**Delaware Bay District**

**United Women in Faith**

 **October 2024**

**Greetings from**

**your Mission Team!**

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**OUR PURPOSE**

**THE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SHALL BE A COMMUNITY OF WOMEN WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO KNOW GOD AND TO 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.**

 **2024 MISSION TEAM**

**President Staci Scheetz**

**Vice-President TBA**

**Secretary: acting Cheryl Fox**

**Treasurer Lisa Burgess**

**Newsletter/co-treas. Barbara Wright**

**Program Resources Dorothy Scott**

**Social Action**

**Education/Interp. TBA**

**Membership/Nurture TBA**

**Nominations Chr/ members TBA**

**Area Coordinators:**

**Bridgeton/ Vineland: Judy Poloff**

**Salem: Truedy Moore**

**GWS Haddonfield Sharyn Bailey**

**GWS Camden Kay Scott**

**Pitman: Cheryl Fox**

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 United Women in Faith

Public group 120+ members

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Action! Please join us from the comfort of your home… Be part of this new adventure!

 Zoom information -

Meeting ID 84236114527

Passcode 929030

Telephone Participants: please call

 1 646 558 8656

We will send an email with the Zoom link closer to the date of each meeting. Try it and see.

**District Annual Fall Meeting 2024**

**Date- Monday, Oct. 28, 2024 at the Pitman UM Church, we will be**

**gathering at 5:30 pm. The speaker will start @ 5:45 with dinner at 6:15. To properly plan for the dinner, Reservations are required by October 21st with a fee of $5.00 per person sent to the Treasurer, Lisa Burgess, 18 Silver Lake Dr., Clayton, NJ 08312 or call 856 297 8944 cell.**

**Ingathering for Neighborhood Center Christmas Gift shop will**

**be $10-15 gift cards to Dunkin’ donuts, Walmart, or Amazon, etc appropriate to be used for teens.**

**Treasurers Update –**

Lisa Burgess prepared the budget for 2025 for approval at the Team Meeting in Sept. The 2025 total is $15,000, which will be approved at the Annual meeting in October**. All pledge money must be sent in to her by November 15th.** Boscov passes are being sold and funds should be sent to her also.

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**Mission Today Units** contact Barbara Wright for a blank at wright210@comcast.net. Complete blanks and send to Barbara Wright by **October 15th** to: 14 Meadowview Drive, Woodstown, NJ 08098 or 856 624 4506.

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**Legacy Fund** ~~ There are still many ways to contribute to the Endowment Campaign such as a memorial or honoraria: one-time gift, recurring gift, or pledge over time. For information contact the New York office: 475 Riverside Dr., Ste 1500, NY,NY 10115 or phone: 800.278.7771 or e-mail:uwfaith.org

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Program Resources –![C:\Users\Barbara\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\2CXCDZZA\Stack-of-Books[1].png]()

**2025 Program books entitled**

 **“Carrying our Faith Forward”**

 **are ordered for each local unit. Books will be distributed when received. Shipping date was unavailable with the online order.**

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**News Waves from Locals :**

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**GWS Kay Scott**

**Pitman Cheryl Fox**

**Pitman Area: Cheryl Fox**

**Hurffville-Bethel** - The unit sponsored an ice cream social on July 31 after the choir sang a number of favorite songs in the sanctuary. On Dec. 11, they will hold their annual Christmas Party. Pocketbooks filled with hygiene products for homeless women of Camden will be collected and wrapped. Games, food and fellowship will follow.

**Glassboro** - A total of nine members of the unit attended the Annual Spring Meeting on Apr. 11 at the Pitman UMC.

**Pitman –** We Thank You! for hosting the District Annual Spring Meeting and program with over 30 in attendance, via live and Facebook. We appreciate your hospitality and the well planned program on Climate Justice and Sustainability. We look forward to returning for the fall annual meeting featuring the Neighborhood Center in Camden planned on Oct. 28th.

**Clayton: Trinity –** The March meeting was entitled ”Spring into Wellness” with Emily Heckman. It included practical habits and self- reflection on how to feed your heart, soul and strength. On Apr 2, The Southwest Council presented “Alternative Approaches to Pain Management”. The College/Community Chorus of Rowan College SJ performed their Spring Concert on May 6, with the unit providing the refreshments. An indoor picnic (due to the heat!) was enjoyed by 18 persons on June 25. LindaAmey led a Thanksgivingcard making craft with 12 ladies making 3 cards each. 10 lbs. of aluminum foil tabs were collected for the R. McDonald House. Their big yard sale was on Oct. 5th. The Nov. 12 meeting will be on SAD, (seasonal affective disorder) and on Dec. 3 they will make fruit baskets and sing Christmas Carols.

**Willow Grove/Union Grove** – We hosted the Cluster Area Lenten Soup Dinner for 53 people at the Willow Grove Hall. The March 17 meeting included a program from the UWF Program Book and Prayer from the Prayer Calendar, helping to make them a Bronze Mission Today unit. On April 30, we traveled to the UM Communities of Pitman to host the April Birthdays of the residents and their guests. Pastor Al Darby led the singing with guitar accompanying for the favorite hymns, followed by games and birthday cupcakes. A joyful afternoon was had by all! The Sept 22 pumpkin/sunflower paint party was fun and successful. 16 persons created their own masterpieces on 11x 14” canvases. The proceeds will go for Dinners for the community families in need for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Please save the date for our future fundraisers to benefit our missions: Souper- bowl and Baked Bread Sale on Sat. Feb. 8, 2025 from 12-3 pm. also the Spring Time in Paris Tea, in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Rosemary Powell **at** **rpcamper@gmail.com**

**Bridgeton/Vineland Area – Judy Poloff**

 **Friendship Finley UMC -** Christmas Expo Sat., Nov. 2, 2024, 9am – 2 pm at 252 Centerton Rd, Bridgeton, N. We hope to see you there!

