

# UMW

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## HIGHLAND PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### FEBRUARY DINNER PROGRAM

***From Empathy to Action:  
The Inspiration of Two Young Women in  
Launching Transformative Ministries***



Brittany Underwood

**Monday, February 6  
6:30 to 8:30pm  
HPUMC Great Hall**



Alissa Rosebrough

We are excited to kick off UMW's programming in 2017 with **Brittany Underwood**, founder of the **Akola Project**, and **Alissa Rosebrough**, founder of **Arise Africa**, in a discussion led by **HPUMC Director of Outreach, Lisa Stewart**. Akola and Arise Africa are dynamic mission partners of our congregation. Both organizations were founded by young women who, upon encountering the needs of

women and children in Africa, sought to create ministries to meet those needs.

Akola helps create infrastructure in villages to support economic opportunity and job training programs for marginalized women in those villages. The ministry seeks out a means for Ugandan women to maintain a sustainable livelihood by which they can support themselves and their dependents. The handcrafted jewelry produced by the women of Akola is sold online, in Akola's Dallas storefront and through retailers around the country, including a partnership with Neiman Marcus.

Arise Africa seeks to help lift Africans out of poverty by focusing on health care, education and discipleship. The ministry operates two children's homes; serves meals to 4,000 children daily; runs a child-sponsorship program which finances the educational, medical and spiritual needs of over 300 children; and works in two community schools to help provide resources and qualified teachers.

Join UMW as these purposeful women share what motivated them to begin their ministries, the obstacles they overcame, and how they launched effective organizations.

**For dinner reservations, payment of \$15 per person (online or with check) must be received by Monday, January 30, 2017.** Pay online at [www.hpumc.org/umw](http://www.hpumc.org/umw) or pay by check by mailing your check payable to **HPUMC UMW** to: Laura Petty, HPUMC UMW Reservations Chair, 7803 Hanover, Dallas, TX 75205. Your PayPal receipt or check is your confirmation.

BE SURE TO INDICATE THE NAME OF YOUR GUESTS, CIRCLE NUMBER, or OTHER INFORMATION on your check or, if paying by PayPal, email the information to Laura Petty at [dtpetty@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dtpetty@sbcglobal.net).

Childcare is available for this event free of charge, but you must make reservations by Monday, January 30, 2017 at [www.hpumc.org/kidcare](http://www.hpumc.org/kidcare).

### The President's Message

Dear UMW Friends,

So, what were you doing when you were in your early twenties? I would guess that many of us were launching careers or marriages or families or some combination of the above. I think it is safe to assume that most of us were not launching a ministry on the other side of the globe as were our February guest speakers! I'll admit I was pretty self-absorbed at that age. I was barely aware of the poverty in the city where I lived, much less on another continent. So I find it inspiring (and pretty amazing) to hear about the successes of the Akola Project ([www.akolaproject.org](http://www.akolaproject.org)) and Arise Africa ([www.ariseafrica.org](http://www.ariseafrica.org)) and young women like Brittany and Alissa who saw a problem and decided to tackle it.

Way back in 1869, eight Boston women saw a problem in India and decided to tackle that problem: the lack of edu-

cation and medical facilities to serve women in that country. They too were not daunted by the distance, the logistical challenges or the funds needed for such a venture. They formed an organization to send two female missionaries to India. The organization they formed was the predecessor to what is now UMW, the largest denominational faith organization for women, with over 800,000 members and ministries in 110 countries. So, it is fitting that our unit of UMW begins the year with the stories of contemporary women who also saw needs among underserved populations and created ministries to address those needs.

I hope to see you all in February as we begin the year exploring our 2017 theme: "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24).

