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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON *A Baby Changes Everything: Considering Christmas from a Woman's Heart* by Hannah Buchanan



**Monday, December 4
11:30am to 1:00pm
HPUMC Great Hall**

Enjoy an inspirational Christmas message from our own Hannah Buchanan, HPUMC Associate Pastor of Cornerstone and Outreach. Hannah explores the Christmas story from the perspective of the mother, sure to touch the heart of every woman. Join your fellow UMW friends as we celebrate this wondrous gift!

To reserve lunch, payment of \$15 per person (online or with check) must be received by Thursday, November 30, 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. IF POSSIBLE, 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, November 27, 2017 at www.hpumc.org/kidcare.

ART SHOW BENEFITTING HPUMC UMW

Nancy Loehr, HPUMC UMW member, is an artist who specializes in European landscapes and architecture. Nancy will hold a solo art exhibition from Saturday, December 2 to Friday, December 29 at *Two Corks and a Bottle* in the Quadrangle at 2650 Laclede Street with a special art show opening on Wednesday, December 6 from 6:00 to 10:00pm. 10% of art purchases by HPUMC or UMW members throughout the show will be donated to HPUMC UMW! Please support Nancy AND HPUMC UMW in this fun and creative way. Contact Nancy at nancyloehr@att.net or 214.278.4390 with any questions.

The President's Message

Dear UMW Friends,

As the 2017 UMW year draws to an end, I would like to express my gratitude for having the opportunity to serve as your president. It is an awesome experience to follow in the path of women who have been great leaders in our congregation, many of whom have been mentors and friends to me during my nearly 20 years of membership in UMW. I would also like to thank all of you for your graciousness to those of us in leadership positions. Your kindness and encouragement make serving in these roles a joy, not a job!

I would also like to thank the nearly 50 ladies who have served alongside of me this year. In a group this large and this active, it takes many willing hands to produce great programs, execute meaningful mission opportunities and

nurture our membership. There are individuals who can always be relied upon to say, "I'll handle that!" (You know who you are!) Your willingness to do anything needed to support UMW, whether or not it is in your job description, is what keeps us going!

Merry Christmas and many blessings to you and yours in 2018!

Sandy Wilson

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WESLEY-RANKIN CHRISTMAS CARDS!



Partner with Wesley-Rankin to prepare and distribute your Christmas greetings. All proceeds benefit the good work of Wesley-Rankin!

Choose from two beautifully designed holiday cards featuring original artwork! You provide your personal list and WR adult volunteers will hand address, stamp, seal and mail the cards at a cost of \$100 for 25 cards! They can even fold and stuff a holiday letter you prepare and provide! Other optional services include an inside signature or if you prefer to add your own personal note, they will hand address, stamp, and return to you! Cards can also be purchased to distribute yourself.

For questions or to order, please contact Pamela Shamblin at 817.313.6757 or pamfsham@gmail.com. ORDERS DUE DECEMBER 1, 2017!



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)

ANNOUNCING 2018 HPUMC UMW PROGRAMS!

Mark your calendars now for the fabulous programs planned for 2018!

Monday, February 6, 6:30 to 8:30pm, Great Hall
Making the Small Moments Count: Connecting with Your Spouse Throughout the Day with Gregg Medlyn & Candace Winslow, authors of ***Getting Me: The Secret to What Your Spouse Really Wants***

Married couples rarely look at the moments of departing and reuniting with their spouse as intentional moments to connect with one another. Gregg and Candace will discuss “comings and goings” moments in marriage and how these times in each day present a great opportunity to intentionally connect in marriage.

Monday, March 5, 11:30am to 1:00pm, Great Hall
Providing Dignity & Community to Vulnerable Seniors by Stephanie Free, Executive Director of Dickinson Place and Manager of Tyler Street Tower

Hear about Dickinson Place’s mission to provide safe and affordable housing and programming to senior citizens while enhancing their social, physical and spiritual well-being.

Monday, April 9, 6:30 to 8:30pm, Great Hall
Abused Children Can’t Wait: Advocates for Children & Teens in Foster Care - Sarah Crowder, Dallas CASA Manager, Volunteer Recruitment & Outreach

A panel of current CASA volunteers will join Sarah in sharing their experiences as advocates for children and teens in foster care. Dallas CASA serves children from newborns to children aging out of foster care.

Monday, May 7, 11:30am to 1:00pm, Great Hall
Spirit of Mission: The Georgia Bates Award Luncheon

The Georgia Bates Award, an annual award sponsored by UMW, will be presented to a woman in the HPUMC congregation who has made a significant and lasting contribution to missions. Senior Pastor Paul Rasmussen will present the award to our honoree.

Monday, September 10, 6:30 to 8:30pm, Great Hall
Desert Diplomat - Robert W. Jordan, Ambassador to Saudi Arabia during the George W. Bush administration, will discuss the current Middle East climate and his book, *Desert Diplomat* which was released in July 2015. Until recently, Ambassador Jordan divided his time between Dubai and the United States as Senior Partner-in-Charge of the Middle East office of Baker & Botts. Currently, he is Ambassador in Residence at the John Goodwin Tower School for Political Studies at Southern Methodist University.

