

**Delaware Bay District**

**United Methodist Women**

**FEBRUARY 2022**

**Greetings from your Mission Team!**

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**OUR PURPOSE**

**THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 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.**

**PLEASE NOTE NEW OFFICERS**

**2022 MISSION TEAM**

**Co-President Eloise Sulzman**

**Co-President \*Pitman Staci Scheetz**

**Vice-President**

**Secretary: acting Cheryl Fox**

**Treasurer Lisa Burgess**

**Co Treasurer Barbara Wright**

**Program Resources Dorothy Scott**

**\*Social Action Chews Landing Drucella King**

**\*Spiritual Growth**

**Camden New Beginnings Naomi Walker**

**Education/Interp.**

**Membership/Nurture**

**Nominations Chr/ members**

**Communications/NL: Barbara Wright**

**At large Anne Schaser**

**Area Coordinators:**

**Bridgeton Vineland: Judy Poloff**

**Salem: Truedy Moore**

**\*GWS Haddonfield Sharyn Bailey**

**\*GWS Lawnside Mt. Zion Marge Williams**

**\*GWS Camden New Beginnings Kay Scott**

**Pitman: Cheryl Fox**

* **New to 2022 slate**

**Welcome to the new slate of Officers for 2022, which is a combination of mission minded women from Delaware Bay and those joining us from churches from Gateway South. What a TEAM!**

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Co-Presidents Greetings….

**Welcome, Everyone!** As you can see from this issue of Time and Tide, members and friends of United Methodist Women in our area have been very busy despite Covid and so many other challenges. Zoom meetings sponsored by the District and by the Conference UMW have helped our Leadership Teams stay in touch, provide meaningful programs, and plan for the future. Although I miss the personal contact, I have been pleasantly surprised by how well this has worked. Zoom has allowed us to interact with each other in ways we never could before—and to include women not able to attend in-person for a variety of reasons.

As many of you know, our District Leadership Team was thrilled to officially add Staci Scheetz of Pitman UMC as Vice President, and Lisa Burgess of Clayton as Treasurer during the past year. Both have needed computer skills, which has been such a God-send. Staci immediately began developing and presenting programs, while Lisa met frequently with Barbara Wright, our long-time Treasurer, to learn the mechanics of that crucial position. Barbara is now able to concentrate on her other role as Communications Chair.

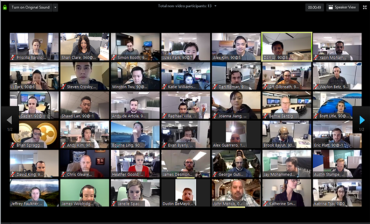
More exciting news! At our last Leadership Team Meeting, held on February 2nd, Staci and I proposed that we serve as “Co-Presidents”! That way, we can share the duties and responsibilities of the position, which, for us, right now, are too much for either one of us separately. This was voted on and approved by the Team. Several Gateway South potential officers are also listed. We are so happy to welcome Naomi Walker, Drucella King, Sharyn Bailey, Kay Scott, and Marge Williams. Of course, this means that the Vice-Presidency is now vacant, awaiting our next enthusiastic volunteer! Other positions are also open; those interested please contact Staci, Barbara, or me (Eloise Sulzman!) We also welcome “Members-at-Large” and those interested in Special Projects. Our understanding is that the changes in UMW Districts will take effect on Monday, February 28th.  While we look forward to welcoming members from Gateway South, we are sorry to lose Churches being assigned to the Cape-Atlantic District. Newfield, for example, will be joining Cape-Atlantic, but their President has assured us we all are welcome to continue to support their many mission projects! We are in the process of contacting everyone we can. Working together, I know we can live out our Purpose in new and exciting ways.

Thanks for all your support, Eloise Sulzman

Remember Response Magazine

**Find Us on Facebook!**

Delaware Bay District UMW has a new Facebook group! Search for us using “Delaware Bay United Methodist Women” and join our group to stay connected to UMW events within and beyond our District! Is your Unit hosting an event? Feel free to post it! We are attempting to make all posts with the “public” privacy setting so they can be shared easily and widely! Please share our posts on your Facebook page, your church’s page, and everywhere you feel moved! Staying connected and making new connections….new wineskins!!



**Find Us on Zoom!**

Our newly expanded Delaware Bay District is hosting its ***first event*** on Feb. 24th, at 7 PM ***via Zoom!*** We will be using the UMW Program Resource Book for the presentation “Reaching for the Garments of Healing.” This event will include Scripture, prayer, music and opportunities to learn about Social Action! Please join us from the comfort of your home…no need to worry about weather, nighttime driving, COVID tests or care responsibilities,! Be a 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 the meeting. Also see flyer. Hope you can join us!

Staci Scheetz, Co- President

**DBD District Calendar 2022**

**District Mission Team** - met via Zoom on Feb 2 to finalize the slate of officers for 2022 as listed above. Visit GNJUMC website for a list of the co-joined churches now making up Delaware Bay District. Please be patient as we work through this process.