Sandy Wilson

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### HPUMC WOMEN'S RETREAT 2017: COME AS YOU ARE AND LEAVE RENEWED

This year's Women's Retreat will take place at the HPUMC campus on Friday evening, February 24 and all day Saturday, February 25. This time of spiritual renewal will include two fabulous speakers. Danielle Shroyer is a sought-after speaker, respected pastor, and a founding member of the emerging church movement. She holds a BA from Baylor University and an MDiv from Princeton Theological Seminary, and is the author of *Original Blessing: Putting Sin in its Rightful Place, Where Jesus Prayed*, and *The Boundary-Breaking God*. Suzanne Stabile is a highly sought-after speaker and teacher, known for her engaging laugh, personal vulnerability and creative approach to Enneagram instruction, which is an ancient personality typing system that identifies Nine Personality Types that are expressed individually and in relationship to others.

Register online at <http://www.hpumc.org/event/896774-2017-02-24-2017-womens-retreat/> Contact Amanda Stevens at [stevensa@hpumc.org](mailto:stevensa@hpumc.org) or 214.523.2294 with any questions. **Note: discounted early bird registration fee ends January 16 so sign up now!**

### UMW 2017 THEME

Supporting Methodist Women through intergenerational fellowship, friendships, and opportunities to foster a deepening relationship with God through outreach and mission.

**"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)**



## 2017 GEORGIA BATES AWARD HONOREE!



UMW is pleased to announce that Jan McClendon is the 2017 Georgia Bates Award recipient. The Georgia Bates Award, sponsored by HPUMC UMW, is an annual award honoring a woman who has made a significant and lasting contribution to missions. It is named after Georgia Bates, who was a nurse sponsored in mission by HPUMC for 35 years to care for the poor in West Dallas.

Jan McClendon has been a force for Meal on Wheels at HPUMC for over 30 years. On Christmas day in 1983, to emphasize the true spirit of Christmas, she took her family and delivered Meals on Wheels for the first time. Once she became a regular driver, Jan was asked to become the lay coordinator of the Meals on Wheels program at HPUMC. She had found her calling. With a talent for organization and logistics and a love of people, Jan was a natural fit for Meals on Wheels. Under Jan's guidance over the next 30 years, the number of routes delivered by HPUMC drivers has increased from one to seven, with around 200 current active volunteers including members of Munger Place Church. Literally hundreds of people have found a place of service driving the HPUMC routes since the program began in 1973. HPUMC has also provided significant financial support as well as serving as a role model for other religious groups involved in Meals on Wheels in Dallas.

Jan will receive her award at the April 3 UMW lunch program, so mark your calendars to be there to help HPUMC UMW honor her!

## OTHER UMW, CIRCLE, & LOCAL MISSION EVENTS

### HPUMC UMW Executive Board Meetings

**Monday, January 23, 6:00 (Social) 6:30 (Meeting)**  
HPUMC Room 120

Executive Board Meeting and Orientation

**Monday, February 6, 5:00-6:00pm**

HPUMC Room 385

Contact: Sandy Wilson, wilson.sandyb@gmail.com,  
214.349.8860

### Circle 1 - Evening Group, 40+, focus on spiritual growth & various mission/service projects

**Monday, February 6, 6:30-8:30pm**

HPUMC Great Hall

Attending UMW February Dinner

Contact: Candace French, candace.french@sbcglobal.net,  
214.417.4376 or Jenny Hedges, jenny.hedges123@gmail.com  
214.789.2062

### Circle 2 - Day Group, Intergenerational, Bible study with Candace Winslow

**Tuesdays, February 7, 14 & 21, 9:30-11:00am**

HPUMC Room 213

Studying the Gospel of John

Contact: Dabney Jungerman, dabney@swbell.net,  
214.693.1023 or Candace Winslow,  
candacewinslow@sbcglobal.net