Monday, October 1, 11:30am to 1:00pm, Great Hall
Wilkinson Center Success Stories: Restoring Hope & Pathways Out of Poverty - Anne Reeder, Executive Director of The Wilkinson Center

The Wilkinson Center began as a little food pantry in Munger Place Church and in 2017 is celebrating 35 years of service to their neighbors. Their mission is to transform the lives of Dallas families by providing pathways to self-sufficiency with dignity and respect. They fulfill their mission with a holistic approach by helping families face critical life challenges including food insecurity, lack of education, economic instability, unemployment and underemployment. Their formula for success is case management, a compassionate staff, dedicated volunteers and effective individualized programming.

Monday, November 5, 6:30 to 8:30pm, Great Hall
A Life that Matters: Transforming Faces, Renewing Lives - Dr. Kenneth E. Salyer, M.D., Plastic and Craniofacial Surgeon

Dr. Salyer established the World Craniofacial Foundation in Dallas serving more than 13,000 patients from every state and more than 75 countries around the world. Dr. Salyer travels as a sought-after motivational speaker, sharing memories and lessons from a lifetime of medical philanthropy.

Monday, December 3, 11:30am to 1:00pm, Great Hall
Christmas Luncheon and *Simply Christmas* with Ruth Meek
A galvanizing call to simplify the celebration on our highest holy-day (holiday) including practical ways to prioritize Christ and people above Santa and things. Ruth has been a teacher at Providence Christian School, Director of a non-profit medical mission, a realtor and an etiquette coach. Now she enjoys mentoring women through her speaking and teaching ministry, *Redeeming Messages*.

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

Patty Barteau (Circle 3) – death of her mother, Peggy Gilliam, on October 6

We celebrate:

Alice Stultz (Past HPUMC UMW President) – celebrating her 95th birthday in November 2017!

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

2018 HPUMC UMW OFFICERS

As we say thank you to our 2017 UMW officers, we welcome in our leadership team for 2018!

President: Debra Merlino

President-Elect: Michele Vicente

Vice President - Programs: Elaine Walters

Assistant Vice President - Programs: Mary Ella Afill

Vice President - Arrangements: Mari Epperson

Assistant Vice President - Arrangements: Valinda Wolfert (Day) & Diana Miller (Evening)

Recording Secretary: Rita Clinton & Karen Reeder

Corresponding Secretary: Candace French

Treasurer: Michele Vicente

Treasurer-Elect: Sandy Wilson

Reservations Chair: Laura Petty

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Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinators: Julie Collier & Dana Harkey

Social Action Mission Coordinator: Beverly Sharpe

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Circle Resources/Missions: Jo Guittard

Communications/Website: Marie McCoy

Social Media: Lynn Mahurin

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Newsletter Chair: Dina Steele

Cornerstone Café Service Chair: Jenny Hedges

Starting Point Cookie Chair: Lane Reed Jensen

Nominations Chair: Marie McCoy

Photographer: Caroline Solazzo (Day), Cathy Morgan & Cheri Whitten (Evening)

Georgia Bates Committee Chair: Diana Miller

KEEP UMW UP TO DATE!

Kim Brandt, UMW Directory Chair, is preparing the 2018 UMW Directory. Please let her know by FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 if you have any changes in your email, telephone numbers and/or address that you would like included in the directory. Also, this is the last chance to submit any fun photos of UMW or Circle activities to Kim so that she might be able to include them in the directory. Members can email Kim at kbrandt1@sbcglobal.net.

OTHER UMW, CIRCLE, & LOCAL MISSION EVENTS

HPUMC UMW Executive Board Meeting

Monday, December 4, 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

Wednesday, December 6, 6:30pm

Medallion Center Target – Christmas gift shopping for a sponsored child, then Christmas dinner (location TBD)
Contact: Candace French, candace.french@sbcglobal.net, 214.417.4376 or Jenny Hedges, jenny.hedges123@gmail.com 214.789.2062

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

Monday, December 11, 10:00am-12:00pm

Christmas Brunch

Home of Lee Ann Renner, 4508 Livingston

RSVP to Rebecca Lones, rlones@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, December 5, 7:00pm

Christmas Party & Ornament Exchange

Home of Kelly Wilson, 10584 High Hollows Drive, Unit 176

(Please contact Kelly at 847.274.2471 for entry information)

For more information, contact: Lauren Schick, lauren.schick@bankofamerica.com, 214.762.3200

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

Tuesday, December 19, 10am-12:00pm

Home of Susan Holman, 4020 University Blvd.

Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon

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

December Christmas Social – Time and place 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

Monday, November 20, 9:30am

HPUMC Fellowship Hall – decorating the hall for Christmas!

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

Thursdays, November 9, & 16, 12:00-1:15pm

HPUMC Room 315

Finishing eight-week series on *The Gifts of Imperfect Parenting: A Wholehearted Revolution* by Brené Brown. Participants are welcome to bring a lunch.

Contact: Amanda Kalescky, akalescky@gmail.com, 214.226.7485 or Erin Geary, ehgeary@gmail.com, 917.710.2058 for more information!

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

Monday, December 11, 11:30am-1:00pm

Home of Susan Holman, 4020 University Blvd.

Christmas Luncheon

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, December 11, 10:30am

HPUMC Room 329E

Christmas Luncheon with Terrie Preskitt-Brown, HPUMC Music Associate Director on *Sounds of Christmas*

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

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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