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HIGHLAND PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

MARCH LUNCHEON PROGRAM *The Messy Road to Motherhood* with Rev. Dr. Maria Dixon Hall



Monday, March 6, 2017
11:30am to 1:00pm
HPUMC Great Hall

Please join the United Methodist Women at HPUMC to hear 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 speak on 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 Mother in

the midst of a successful career focusing her research on professional consulting of Strategic Communications for Non-Profits and Religious Organizations and the intersection between race, identity and faith.

HPUMC MOTHERS OF BABIES BORN IN 2016: We would love for you to join us AS OUR GUESTS for this inspiring program so that we can honor you and your new babies. Please RSVP by Monday, February 27, 2017 to rsvp.hpumc.umw@gmail.com with your and your baby's name. If you wish childcare for your baby once the babies have been honored while you enjoy the lunch and program, please make childcare reservations per details below. IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL LUNCH, PLEASE DO SO ASAP TO rsvp.hpumc.umw@gmail.com SO WE CAN AVOID UNNECESSARY EXPENSES WHICH TAKE AWAY FROM OUR DONATIONS TO MISSION.

ALL OTHERS: PREPAID LUNCH RESERVATIONS (\$15/PERSON) REQUIRED BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017. YOU

ARE ALSO WELCOME TO ATTEND WITHOUT EATING LUNCH. PLEASE RSVP ONLINE SO WE WILL KNOW YOU ARE COMING.

For lunch reservations, payment of \$15 per person (online or with check) must be received by Monday, February 27, 2017. Pay online at www.hpumc.org/umw or pay by check by mailing your check payable to HPUMC UMW to: Laura Petty, HPUMC UMW Reservations Chair, 7803 Hannover, 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 rsvp.hpumc.umw@gmail.com.

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

The President's Message

Dear UMW Friends,

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1, KJV)

When we meet on March 6, we will all be tired of crunchy grass, leafless trees and sweaters. We will be looking for the first buds on the azalea bushes to give us hope that new life is about to spring forth from the drab brown landscape. So, as we anticipate the arrival of spring and the renewal of nature, what a treat for us to have an opportunity to celebrate the new lives in our congregation! Our annual celebration of new babies and their mothers is a delightful tradition in our group. It gives us an opportunity to communicate our support to new mothers, to admire their sweet children and to bask in the warmth of fellowship with women from multiple generations.

Whether you are a parent or not, you are sure to enjoy our guest speaker, Dr. Maria Dixon Hall, as she shares with us her *Messy Road to Motherhood* (her title, not mine!). In addition to being the wife of a Methodist minister and mother of three young children, Dr. Dixon Hall is an award-winning professor and senior advisor to the Provost at SMU; the director of *mustangconsulting*; a Probationary Deacon in the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church; and a sought-after communication strategist who has been a contributor to national media outlets such as Time Magazine, CNN, The New York Times and The Religious News Service. Somehow she also finds the time to cheer for her beloved Crimson Tide and SMU Mustangs. Perhaps for an encore, Maria can return and share with us her tips for doing it all!

I look forward to seeing you all on March 6!

Sandy Wilson

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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)

STARBRIGHT: SHINE ON! **BENEFITING DALLAS** **BETHLEHEM CENTER**

Dallas Bethlehem Center, in partnership with Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing Arts, presents *StarBright 2017: Shine On!* the annual benefit event featuring the children and youth of South Dallas/Fair Park. The event will take place on **Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 7:00pm** at Montgomery Arts Theater.

The evening's highlights include performances by the DBC Players in African American dance and drumming, mime, theater, contemporary dance, music and more. Also appearing are representatives from Booker T. Washington and the adult choir, Voices for Bethlehem. The evening promises to provide an unforgettable experience for both the audience and the performers.

Please grab some friends and buy tickets for DBC's Third Annual Benefit Concert. DBC is an agency of the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church and on property owned by the Women's Division of the North Texas Conference.