**District Mission Team** meets on Zoom March 24 Thurs 2:30p.m -

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**Trea$urer’$ Note$**

Despite the economic hardships and many units not able to meet last year, we were still able to send $11,575 toward the District Pledge of $14,000.

Hopefully during 2022 we can reach our goal. Thank you to everyone who helped with fundraising endeavors and personal giving. The Conference GNJUMW did meet their pledge to national UMW for the year, over and above! What a blessing to those all over the world who will benefit from our giving.

Your District Treasurer, Lisa Burgess

**Mission u** – Theme: Luke 13:

***Who Can We*** ***Be Together?*** July 14-16 ~ 3 day, 9-3 pm.

On line registration TBA shortly.

Jul 23 one day. Contact Marilyn Powell at [mpowell56@comcast.net](mailto:mpowell56@comcast.net)

**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 at 212.870.3705 or e-mail at

[Legacy150@unitedmethodistwomen.org](mailto:Legacy150@unitedmethodistwomen.org)

**Reaching Out to Connect……..**

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**United Methodist Women**

[**www.unitedmethodistwomen.org**](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)

**youtube.com/UMWomen**

**GNJ UMW**

[**https://www.gnjumw.org**](https://www.gnjumw.org) **.**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022**

**April 9 Sat**. – Spring Meeting - location or virtual TBA

**May 20-22** – Assembly in Orlando. FL “Turn it Up!” in person or virtually <https://assembly2022.org>

Register by Apr. 11, live $365 ~~ V $235

**May 24 Tue 6 pm**. – Executive Committee/Planning Committee for “Recipes for Success”

**June 4 Sat.** “Recipes for Success” – Officer Training, Leadership Team in person!

**July 14 – 16** Mission u 3 day live, virtual hybrid ? TBA

**July 23 Sat.** – Mission u 1 day virtual

**Aug 6 Sat.** – Treasurer’s Mtg. 9:30 –11; Leadership Team Mtg. 12–1: 30pm

**Oct. 15 Sat.** GNJUMW Fall Meeting 9:30 -12:30

Program Resources –

**Contact Dorothy Scott 856.563.1027**

**One 2022 Program Book is available**

**to any unit, FREE**

**Two 2022 Prayer Calendars are**

**available cost $14.**

**Contact Barbara Wright 856.642.4506**

**Program Resource Book for 2021- 2022 is HEALING and JOY –On Our Journey to God.**

**Or for direct orders contact below.…catalogue listings are on line now at**

**UMW Mission Resources –**

**www.umwmissionresources.org**

**Phone: 800.305.9857**

**Fax: 214.528.2288**

**Email: cs@umwmissionresources.org.**

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**News Waves from**

**DBD Locals :**

**Bridgeton Vineland Area:**

**AUC Judy Poloff 856 279 2398**

**Bridgeton John Wesley –** At their first meeting *together* in the fall they played Bible Bingo and enjoyed the fun and fellowship. In Dec. they met for a soup and sandwiches lunch and cookie exchange.

**Dividing Creek** – They met in person in Sept. and were happy to be together again. Their annual Christmas Dinner was held in Dec. and the Pledge Service in January.

**Bridgeton First UMW** – The Oct. meeting featured lunch, devotions, and Bible Bingo. Several members from their sister church, Trinity, joined them. The Treasurer reported that their 2021 pledge was met for a 5 Star unit and in addition, donations were made to Ranch Hope, Neighborhood Center Camden, UM Homes, and Cornerstone Center. At the Christmas party, the ladies collected money to make gift baskets for the shut-ins. Several women met to fill and **deliver them to Cumberland Manor, the** Veterans Home and Spring Oaks in Vineland.

**Newport –** Their fall Soup and rummage sale went very well. A rummage sale and cookie sale were held on Dec. 4th. They had many Christmas decorations and costume jewelry for sale. At the UMW Christmas Party on Dec. 7th, snack bags were made for the Cumberland Manor residents. Other activities were a cookie exchange and election of officers.

**Vineland First UMW–** The unit continues to complete mission goals in spite of COVID and other obstacles we are facing! We have sent Gift to Missions to honor three of the hard working Food bank volunteers, and notes to youth volunteers (3). Gifts in Memory were sent for Marilyn Hatch, Pat Beres, Elsie Greenbaugh, Gretchen Richard, Lameta Sagers and Mary Lou Pierson. Our Global Ministry, *Project Have Hope*, is supported by paying an annual tuition for a young lady in Uganda. Her name is Oyella Patricia. She is in contact with the unit sharing her progress. We helped our Church School with ‘Operation Christmas Child’ (Samaritan’s Purse) covering postage to send 24 boxes with Christmas Gifts. We also supported UMCOR, Haiti Disaster Response, Afghan Refugee resettlement, and GNJ Operation Welcome and Hurricane Ida Relief. An alcove in the church was renamed in memory of June Mc Cullough, who recently passed. June was a member of the Church and past president of GNJ district and Conference UMW. Sue Zahorbenski, Conference President spoke at the dedication. Refreshments, memorial cards, and a plaque donation followed. On Dec. 4th. the church was part of a city tour “Christmas on the Avenue” presentation for a tour and history of the church. We collected hats, gloves and scarves again for the Child Protection and Permanency program. 124 pieces were shared.