### Circle 3 - Day Group, 40+, focus on various service/outreach activities & various speakers

**Tuesday, February 7, 9:00-10:30am**

Home of Jo Guittard, 3536 Wentwood

Making Valentine goodie bags for SMU Wesley Foundation students

**Thursday, February 9, 10:45am-1:00pm**

SMU Wesley Foundation, 3220 Daniel

Preparing & serving lunch to the students

**Tuesday, February 28, 12:00-1:30pm**

Home of Kay Fulton, 6629 Golf Drive

Luncheon with message from Rev. Victoria Powers of HPUMC  
Contact: Rebecca Lones, rlhones@sbcglobal.net, 214.349.7725  
or Mari Epperson, mariepper@aol.com, 972.672.4015

### Circle 4 - Evening Group, 20's & 30's, focus on relevant Christian topics and fellowship

**Tuesday, February 7, 7:00pm**

A & L Floral Design, 10720 Miller Rd., Suite 200

Flower arranging lessons & discussion of the 5 Love Languages  
Contact: Lauren Schick, lauren.schick@bankofamerica.com,  
214.762.3200

## UMW DECKS THE HALLS OF HPUMC!

HPUMC UMW members once again decked the halls of HPUMC for Christmas. Each Circle helped with different parts of the church including decorating the beautiful Christmas trees with the UMW hand-crafted Christmas ornaments. Thanks to Mari Epperson for organizing this project!



## CIRCLE 4 SERVING WOMEN IN NEED



Circle 4, with help from Circle 18, prepared and served dinner to the clients at New Friends New Life this past fall. NFNL restores and empowers formerly trafficked and sexually exploited women and their children. The clients are provided access to education, job training, interim financial assistance, mental health, and spiritual support.

## SERVING COFFEE & COOKIES!

HPUMC UMW staffs The Coffee Cart on the second floor of HPUMC west of the sanctuary on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Two volunteers are needed from 9:00 to 11:00am each time. This is fun AND raises money for HPUMC UMW to donate to missions! Please contact Jenny Hedges at jenny.hedges123@gmail.com if you can help!

Also, HPUMC UMW provides homemade cookies for each monthly session of Starting Point at HPUMC. This program is for new or potential members of the church. Volunteers just bring 40 cookies to the kitchen area of HPUMC Room 120 by noon on their assigned day. To volunteer, please contact DeeAnn Spencer at dmspencer2@att.net or 205.394.3041.

### Circle 7 - Evening Group, 30+, focus on balancing workplace & spiritual life, relationships, outreach & spiritual growth

**Tuesday, February 7, 7:00pm**

Kona Grill in Northpark Mall

Discussing "Integrating Your Christian Faith into Your Career"

Contact: Susan Peck, peck.susan@hotmail.com or Nicole Zrake, nmzrake@gmail.com

### Circle 8 - Day Group, any age, creative crafts projects & fellowship

**Tuesday, February 28, 10am-12:00pm**

HPUMC Room 385

Fellowship & creative projects, all are invited!

Contact: Gloria Jones, gloriakjones@verizon.net, 214.295.5455

### Circle 11 - Day Group, 30's & 40's, focus on balancing work, parenting & life, outreach & spiritual

**Monday, March 6, 11:30am-1:00pm**

HPUMC Great Hall

Attending UMW March lunch program: *The Messy Road to Motherhood* by Rev. Dr. Maria Dixon Hall

Reserve complimentary childcare 1 week prior at [www.hpumc.org/kidcare](http://www.hpumc.org/kidcare). RSVP for lunch per details above.

Contact: Gina Gregory at ggregory@lenguadepaz.com or Lane Reed Jensen at mlrjdc@aol.com

### Circle 12 - Day Group, 50+, Bible study & mission projects

**Thursday, February 2, 3:00pm**

Home of Marty Curtis, 3321 St. John's Drive

Spring program series with Dana Harkey

Contact: Marty Curtis at martycurtis@gmail.com, 214.528.4751,  
or Holly Sudbury at hsdubury@sbcglobal.net, 214.755.4747