For more information, contact: 214.428.5171 ext. 103 or starbright@dallasbethlehemcenter.org or purchase tickets online at www.dallasbethlehemcenter.org

OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL EDUCATOR RECEIVES COVETED AWARD



The Opportunity School's Kasthuri Devaraj was awarded the Mother Teresa Sadbhavana Award for outstanding achievement in the field of education on December 21, 2016 in New Delhi, India. As one of the missions that our unit of UMW supports, it is thrilling to hear that the great work being done by those at the Opportunity School is being recognized.

If you would like to contribute to the new Opportunity School and Orphanage Building Fund, please mail your check to: SOSMC, P.O. BOX 720121, Dallas, TX 75372-0121. Your donation is tax deductible.

CALLING ALL UMW MEMBERS!

In partnership with our Pastoral Care Department, UMW will be creating small spring wreaths for the homebound members of our church. Currently we have approximately 300+ homebound members in our congregation and we would like to give them encouragement and brighten their days. Another way of saying this is that we want them to know that they are not forgotten! This is a great way to serve our church within the walls!

Join us on Tuesday, February 28 from 10:00am-12:00pm in HPUMC Room 385. Visitors: please join us!

NOTE: No talent needed! Bring glue gun and scissors!

OTHER UMW, CIRCLE, & LOCAL MISSION EVENTS

HPUMC UMW Executive Board Meeting
Monday, March 6, 10:00-11:00am
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, 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
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, March 7, 21 & 28, 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 28, 12:00-1:30pm
Home of Kay Fulton, 6629 Golf Drive
Luncheon with message from Rev. Victoria Powers of HPUMC
Contact: Rebecca Lones, rhones@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, March 7, 7:00pm
Home of Kelly Dawes Wilson, 10584 High Hollows Dr, Unit 176
Candle making lessons & discussion of spiritual gifts
Contact: Lauren Schick, lauren.schick@bankofamerica.com, 214.762.3200

Circle 7 - Evening Group, 30+, focus on balancing workplace & spiritual life, relationships, outreach & spiritual growth
Thursday, March 9, 7:00pm
Gemma restaurant, 2323 N. Henderson
Discussion of *What Makes You Happy?* - an Andy Stanley sermon series
Contact: Susan Peck, peck.susan@hotmail.com or Nicole Zrake, nmzrake@gmail.com

C. C. YOUNG DRAMA & BAZAAR!



Rose-Mary Rumbley, legendary speaker and story teller will present *Drama, You Can't Live Without It!* as part of C. C. Young Auxiliary's Spring Fundraiser on Wednesday, March 29 at University Park UMC. This event benefits C. C. Young's Benevolence Fund and activities for CCY residents. Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for CCY residents) and can be purchased at the door. Bazaar and refreshments begin at 10:00am with the program at 10:45.

For information about the event or donating items for the bazaar, please contact: Briana Boswell Brown at 214.507.4425

NEW: UMW READING GROUPS!

Did you know that UMW has a reading program? It is like an enormous "book club" with 800,000 members! The national office of UMW has compiled a list of 104 member-reviewed books to educate, inspire, enlighten or entertain. Our Reading Program Co-Leaders, Nancy Loehr (nancyloehr@att.net) and Dana Harkey (danaharkey@gmail.com) have been hard at work ordering books for our unit and compiling synopses of sixteen of the most interesting titles. The 2017 recommended reading list and books, reading program participation forms and synopses for selected titles are available in a special UMW section of the church library.

In addition, Nancy and Dana are organizing "reading and discussion groups" similar to temporary book clubs. These groups either choose a title or you can choose the group based on the title you are interested in. The group reads the book over the course of a month and then meets to discuss it. If you are interested in participating in one of the reading and discussion groups, please contact Nancy or Dana or stop by the Reading Program table at our monthly UMW meeting. What a wonderful opportunity to enlighten ourselves while in fellowship with our UMW sisters!

