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APRIL LUNCHEON PROGRAM *Spirit of Mission: The Georgia Bates Award Luncheon Honoring Jan McClendon*



**Monday, April 3, 2017
11:30am to 1:00pm
HPUMC Great Hall**

UMW is pleased to present Jan McClendon as 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.

Please join UMW as we celebrate mission and Jan!

For lunch reservations, payment of \$15 per person (online or with check) must be received by Monday, March 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 Hanover, Dallas, TX 75225. 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.

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

Childcare is available for this event free of charge, but you must make reservations by Monday, March 27, 2017 at www.hpumc.org/kidcare.

The President's Message

Dear UMW Friends,

"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Matt. 5:16)

Georgia Bates began serving the people of West Dallas as a Visiting Nurse sponsored by our church in 1939. I am certain that seventy-eight years ago, she had no idea that today she would be the namesake for an award honoring women in mission. Working as a Visiting Nurse, Miss Bates had an opportunity to go into the homes of our neighbors who lived in some of the most squalid conditions in our city. For 34 years, she was a daily presence among the people of West Dallas, providing medical care and a witness of Christ's love for all.

There seems to be some synchronicity (defined as a "meaningful coincidence") that this year's recipient of the Georgia Bates Award, Jan McClendon, has also been en-

gaged in ministry through the Visiting Nurses Association for over three decades. Jan has been the volunteer coordinator for the Meals on Wheels ministry of our church, enabling our congregation to provide hundreds of drivers to deliver hot nutritious meals to senior citizens who cannot provide for themselves. Without Meals on Wheels, these senior citizens would go hungry. Through this ministry, volunteers have had an opportunity to go into the homes of our neighbors and meet a physical need as well as show Christ's love. Over these past three decades, who can count all the lives who have been touched, both those of the volunteer drivers and those of the Meals on Wheels recipients.

As we honor Jan and her decades of service to our congregation and our community, we also honor all the volunteer drivers who have provided a life line and a "love line" to a vulnerable community.

Sandy Wilson

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

NEW KNEELERS COMING TO COX CHAPEL



A special project has started to provide beautiful custom-designed kneelers for the HPUMC Cox Chapel altar. UMW Circle 8 is spearheading this project to needlepoint these new kneelers and would welcome anyone who wants to be involved. All thread and canvas are supplied and can be worked on at Circle 8's monthly meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 10:00am-12:00pm in HPUMC Room 385. Work can also be done at home on your own in between meetings.

Monetary donations for this project are being accepted in any amount. Please make your check out to HPUMC - Cox Chapel Kneeler Fund. For further information on the project, please contact Bonnie Wilson at bonniwilson@mac.com or 214.361.0301 or Carol Duff at duffrog@att.net or 214.368.0910.



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)

ONE BEAD. ONE HOPE.



Over 100 women packed HPUMC's Great Hall on Monday, February 6 to enjoy fellowship over dinner and hear from Brittany Underwood from Akola and Alissa Rosebrough from Arise Africa. Each speaker had beautiful slides, inspirational video and moving talks about what inspired them to start their ministries in Africa. Attendees also enjoyed supporting the Akola microfinance project by purchasing beautiful bead jewelry handcrafted by African women.

HPUMC members were encouraged to know that our church partners with these two amazing organizations. To learn more, go to www.akolaproject.org and www.ariseafrica.org

HPUMC WOMEN CAME AS THEY WERE!



Over 230 women attended the 2017 HPUMC Women's Retreat in February and left RENEWED! Thought-provoking speakers captivated the audience, who then had the opportunity to discuss the insights they gained from those messages in small group sessions.

OTHER UMW, CIRCLE, & LOCAL MISSION EVENTS

HPUMC UMW Executive Board Meeting
Monday, April 3, 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
Tuesday, April 11, 7:00pm
HPUMC Cornerstone Cafe
Returning to the roots of UMW mission with *Call to Prayer and Self Denial* program led by Sandy Wilson
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, April 4, 11 & 18, 9:30-11:00am
HPUMC Room 213
Studying the Gospel of John
Contact: Candace Winslow, candacewinslow@sbcglobal.net

Circle 3 - Day Group, 40+, focus on various service/outreach activities & various speakers
Thursday, April 6, 11:30am-1:00pm
3015 at Trinity Groves located at 3015 Gulden Lane
Attending Wesley-Rankin *Hattie's Luncheon*, purchase tickets per details above
Friday, April 7, 5:00-6:30pm
HPUMC Room 120
Providing and serving dinner to Night Owls Volunteers, contact Valinda Wolfert at vbwolfert@yahoo.com to help.
Contact: Rebecca Lones, rlones@sbcglobal.net, 214.349.7725 or Mari Epperson, mariepper@aol.com, 972.672.4015

