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# Trinity Women

## 66th Harvest Day



### PRAYER FOR BUSY PEOPLE

**Tuesday, November 13**

**10:00 AM Worship**

**11:00 AM Brunch**

*Guest Speaker: Rev. Erin Reibel*



### Circle News

#### **Circle 1**

Since our kickoff we have had a busy fall of service which included providing baked goods for the Hermitage Bake Sale, preparing bag lunches for Crossover Lay Health Promoter Training, serving dinner to Kids Club at Central UMC and our continued monthly support of Meals on Wheels. We look forward to being together at Harvest Day!

#### **Jean Craig Circle 2 & 9**

Our meeting was held on October 8th. Upcoming events and plans for the Christmas meeting were discussed. We will hold a short business meeting, following the Harvest Day luncheon, in lieu of our regular November meeting.

#### **Circle 5**

We will participate in Harvest Day.

#### **Circle 6**

We will meet on November 6th at 10:30 am in room 319.

#### **Circle 10**

We will meet at the home of Ridley Eunice on November 1st, at 7 pm. Anna Muller, Operations Director at Westview on the James will be the guest speaker. All are welcome to attend. For further information, please contact Sharon Wenger at [swenger66@gmail.com](mailto:swenger66@gmail.com).

## President's Letter

Our yearly Harvest Day service is just around the corner. This special day symbolizes all that we are as United Methodist Women. Our purpose states that we are a "community of women whose purpose is to know God....; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission...". All of which is celebrated with on Harvest Day. We worship together, love and laugh together and share our gifts with those in need within our community.

Please take a moment to thank our Harvest Day coordinators, Linda Latimer and Margie Stahl. Being that both were new to the Harvest Day event, they were definitely handed a challenge. I appreciate their hard work and dedication to provide all of us the opportunity to be together for this special service. I enjoyed working with you both!

November also ushers in the season of Thanksgiving, and we have so much to be thankful for. I am grateful each and every day for all of you, my family, Church and the country we live in. May all of you have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving.

- Stacy Campbell

*Let our hearts overflow with thankfulness.*

- Colossians 2:7

## Treasurer's Tidbit



Slightly over 50% of our UMW membership has made a pledge so far in 2018. Each Circle leader was emailed a listing of their Circle's members

who have sent in a pledge between January 1 and September 30, 2018. No dollar amounts were included in that listing. If you are unsure whether you have made your pledge this year, please check with your Circle leader. If you find that you have not submitted your 2018 pledge, it is NOT too late to do so. Please put your pledge in the UMW Treasurer's mailbox in the church office or mail it to my home (1808 Le-Suer Road, Henrico, 23229). Thank you!

- Shari Adams

## October Unit Meeting

On October 9, Trinity UMW held its second unit meeting in Trinity Hall. We were pleased to have Jill Gaynor, Development and Marketing Manager, and Denise Purgold, Lead Therapist from United Methodist Family Services join us.



Jill Gaynor

Denise gave an insightful presentation on mental health, its affects, and helpful practices to remember to help someone in need. We were surprised to learn that 1 in 5 people will be diagnosed with a mental illness, with half beginning by age 14 and 75% developing by age 24. There are many signs of mental illness, including: confused thinking, prolonged depression, social withdrawal, dramatic changes in eating and sleeping, and even physical ailments. Unfortunately, half of these individuals will not get help because they think it won't help, they are ashamed, or may not be able to afford treatment. The resounding question was, "what can we do?" "How can we help?" Denise informed us to start a conversation, "how are you doing?" or "I'm a little worried about you". One of the most important things to remember is to listen. Sitting and being with them is extremely comforting. The last practice is to get advice from a mental health professional if needed.

Many of us walked away hoping that if needed, we will be able to help someone. UMFS has plenty of information on their website regarding mental health and will provide the presentation slides.



Denise Purgold

## Brass Plate Polishers

Lynn Berry, a member of the altar guild at Trinity, is looking for members of the UMW that would like to take turns polishing the brass plates that are used for the offering collection. Circle 10 members in groups of two alternate polishing the plates the first week of each month. Lynn is looking for people to polish the 3rd week of the month. Polish is provided (it is good to bring your own gloves and towels). If you let Lynn know the day you plan to polish, she will have everything ready for you in the sacristy kitchen. It would only be once a year if enough people offer to help. Please contact Lynn at [lynnjackberry@gmail.com](mailto:lynnjackberry@gmail.com).

### Thank You!

Many thanks to those who contributed to the Hermitage-Richmond Bake Sale and Bazaar. Trinity members have supported this and other projects at Hermitage-Richmond for many years and it is greatly appreciated by the staff and residents.

