

Stillwater District United Methodist Women's

Spiritual Day Apart

March 24, 2012

Highland Park United Methodist Church

**524 N. Stallard Street
Stillwater, Ok**



*Josephine Deere: Intrepretation and Programs, OIMC
Image by: Cassandra M. Zampini
Source: GBGM Administration*

**Josephine Deere, Speaker
Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference**

**Meal will be served by Highland Park UMW
Cost is \$7.00**

**Reservations are due to Karen Mitchell by March 17, 2012
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Stillwater District UMW Project

The district project for this meeting will be contributing quantity cans of food for the Wesley Foundation at OSU. A meal is served each week to about 250 students. Bring the cans to the meeting on March 24, 2010. A pickup will be parked outside the church for the cans. Your support of this project is appreciated.

The following items are suggested:

- *Green Beans*
- *Baked Beans*
- *Navy Beans*
- *Chili Hot Beans*
- *Pinto Beans*
- *Refried Beans*
- *Crushed Tomatoes*
- *Tomatoes*
- *Tomato Puree*
- *Sliced Apples*
- *Ranch Style Beans*
- *Pickled Jalapenos*
- *Chili Beans*
- *Whole Kernel Corn*
- *Pineapple Tidbits*
- *Mushrooms (bits and pieces)*
- *Fruit Cocktail*
- *Instant Mashed Potatoes*
- *Sliced Peaches*
- *Tropical Fruit Salad*
- *Apple Sauce*
- *Mandarin Oranges*
- *Creamy Peanut Butter*
- *Lipton tea Bags (Gallon Size)*

Gift Cards from Sams are also appreciated.

Walk with Wholeness

✚ ◀ MUSINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT ▶

Here we are with life speeding by and I seem to be limping along bringing up the rear. Perseverance seems to be the name of the game. I always look forward to the challenges we face and the exciting things ahead.

First out of the box is Day Apart on March 24, 2012, hosted by Highland Park UMW, Stillwater. Donna has published a flyer with address and telephone number to make reservations.

I am very excited about Josephine Deere being our speaker. She will bring us news from Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and the activities of United Methodist Women in OIMC. They have a strong force and I, for one, will enjoy hearing about their activities.

Here are more exciting things to put on your calendars:

Spiritual Growth Retreat is April 27-29 at Camp Egan

Jurisdiction Gathering is June 22-24 at Abilene, TX.

School of Mission is July 27-29 at OCU. The 1 ½ day session is July 29-30.

Conference Annual Meeting will be in Elk City October 5-6.

District Officer's Training will be October 5 in Elk City.

Toole Tyme is November 9-11 and

Neighborhood Santa Operation is December 1.

You will be getting more information through newsletters and your presidents as these opportunities get closer. See you soon at Day Apart.

May God bless you and keep you safe, healthy and happy until we meet again.

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Sue Helms, president and Karen Mitchell, vice-president

📁 ◀ From the Treasurer

The New Year's Ball has dropped and the last notes of Auld Lang Syne have faded away along with the year 2011. It has been a good year for the Stillwater District UMW. We met our Pledge to Mission – (27,318.00). We actually took in 27,650.00. We have 28 pledging Units in the District; 23 of them met their entire pledge obligation. THANK YOU ALL!

We have done well in all other areas of giving also. Our other giving is as follows:

World Thank Offering \$ 2,672.43
Special Mission Recognition (Pins) \$ 1,155.00
Call to Prayer and Self-Denial \$ 1,106.65
Gift in Memory \$ 381.75
Gift To Mission (Cards & Ribbons) \$ 775.00
Other Giving (Cookson Hills, NSO, Red Bird School, McCurdy School, UMCOR) \$ 2,730.00

The offering taken at our Spiritual Day Apart Meeting (Directed to Rev. Taylor's Bolivia Women's Workshop) was \$1,379.05

The offering from our Annual Meeting (Disbursed to Okla. Conf. \$258.00 and an equal amount to our speaker Sandra Cox for her Water Project.)