Circle 8 - Day Group, any age, creative crafts projects & fellowship
Tuesday, March 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. RSVP for lunch per details above.
Contact: Gina Gregory at gggregory@lenguadepez.com or Lane Reed Jensen at mlrjdoc@aol.com

Circle 12 - Day Group, 50+, Bible study & mission projects
Thursday, March 2, 3:00pm
Home of Mimi Fisher, 6045 Northwood Road
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
Wednesday, March 6, 11:30am-1:00pm
HPUMC Great Hall
Attending March UMW program and honoring mothers with 2016 born babies, see RSVP details above
Wednesday, March 20, 12:00-1:00pm
HPUMC Room 385
Lunch and fellowship
Contact: Amanda Kalescky, akalescky@gmail.com, 214.226.7485

Circle 18 - Day Group, 50+, various UMW mission topics
Monday, March 13, 11:30am-1:00pm
HPUMC Fellowship Hall
Ann Williams, HPUMC Librarian, gives a Tour of the Library followed by a presentation on the UMW Reading Program by Dana Harkey. Lunch may be purchased from Preston Hollow Catering.
Contact: Elaine Walters at walterse@sbcglobal.net, 214-363-3232

WESLEY-RANKIN HATTIE'S LUNCHEON



Wesley-Rankin Community Center, a Methodist-founded and supported multi-purpose community center serving West Dallas, will hold its 9th annual Hattie's Luncheon on Thursday, April 6, at 11:30am at 3015 at Trinity Groves located at 3015 Gulden Lane. Tickets are \$45 per person, or \$450 for a table of 10, or \$600 for a VIP table of 10.

Contact Nathaniel at 214.742.6674 for more information or Mari Epperson, mariepper@aol.com, 972.672.4015. Grab your friends to put together a table today!

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

Patty Barteau (Circle 3) on the death of her father-in-law on January 7.

Julie Collier (Circle 3) on the death of her brother in early December.

Jane Ann Cousins (Circle 18) on the death of her son on December 16.

Mari Epperson (Circle 3) on the death of her father-in-law on January 26.

Sue Melton (Circle 20) on the death of her sister on December 16.

Julie Noel (Circles 1 & 3) on the death of her father-in-law on January 24.

Trissie Osborn (Circle 3) on the death of mother-in-law on December 28.

We pray for healing for those dealing with illness:
Shirley Athey (Circle 20) - husband had gall bladder surgery.
Diana Miller (Circle 3) - mother is struggling with COPD.
Beth Pirtle (Circle 20) - husband had eye surgery and is recovering nicely.
Mary Voegtle (Circle 3) - had foot surgery on January 12.

With joy we celebrate:
Stephanie Berry (Circle 16) and her husband Chris on the birth of their son Dean Allen Berry on January 11. He is brother to big sister Jane!
Christie Moore (Circle 3) and her husband Patrick welcomed their daughter Madeleine Grace Moore on January 19!

Please keep UMW updated on any special joys or concerns by contacting Sue Hughes at suelh620@att.net or 214.361.4504.

Circle 20 - Day Group, 50-75+, focus on spiritual growth & various mission/service projects
Monday, March 13, 10:30am
Home of Priscilla Berry, 3708 Wentwood
Dr. William Jennings Bryan, III, Perkins School of Theology Associate Dean, on *Humorous History of Dallas Churches*
Contact: Beth Pirtle, bethsigns@att.net, 972.243.7353

NEXT UMW PROGRAM!

Monday, April 3, 11:30am-1:00pm, Great Hall
Spirit of Mission: The Georgia Bates Award Luncheon
Each year UMW honors a woman from HPUMC that has made significant and lasting contributions to missions. UMW is pleased to present Jan McClendon with the 2017 Georgia Bates Award for her service as a life-long volunteer. Please join us for this special program honoring a woman with a true servant's heart.

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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