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**Newfield –** In Oct. we hosted a Breast Cancer Awareness Tea.A surgical oncologist from Inspira staff, Dr. Kulkarni was the guest speaker. We were also joined by Mother’s Matter members who collected items gathered for their baskets. “Colors of Cancer” T-shirts were sold with proceeds going to Mother’s Matters programs. We also continue with the Camden Homeless Distribution project, held on Nov. 6. 250 care bags, 215 sandwiches, and numerous clothes, blankets, coats, and donated jewelry were delivered with the help of Duffield’s Farms truck. Women from area Churches are joining our meetings and we are blessed with great support and growth. We are proud to report that we have crocheted over 400 new born baby hats for the Inspira Hospital nursery. The hand sewn quilt project continues. Each string tied represents a prayer said for the person who will receive the quilt. They have gone all across the country. We are still in contact with the Mother's Matter Inspira Hospital Breast Cancer program. We continue to collect toiletries for distribution in Camden. The Inspira Hospital CEO, Amy Mansue, has done a video which includes details of the participation of the Newfield UMW in the video or you can print it out also.

**Salem Area AUC Truedy Moore 856.299.2190**

**Penns Grove New Hope -**

The Christmas Luncheon was held at Botto’s Restaurant in Swedesboro. In January, the unit and church outreach fund prepared 50 comfort bags for the homeless providing them to the police forces of Penns Grove, Swedesboro, and County Sheriff’s office for use in their contacts with the homeless. The Senior Citizen residents at Penns Grove Penn Towers will be provided bag lunches again in Feb. Crocheted hats are shared with those in need in the area also. Canned soups will be collected on Souperbowl Sunday for the local Food Bank. We are using the Prayer Calendar in a different way this year, as we meet less in person, a schedule was made up listing a weekly prayer target, scripture, and the name of a missionary whose birthday we will remember for each month. All missionaries are reachable by email now, and a list is found in the Prayer Guide, *Experiencing God –Finding Joy.*

**Auburn Ebenezer *–***They continue to make their 5 Star pledge and sending annual donations to Ranch Hope, Neighborhood Center and Guideposts for Troops. They also sponsor a La Pamilla, Mexico student helping with tuition and supplies. They recently finished their 2021 “hands on” mission of 30 pillows for breast cancer patients. They are sewn by Joan Powell and stuffed by unit members then donated to a local treatment center.

**Salem Broadway –** They had a successful Christmas Bazaar and slowly continue with their mission through out the pandemic.

**Quinton- Haven –** They had a successful Wawa sub sale. Karen Ceasar, in the new President and is striving to move forward.

**Salem – Mt. Hope –** The unit met their mission pledge and completed the Baby Bottle Fundraiser for Cornerstone Women’s Center. We look forward to continuing our mission as the pandemic slows.

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**Pitman Area AUC Cheryl Fox 856.364.3033**

**Hurffville – Bethel -** A wonderful annual Christmas Missions party was held on Dec 6th. A covered dish dinner, ornament making and tree decorating, games and they wrapped 17 purses gathered and filled with personal care items and goodies for friends at Fairview. A large box of aluminum tabs were delivered to Ronald Mc Donald House. They will not meet again until April. A new mission project will be started to collect larger child and adult diapers until April 10th for the kids at Ronald Mc Donald House. Others are welcome to contribute to this need as well.

**Clayton Trinity –** The unit hosted a 10 week Wellness Program with Emily Heckman in the fall. They are collecting aluminum tabs for Ronald McDonald House. The Shades of Harmony Chorus, a women's acapella group entertained, interacted and inspired the community on Dec. 7th followed by cookies and beverage.

**Pitman –** The Hannah circle met via Zoom on Nov. 18th. On Nov. 24 the UMW met via Zoom with a wonderful program of Embracing Change: Sharing Grace.

**Willow Grove-** An in person meeting was held at Union Grove church after sharing the District Annual Zoom meeting, 8 attended in person and 2 via Zoom. Donna Stokes will be given a Mission Recognition Pin. Fond memories are held of our dear sisters-in-Christ who passed this year, Jean Schneider and Dottie Mowbray.

***Social Action***

***Living FAITH ….***

***Seeking JUSTICE ….***

***Pursuing PEACE***

Our District Social Action contact is Drucella King,

at [drucellaking@yahoo.com](mailto:drucellaking@yahoo.com).

She joins us from Gateway South and attends the Camden New Beginnings UMChurch. 856.883.0066.

To contact National Church And Society

you can go to this address: [gbcs@umcjustice.org](mailto:gbcs@umcjustice.org)

I recently went there to contact our Senators to urge support for the protect the right to vote bill going through Congress. The address is Church and Society, 100 Maryland Ave, NE, Washington, DC 20002

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