This over and above our pledge amount of the \$27,650.00

Bringing our TOTAL Giving to over \$ 37,849.87

Thank you so very much for your Faith in Giving. Money sometimes seems like a distasteful topic, I know, but in this case, Money isn't MONEY but the ability to work in Missions throughout our troubled world. We must strive to keep the Faithful Fires Burning if we hope to bring even a small amount of

In picture, l to r: Darlene Roads, Secretary, Becky Morton, Social Action, Martha Williams, E & I, and Juanita Moe, Treasurer



Peace to our World.

I know that we will be able to keep our mission going again through 2012. I have just a reminder of a few dates:

- March 1, 2012 – Unit first quarter pledge due to me @2415 S. August – Stillwater, OK 74074
- June 1, 2012 – Unit second quarter pledge due to me
- September 1, 2012 – Unit third quarter pledge to me
- December 1, 2012 – Unit fourth quarter pledge and final forwarding of Unit treasury funds (by-laws state that each

Unit should maintain just \$200.00 in their treasury at the end of each year) – The District is also bound by this rule and I must empty the District Treasury each December.

The Conference Treasurer closes out the Conference books absolutely, December 31st. I need to receive your monies so that I may have them in to her by December 15th if at all possible. For 5 Star Giving purposes, I do count funds I receive after the deadline into the year- end total but it does confuse bookkeeping somewhat.

I also want to remind you that Special Recognition Pins need to

be ordered to allow three to four weeks lead time before the date you wish to present them. I do travel a bit during the year sometimes being gone for a two week stretch and I do hate to make your pin order late. I forward an order on to Conference as soon as I receive the mail and Betty Prentice sends her orders in promptly after receipt.

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✠◀ *From Spiritual Growth* ▶

“Great is Thy Faithfulness
Great is Thy Faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!”

“I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-this is your spiritual act of worship.” (Romans 12:1) The Message bible basically interprets this verse to “place your everyday, ordinary life in God’s hands”. We are offered open arms and a faithfulness that never waivers. A good resolution for 2012 might be to re-evaluate our relationship with God.

We’re planning our Stillwater District UMW Day Apart for Saturday, March 24th. Highland Park UMC, Stillwater is our meeting place with registration beginning at 9:30am. Our program will be focused on OIMC with Josephine Deer as our speaker for the day. Please encourage your unit to attend.

The OK Conference UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat will be in April at Camp Egan. This will be a great opportunity to learn, fellowship and worship with UMW members from all parts of Oklahoma. I’m looking forward to seeing familiar faces at this event. Details should be arriving soon in the conference newsletter.

School of Christian Missions will be held at OCU in July. Think about attending or maybe your unit will scholarship someone to attend.

Several units have sent their “angel” list for 2011. If you have not, please do so as soon as possible. They will be remembered at our District Annual meeting in Sapulpa on September 29th and again at the Conference Annual meeting in Elk City.

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📄◀ *From Social Action* ▶

Is everything fine in your neighborhood? In your town? In your country? In your world? Not in mine, either. Greetings! I am Becky Morton, your new Social Action District Chairperson. Social injustice issues are found not only in other parts of the country or world, we have them right here. So whether you are moved to help locally, nationally or globally, the difficult decision is where one's focus will be as injustices abound. Poverty which is on the increase is grounded in racial, gender, economic and educational injustices. Environmental injustices not only affect wild flora and fauna but also affect air and water quality, watersheds, flooding and agriculture.

The United Methodist Women have a long history of being advocates for injustice especially of women and children. Bullying, domestic violence, war, immigrant rights, etc., etc., etc. I am sure you could add to the list. And I am willing to bet that most of you are already involved in some type of social action issues.



Martha Williams, E & I, Roberta Lee, Program Resources and Rosalie Vaught, Nominations Chair

There are two forms to help local units focus on social action:

1. Issue Priority Form - This is a planning form to help your unit focus on a social issue or

issues and determine a strategy for the upcoming year.

2. Racial Justice Club (RJC) - There is a set of "action steps" for each unit to do in order to become a member of the RJC. These are not hard activities to complete! You are probably doing some of these steps already in your local unit. To become a member, do 3 of the activities. To maintain your membership, complete one of the steps. If your membership has elapsed, do 2 of the activities to reactivate it. It's not hard! And now is the time to get started for 2012.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me. I am new at this but am excited to be at your service.

