificates for Social Actions and Participation in the Reading Program. It was also reported that our district has 59 active units (more active units than any other district).

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT – Nancy Yarborough making report for both positions. Vice President Sandra Harvey was out of town. There are 3 books that each unit should have (The UMW Bible, the 2009-2012 UMW Handbook and a green pamphlet “United Methodist Women in Mission”). She reviewed the job description of both the President and Vice President. Nancy encouraged all to increase our membership – what once started out as 6 members is now an organization comprised of over 1 million members. New for next year, each unit will need to purchase the yearly program book (used for monthly programs at our general membership meetings). In the past, each unit received one program book at no cost. She also reported that our district will have a mini school of Christian Mission on Haiti led by Dennis Lipke. Date of the mini SOCM is April 14, 2012.

COMMUNICATIONS – Gwen Williams discussed the Blue Ribbon Campaign/Blue Ribbon Rally and reminded all to read the article in the district UMW newsletter “The Bridge”. Packet of information provided to each unit included: a list of the UMW District Mission Team (please review for accuracy); a UMW directory that include the name of the church, pastor, phone # of the church, church email, UMW presidents name, phone # and email address; a pamphlet on when and how the cross and flame can be use and a handout on the 3 ways we can receive information on what is happening in the direction (Google email account umwyorkriver@gmail.com, the web page <https://sites.google.com/site/yorkriverdistrictumw/>, and the district Face book page <http://www.facebook.com/YorkRiverUMW>. The directory is still being worked on and will be given out as soon as possible. Gwen also touched on the subject or how expensive it is to mail out the newsletter. She encouraged those members who have access to computers print out copies for those in their unit that do not have computers.

Nancy Yarborough thanked everyone for attending and gave the Benediction.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE – YORK RIVER TRAINING DAY 11/12/11

Nancy Yarborough – First United, NN
Nancy Ramsome – St James UMC
Frankie McHenry- Williamsburg UMC
Betty Hengritt – Willamaburg UMC
Rev. Anne Davenport – West Point
Kay Gove – West Point
Betty Sharpe – Grace
Sandy Guthrie – St Marks UMC
Elaine Hudgens – Wesley UMC, Hampton
Kay Foster – First Fox Hill
Jean Henley – St Luke’s
Joy Calleway – Olive Branch UMC
Diane Robbins – St Lukes UMC
Jeanette Yoh – Chestnut Memorial
Laurie Lasher – Parkview
Betty Walker – Parkview
Claire Smith – First, NN
Jane Waters – First UMC, NN
Maureen Miller – Central UMC, Hampton
Linda Leasure – Forest Chapel UMC
Sylvia Rumsey – First UMC, Hampton
Joan Mills – Zion UMC
Marylenn Browne – Crooks Memorial
Judy Andrews – St. Paul UMC, Matthews
Judy Rushton – First UMC, Hampton
Joanne Robbins, Bethany, Hampton
Carol Beran – Warwick Memorial UMC
Gwen Williams – St James
Brenda Callis – Matthews Chapel
Robin L. Steck – Urbanna UMC
Cindy Skaggs – Warwick Memorial
Debbie McDaniels – St James UMC, Hampton
Sue Rohrbach – Crooks UMC, Yorktown
Amy Johnson – First Fox Hill
Betty Lowe – Aldersgate, Hampton
Dana Dunham – Tabernacle, Poquoson
Rachel Shaw – Providence
Edith Lumpkins – Crooks Memorial
Mary Saylor – Wesley, Hampton
Crystal Williams – St Mark’s UMC, Hampton

Bonnie Knizatko – Williamsburg UMC
Mary Spence – Williamsburg UMC
Carolyn Mumro – Williamsburg UMC
Christine Hunt – West Point
Donna Harris – West Point
Ann Talbot – Grace
Joyce Winston – First Fox Hill
Ruth Ann Sprague – St Marks UMC
Lisa Hite – First Fox Hill
Marian Thorne – St Luke’s UMC
Donna Fary – Olive Branch UMC
Katy Jones – St Lukes UMC
Barbara Richardson – St Lukes UMC
Sue Mason – Chestnut Memorial
Janet Taylor – Parkview
Sue Long – Parkview
Barbara Wiatek – First United
Teresa Micherner – FUMC, NN
Debbie Jo Hickam – Uzzell UMC, Smithfield
Peggy Newsome – Matthews Chapel
Lehia Mundia – First UMC, Hampton
Joan Sowash – Aldersgate UMC
Marian Williams – St Paul, Matthews
Carolyn Knight – First UMC, Hampton
Judy Estilow – Bethany UMC, Hampton
Kay Fries – Warwick Memorial UMC
Melissa White – Providence
Carol Palmer – Urbanna
Annie Keneipp – Chestnut Memorial
Judi Hines – Wesley
Patricia Fitzgerald – Wesley UMC, Hampton
Evette Smalls-Cooper – St James, Hampton
Jean Raines – Fox Hill Central
Nancy Brooks – Tabernacle, Poquoson
Janet Dickenson – Tabernacle, Poquoson
Dorothy Scott-Wrenn – Warwick Memorial
Vicki Worz – Bethany
Nancy Walton – Trinity UMC, NN
Monica Sprague – St Mark’s UMC, Hampton
Sally Spreder – First United Methodist, NN