### Circle 16 - Day & Evening Group, moms of young children, focus on balancing life & workplace, spiritual

**Monday, February 13, 12:00-1:00pm**

HPUMC Room 385

Lunch & Fellowship

Contact: Amanda Kalescky, akalescky@gmail.com, 214.226.7485

### Circle 18 - Day Group, 50+, various UMW mission topics

**Monday, February 13, 11:30am-1:00pm**

Home of Dee Ann Spencer, 11817 Brookhill Lane

Program TBD

Contact: Elaine Walters at walterse@sbcglobal.net, 214-363-3232

## JOYS & CONCERNS

*We pray for comfort and peace for those who have lost precious loved ones:*

Nancy Loehr (Circles 12 & 8) - for the loss of her sister, Susan McFatridge, who passed away from COPD. Nancy's niece, Kristina Terry, is now battling bone cancer.

Julie Collier (Circles 3 & 8) - for the loss of her brother, Max, in December

Toni Terry (Circle 5) - on the passing of her husband, Marshall Terry

Mary Helen Bradford (Circle 5) - on the passing of her brother-in-law, Marshall Terry

Charlotte Madison (Circle 3) for the loss of her brother-in-law.

*We pray for healing for those dealing with illness:*

Jo Guittard (Circle 3) - for healing of her cousin Betty who has cancer, and we pray for Jo and her family as they care for Betty Diana Miller (Circle 3) - for comfort for her mom, Dorothy Ingram, who has COPD

Jenny Hedges (Circle 1) - for healing from knee surgery

Valinda Wolfert (Circle 3) - for healing for her ill son, Will

*With joy we celebrate:*

Erin Geary (Circle 16) and her husband Bobby on the birth of their precious daughter Sophia Alison Geary born November 11, 2016. She is sister to RJ.

Krystin Gerlach (Circle 16) and her husband Nick on the birth of their daughter, Claire Olivia Gerlach, born December 2, 2016. She joins brother William.

Susan Holman (Circles 8 & 18) on the birth of her granddaughter, Mary Kathryn Pyle, born November 1, 2016.

Lucy Johnson (Circle 3) on the birth of her granddaughter, Emma Lynn Burks, born November 4, 2016.

Lucy Johnson (Circle 3) on her marriage to Rick Tubb on December 20, 2016.

Laurie Lueder (Circle 3) on her marriage to Kevin Warner on October 22, 2016.

Please keep UMW updated on any special joys or concerns by contacting Sue Hughes at [suelh620@att.net](mailto:suelh620@att.net) or 214.361.4504



## UMW ON FACEBOOK!

HPUMC UMW is now on Facebook! Many thanks to Sandy Wilson and Maria Verbanac for getting this started. Follow us at HPUMC United Methodist Women or click: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=hpumc%20united%20methodist%20women>

### Circle 20 - Day Group, 50-75+, focus on spiritual growth & various mission/service projects

**Monday, February 13, 10:30am**

Home of Anita Ray, 3117 Bryn Mawr

Holly Scurry, Outreach, speaking on Africa

Contact: Beth Pirtle, bethsigns@att.net, 972.243.7353

### Wesley-Rankin Community Center Spring Luncheon

**Thursday, April 6, 11:30am**

Trinity Groves

Contact: Mari Epperson, mariepper@aol.com, 972.672.4015

### NEXT UMW PROGRAM!

#### Monday, March 6, 11:30am: The Messy Road to Motherhood

Rev. Dr. Maria Dixon Hall, Associate Professor at SMU, Senior Advisor to the Provost for Campus Cultural Intelligence Initiatives and wife of Rev. Jeff Hall will share her journey of recently adopting three children: Carnell, Harmony and Faith. A sought-after communication strategist and speaker, Maria will share her experiences of becoming a mother of three in the midst of a successful career. UMW will recognize mothers of new babies in our congregation at this lunch meeting. PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO ANY HPUMC MOMS OF NEW BABIES YOU KNOW!

## PURPOSE OF UMW

United Methodist Women (UMW) is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and 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.

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