Hidden Treasures will not open in November. The final sale day for this year will be Friday, December 7.

## Interfaith Community Event



On Sunday, November 11, Daoud Nassar, Palestinian Christian farmer and director of the peace-building center Tent of Nations will present a program called "Steadfast Witness: Planting Seeds of

Peace in Palestine" at St. Thomas Episcopal Church (3602 Hawthorne Ave, 23222) from 4:00 to 6:30 pm.

The Tent of Nations is surrounded on three sides by Israeli settlements and on one side by the Palestinian village of Nahalin. With a mission to build bridges of understanding, reconciliation, and peace between people, the Tent of Nations has a sign at the entrance to the farm proclaiming "We Refuse to be Enemies." Daoud will share his story of hope and steadfast witness in the midst of the Land that is called Holy. A reception featuring Palestinian cuisine will follow the presentation. The event is free and open to the public. Please join Richmonders for Peace in Israel-Palestine, the Arab American Association of Central Virginia, and the Friends of Tent of Nations North America for this important talk.

## Women's Home Missionary Society

### "Trusted Instrumentalities of the Church"

Last month we followed Isabella Thoburn and Clara Swain to India. The Women's Foreign Missionary Society (WFMS) continued to fund missionary work well into the twentieth century, basically until the organization joined with other Methodist women's groups. This month we will discuss the Women's Home Missionary Society (WHMS), which was founded in 1880, eleven years after the WFMS.

The Women's Home Missionary Society was created to serve minority groups and the poor living in the United States and its territories. Jennie Hartzell, a young woman from New Orleans, traveled to Cincinnati in 1880 to ask the General Council to send teachers to her hometown to educate freed African American women and children. Jennie and her husband were already trying to help the African American community, but she was seeking further assistance. It is important to remember that it had only been fifteen years, since the end of the Civil War and only three since the Union troops had been removed from the Southern states. Our country was just beginning to work through the fact that a large community of people would now need access to equal education and work. As we know, not all people were prepared to make to make the changes necessary.

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## Women's Home Missionary Society: "Trusted Instrumentalities of the Church" continued

Fifty local women came forward to help, and they quickly formed the WHMS. As Christian women and Americans they clearly felt obligated to do their part to help their country heal. Therefore it was decided that the purpose of the organization was to "send Christian women to destitute and degraded homes and neighborhoods where they would endeavor to impart such instruction as can enlighten the minds, reform the habits, and purify the lives of the occupants." This started as an effort to help former slaves, but they soon sent missionaries to the United States territories to work with other minority groups.

As you can imagine, it is a huge undertaking to create an organization to help the impoverished at a national level. Even today, we continue to struggle to reach all of those in need. The ladies of the WHMS knew that they need a power-house leader, so they turned to Lucy Webb Hayes.

As many of you may know, Lucy Webb Hayes (1831-1889) was the First Lady of the United States. She was married to Rutherford B. Hayes, who served as our President from 1877 to 1881. They are remembered as staunch abolitionists. During his tenure, President Hayes sought to mend the divide between the northern and southern states. He removed the Union troops from the south, hoping that this would signify resolution. This was a win for southern state governments, but it took away a system of oversight to ensure that these states upheld the emancipation proclamation. As is often the case, citizens, like the ladies of the WHMS, had to step in to fight for what they knew was right.



Lucy Hayes was the natural choice for WHMS President, but not because she was the First Lady. Lucy and Rutherford Hayes were active Methodists. Lucy was born, raised, and educated as a Methodist. She attended Ohio Wesleyan University for a college prep program, and she later graduated from Cincinnati Wesleyan Female College in 1850. She was particularly passionate about social and religious issues. The women of the WHMS knew that she was a devout Methodist. Her notoriety and political experience was an added benefit.

Lucy served as the WHMS President from 1880 until her death in 1889. During that time, the WHMS set up model homes to train African American women to be housekeepers. They created schools for African American children, especially in the south where they had not yet been accepted into established public schools. During her tenure, the WHMS expanded their mission to Utah and the American southwest territories. They educated Native Americans on cooking, sewing, and basic medical skills. Lucy explains the organization's goal best in her annual address, stating that the WHMS "believes that the character of a people depends mainly on its homes. Our special aim therefore is to improve home environment, home education, home industries, and home influences."

The WHMS was integral to the Methodist Church. These women were in communities trying to affect change. They were leading by example as Christian women, hoping that others would follow their lead in improving their home, the United States of America. There was no way for them to solve every problem, but we still see ripples of their efforts today.

I think Lucy's friend, Eliza Davis, says it best "Women are moving now a days and there is no telling where it will stop!"

- Emily Campbell