 **John Wesley** – The ladies are busy selling Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends passes. Several members attended the Denim and Diamonds Event on Oct 10th supporting the Cornerstone Women’s Resource Center. In Dec. they will be having a Holiday Bingo Night to end the year. They will exchange Christmas cookies, play religious bingo and win all the prizes!

**Vineland** – The June 3 meeting included a program on Live in Action. On September 16, a Christmas engraved plaque was presented to the unit by Barbara Meyrick. It was her idea to make design listing all of the unit’s recipients of the Special Mission Recognition Pins over the years. Isn’t that a wonderful idea? See picture below. They are currently conducting a fundraiser for Joe’s Chicken to raise funds for our missions. Tickets are $15 good through January 2025. They will host the children’s Choir from Haddonfield on Dec. 7th for the second year.Crafts andrefreshments will follow the wonderfulprogram. Time TBA.

 

**Newport**  - the women are busy preparing for their Soup – Baked Goods-Rummage sale on Nov. 2nd from 9-1.

**Bridgeton First** – (members from Trinity, First and Friendship Finley) In June we had a Tea attended by 21 ladies. In July, 8 members went to South Seaville Camp for Women’s Day. They heard an inspiring message and enjoyed the dinner together. In August, the women went out to lunch for the summer outing. They are selling Boscov’s discount passes. They also supported Pam Smith’s annual mission trip to the Crow Indian Reservation in Montana this past summer. The Oct. meeting will be the World Thank Offering and they will play Bible Bingo. They will end the year with a Christmas Party.

**Salem Area - Truedy Moore** **Penns Grove New Hope** - The Sept. 25th meeting was held as a birthday celebration for our member, Janet Vinyard on her 100th birthday. The church congregation gathered after church and sang Happy Birthday to her via Facebook. She is not well at this time and is being lovingly cared for by her son and daughter in Ohio. The October meeting will be the pledge program. Birthday recognition Emails have been sent to 6 missionaries from the Prayer Calendar 2024. A note of appreciation was received in response.

**Haddonfield Area:**

**Haddonfield** – Fall has come and our ladies have been quite busy! Our annual Thrifty Treasures rummage sale was a huge success, bringing in the largest amount of money ever! Not only were there tons of happy shoppers, but many items were donated to the homeless and those in need. Warm clothing will be much appreciated by the homeless now that the weather has turned cooler! It was a week of hard work, but also a week of forming new friendships and spending time together! We couldn’t have done it without the help of many men from our congregation also!

Circles have begun meeting and programs have ben planned for our monthly luncheons on the first Thursday of every month. The November luncheon will feature a fashion show of clothing items purchased from the rummage sale. We have some very talented models in the group and this is always a fun event as the ladies model their prized purchases!

In order to try something new and attract women who work during the day, we held a dinner instead of a luncheon this month. The speaker was David Vansciver, a much loved, retired pastor from our church, who reported on his mission trip to the Philippines. UWF, as well as individuals, had given him mone-tary support for his trip as well as donating clothing for the impoverished children there. It was a very special program!

Look forward to our upcoming programs, which include a special musical program in December for Christmas; a Native American speaker; a speaker from United Methodist Communities in Collingswood and others. We would love to have any of you join us for any of these programs.

**Delaware Bay District UWF Units:**

As we continue to grow together as the combined Delaware Bay and Gateway South Units we learn more as we go along. At present we have gathered the following list of units participating (20).

**Almonesson**

**Auburn-Ebenezer**

**Audubon**

**Bridgeton- First**

**Bridgeton – John Wesley**

**Chews Landing**

**Emmanuel Oaklyn**

**Ferry Avenue Camden**

**Glassboro First**

**Haddonfield**

**Hurffville – Bethel**

**Lawnside: Mt. Zion**

**Penns Grove – New Hope**

**Pitman**

**Quinton – Haven**

**Salem Broadway**

**Salem – Mt Hope**

**Vineland – First**

**Willow Grove/Union Grove**

**Area Unit coordinators lists:**

**Judy Poloff - Bridgeton Area:**

**Bridgeton First, Bridgeton John Wesley,**

**Vineland, First**

**Cheryl Fox – Pitman Area:**

 **Clayton Trinity, Hurffville – Bethel, Glassboro, WillowGrove/Union Grove**

**Truedy Moore - Salem Area:**

**Auburn – Ebenezer, Penns Grove – New Hope, Salem Broadway, Salem Mt. Hope, Quinton – Haven**

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**Sharon Bailey - Gateway South Haddonfield:**

**Audubon, Chews Landing, Emmanuel Oaklyn, Haddonfield**

**Kay Scott Gateway South Camden -**

**Ferry Avenue, Almonesson, Mt. Zion Lawnside**

**If you can help with any additional information about units still functioning, combined, or any other data, please contact a member of the District Mission Team.**

**Mission –u…. District Team member, Sharon Bailey attended the annual school. The Spring Meeting in Medford was held with the Speaker Carol Easton leading on the topic of Native American issues. The District Mission Team made a donation of $250 for support for the family Camp run by their Native American group.**