WILKINSON CENTER'S CAN DO! LUNCHEON



Mark your calendars for the fifth annual *Can Do!* Luncheon benefitting the Wilkinson Center being held Tuesday, May 9 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Dallas Country Club. The luncheon will honor Ashlee & Chris Kleinert, The Real Estate Council and a Wilkinson Center client. Tickets begin at \$250 per person and can be purchased at www.wilkinsoncenter.org.

Wilkinson Center provides free programs throughout nine zip codes in East and Southeast Dallas including Pleasant Grove. The center helps families face critical life challenges including food insecurity, lack of education, economic instability, unemployment and underemployment. For more information, contact UMW Mission Liaison to Wilkinson Center Sue Melton at sue-melton@att.net.

UMW SPRING WREATHS



UMW members met on February 28 and March 7 to handcraft beautiful spring wreaths to be given to homebound members of HPUMC. "Modeling" the spring wreaths are Laura Petty, Michele Vicente and Mary Bishop. Many thanks to Trissie Osborn from HPUMC's Pastoral Care Department and UMW Member Mari Epperson for spearheading this project!

Circle 4 - Evening Group, 20's & 30's, focus on relevant Christian topics and fellowship
Tuesday, April 4, 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, April 13, 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

Circle 8 - Day Group, any age, creative crafts projects & fellowship
Tuesday, April 25, 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
Thursday, April 27
Evening gathering
Location TBD
Contact: Gina Gregory at ggregory@lenguadepaz.com or Lane Reed Jensen at mlrjdoc@aol.com

Circle 12 - Day Group, 50+, Bible study & mission projects
Thursday, April 6, 3:00pm
Home of Carmen McMillan, 6108 Deloache
Spring program series, *Living as a Covenant Community*, by Dana Harkey
Contact: Marty Curtis at martycurtis@gmail.com, 214.528.4751, or Holly Sudbury at hsudbury@sbcglobal.net, 214.755.4747

Circle 16 - Day & Evening Group, moms of young children, focus on balancing life & workplace, spiritual growth
Monday, April 24, 12:00-1:00pm
HPUMC Room 385
Lunch and fellowship
Contact: Amanda Kalescky, akalescky@gmail.com, 214.226.7485

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 Wednesday, April 5, 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:

Beth Averitt (Associate Member) - who passed away on January 27, 2017

Rosemary Latham (Circle 20) - who passed away on February 18, 2017

We pray for healing for those dealing with illness:

Natalie Stollenwerck (Circle 20) - rotator cuff surgery

Mary Voegtle (Circle 3) - coping with foot surgery complications

With joy we celebrate:

Katrina Bolin (Circle 16) and husband Houston as they welcome Walker Lee Bolin on February 18, 2017. He joins big brother, Knox.

Lucy Johnson (Circle 3) as she welcomes her first grandson, Luke Wesley Nowlin, on February 6, 2017.

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

Circle 18 - Day Group, 50+, various UMW mission topics
Monday, April 10, 11:30am-1:00pm
Home of Rita Clinton, 2908 Bryn Mawr Drive
Beverly Sharpe reports on Social Action from her attendance at the UMW Legislative Event in Austin
Contact: Elaine Walters at walterse@sbcglobal.net, 214-363-3232

Circle 20 - Day Group, 50-75+, focus on spiritual growth & various mission/service projects
Monday, April 10, 10:30am
Home of Carol Duff - Club Room at 6800 Del Norte Lane
Jenny Misslin, HPUMC GroupLife Coordinator speaks on *Holy Listening*
Contact: Beth Pirtle, bethsigns@att.net, 972.243.7353

NEXT UMW PROGRAM!

Monday, May 1, 6:30-8:30pm, Great Hall
Fight for the Forgotten: How a Mixed Martial Artist Stopped Fighting for Himself and Started Fighting for Others
Justin Wren, a promising Mixed Martial Artist who descended into the depths of depression and drug abuse, heard God's call to fight for those who could not fight for themselves. Taking the opportunity to travel to some of the most desperate areas of the world on humanitarian missions, Wren found his calling. Living among the Mbuti Pygmies in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and working to help improve their lives has proven to be his best and ultimate fight!

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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