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Betty Rutledge, Nominations, Paula Coppock, MNO, Kathy Caldron, Oklahoma Conference president

◀From Program Resources▶

. The 2012 books will be available at "Spiritual Day Apart" .Keep on reading as we have many great books to read. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Roberta Lee
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◀From Membership▶

Good Morning! I am your new MNO Mission Coordinator for our Stillwater District. Right now I am in the process of collecting your membership reports for 2011, so please encourage your units to send in the counts of your membership at the beginning of 2011, your new members last year, those removed for any reason, and your net membership total at the end of 2011. I appreciate those who have already responded to my letter, and I look forward to receiving the rest of your membership reports. These reports are passed on to the Oklahoma Conference and then to Women's Division, so you see, our individual numbers are important!

Please remember to encourage others in your congregation to come to a UMW meeting with you. We should always be noticing the women, both the young ones and the older ones in our midst that are just waiting on an invitation to join UMW to enrich their lives and "Walk in Wholeness" with other women around the globe, making a difference wherever they are.

May your year be rich with blessings and gentleness,

You may contact me at

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From Education & Interpretation

The Education & Interpretation Chair is to help explain and promote the work of the Women's Division and the General Board of Global Ministries. One way to each Unit can do this is to encourage at least two women from each Unit to subscribe to the Response or New World Outlook Magazines. Each magazine will have articles about how your mission dollars are used. Also, each Unit should have a Response Moment in programming using the Response or New World Outlook magazines.

Our program book for 2011-2012 "Walk with Wholeness" focuses on programs to challenge members to grow in your spiritual lives and in your awareness of social justice issues. These programs help us to know how our "Mission Giving Dollars" are used to serve people so that the body of Christ is built up. A resource CD comes with the book to provide extra material to go along with the programs.

The Mission Today Report that the Units are asked to fill out and turn in each year should be looked at each month. This report is actually a list of goals that are designed to help each Unit live out the United Methodist Women's Purpose.

Also, I will encourage your Mission Giving as a Gift to Mission. If you purchase Ribbons and Ribbon Corsages to honor a woman or man that has especially blessed your Unit, or just to say Thank You for a job well done, you have given a Gift to Mission. Have you ever considered giving a speaker a Ribbon? These Ribbons are available at District Functions or you may contact me and I'll be happy to send them to you. If you would like me to visit your unit, please contact me:

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"Walk with Wholeness and put Faith . Hope . Love in Action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world."

From Nominations

The Nominations Committee needs your help! In a few months, we will be selecting a slate of officers to lead Stillwater District in 2013. The offices of President and Communications plus two members of the nominations committee will need to be filled. To accomplish this, we need names of women in your units who are willing to serve as our district officers.

It is truly a blessing to be able to serve as a district officer, as we walk together as United Methodist Women.

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United Methodist Women on the Web:

<i>UMW website</i>	<i>unitedmethodistwomen.org</i>
<i>UMW Online</i>	<i>umwonline.net</i>
<i>Facebook</i>	<i>Facebook.comUMWomen</i>

Calendar of Events

<i>Spiritual Day Apart, Highland Park, Stillwater</i>	<i>March 24, 2012</i>
<i>Spiritual Growth Retreat, Camp Eagan</i>	<i>April 27-29, 2012</i>
<i>Jurisdiction Gathering, Abilene, Tx</i>	<i>June 22-24, 2012</i>
<i>Cooperative School of Christian Mission, OCU, Oklahoma City</i>	<i>July 27-29, 2012</i>
<i>1 ½ day School of Christian Mission, OSU, Oklahoma City</i>	<i>July 29-30, 2012</i>
<i>Annual Stillwater District Meeting</i>	<i>September 29, 2012</i>
<i>Oklahoma Conference Annual Meeting, Elk City</i>	<i>Oct 5-6, 2012</i>
<i>Toole Tyme</i>	<i>November 9-11, 2012</i>
<i>Neighbor Santa Operation</i>	<i>December 1, 2012</i>



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