



# HOPE BLOOMS

**METRO BOSTON HOPE DISTRICT**

New England Conference

Spring Newsletter 2012

*Share the  
Good News*



## *President's Letter:*

Spring is here, with its warm and sultry breezes and bright array of blossoms. Children have thoughts of the delicious chocolate gifts the Easter Bunny will bring and finding the hidden Easter Eggs. And for us, our excitement is in knowing that Easter is coming! Easter with its differing meaning for each of us! Easter with the anticipation of a promised new beginning! We have spent the Lenten Season praying for a renewed heart. A heart that is open to God's leading. A heart that waits with anticipation for the unexpected. We have not given up special foods for the Season; rather we have added more time in prayer. We are reminded that Henri J. Nouwen wrote that we, the children of God, need to hold each other in prayer, daily.

So in this season of Lent, we have reminded ourselves to follow the discipline of centering prayer, which is the art of being alone and quiet and of being in touch with one's self. We have set apart a time - five minutes, ten minutes or twenty – a time in which we are focused solely on our relationship with God.

Being alone with God can be both fearsome and comforting. We present ourselves before God alone, with all our flaws and defects, being well aware that nothing can be hidden from our God. We also know that we are accepted by Him, just as we are. When we are open to God's powerful presence, change and growth take place in our lives.

Because God is so accepting of us, we try to accept others, just as they are, even when we do not agree with them. That's what being in touch with God is all about, being aware of our common creation and of being loved by the Creator.

As Lent ends, may we continue our practice of the discipline of additional prayer time, our discipline of additional time to enjoy God and let Him enjoy us, our additional time of letting God be a part of our every waking minute.

**A Happy and Blessed Easter to you all!**

The question for you this month is:

***As a result of additional prayer time, have you found that your life seems sweeter to you, people seem to be more giving and loving and your days end on a happier note?***

## *Spring Gathering*

Our Spring Gathering will take place on April 21, 2012 at Stoughton United Methodist Church. We have planned a very exciting program for your enjoyment. We especially invite you, whether a United Methodist Woman or not and your Pastor, to attend our meetings. Come and be refreshed! Please register in advance. A flyer is included in this mailing.

May God bless each of you abundantly.

***Ethel S. Franks***

# “Family as a Mission “

What the new VP has to say.....



## HAPPY SPRING!

Well it has certainly been a very different winter than perhaps what we are accustomed here in New England. However, it was out any of our control and so we embraced it. It now time to get out of hibernation and begin to nurture all the signs of growth and new life in our very own yards, communities and world.

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My name is Marilyn Forman. I have the distinct pleasure and honor to serve as your vice president of the Metro Boston Hope District, United Methodist Women. And what an honor indeed! Though I must admit to follow in my predecessors steps is no easy task, but I am encouraged and welcome the challenge.

As we continue to focus on “Family as a Mission,” I can say that we have lots of work to do. The United Methodist Women has always been an organization which prides itself on just that; not just doing work, but getting it done. So given that spring has sprung, time to get busy. Sister Enid McNeil, my predecessor, referred to the UMW as “Movers and Shakers!” I look forward to this spring gathering to see what exciting new ideas and plans we will share and what our speaker will deliver. I am excited about what we will take away. And lastly, I want to leave you with this to get you motivated.

*“James 1:22-25 <sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.”*

Peace and blessings until we meet again,

Marilyn E Forman



Metro Boston Hope District  
Spring Gathering News Letter

Saturday April 2012

In times like this, what do we need besides the Savior Jesus Christ?

Answer: We need each other as United Methodist Women.

We need to rededicate ourselves in our call to serve our church and the community.

Remember when Jesus was making his selections, he went all around and asked men from different backgrounds.

These men were fishermen, tax collectors, sinners and many others.

There were twelve Luke.6.13 explains.

There is a song 'You have come to the lakeshore'. This song reminds us of God asking us to humbly follow him.

Luke 12. 27 this is an awesome message for all of us.

A lawyer stood up and asked Jesus a question

Teacher he said 'What must I do to inherit eternal life ' ?

Jesus said, what is written in the law.? What do you read .?

The Lawyer said 'You shall love your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.

Jesus said 'You have given the right answer'.

Do this and you will live. Who is my neighbor asked the Lawyer?

Then Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan.

The Lawyer agreed that he chose the one who showed mercy. Example: The Samaritan  
United Methodist Women can show Mercy by serving others all around us.

Lets us unite as Women on a Rewarding Mission in Gods kingdom.

Women can go out fishing as well as men.

More news

Read these books Your Spiritual Gifts by C. Peter Wagner

Strangers and neighbors by Maria Poggi Johnson

Liberated through Submission by P..B. Wilson

See you all at Hershey P.A.

Spiritual Growth

Peace and Love

Cynthia Green



## SOCIAL ACTION

### Social Action

“Remember those in prison, as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.” Hebrews 3:13

As United Methodist Women we are called to focus on women, children and youth in all our activities, our prayers and our mission outreach. In doing this faithfully, we sometimes forget those who are in prison, particularly women. How can we minister to imprisoned women - who may not be nearby, who sometimes are not allowed visitors - and yet are isolated from educational services?

How can we as United Methodist Women help? One path available to us is the Books for Prison Program in Quincy. We can collect books and deliver to the program, which then provides them free-of-charge to prisoners in more than 40 states. Women at Parkway United Methodist in Milton have been collecting paperbacks in good condition (no hardcovers allowed) and delivering them to the Program. If your unit is interested in participating in this ministry, please contact the Books for Prison Program at 617-423-3298.

Although the volunteers are not there at all times, they will get back to you. One prisoner said the following in her thank you letter: “Without books, a prisoner would be forced to see the box they are confined to. Four brick walls, lots of ugly metal fixtures, an open toilet, make up their world. Obnoxious smells, odors, noises, screams, thumping rap ‘music’, and hate pollute the air, thick like smog. These things disappear, at least for awhile, when a person’s reality is the book they are reading.” The Books for Prison Program believes that reading can reduce the prisoners’ recidivism rate. This program is a very low-cost way of showing the love of Christ to those you may never meet!

If you are interested in Parkway UMC’s experience in the program, please contact Kathy Kihanya at 617-733-1639 or [kkihanya@gmail.com](mailto:kkihanya@gmail.com).



## **MEMBERSHIP IN THE** **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

When you join the United Methodist Women you become a part of a national organization community of women that offers spiritual growth, a creative and supportive community and education and transformation programs.

Members organize events such as vigils and legislative information sharing around justice issues, raise funds for mission work around the world, encourage reading programs and book clubs, offer service to the community in which they live. They are actively involved in their communities.

You may be interested in joining the United Methodist Women and attend a church that has no Local Unit. If so, you may join the organization by becoming a District Member. Any woman who supports the **PURPOSE** may be recorded and counted as a District Member. District Members will be kept informed of District Meetings, training opportunities and Schools of Christian Mission events. They will receive the District Newsletter called ***“HOPE BLOOMS”***.

As a Member you may contribute directly to an Annual Pledge to Mission Giving or Gifts to Mission through the District treasurer.

We look forward to welcoming all women who attend the United Methodist Church as United Methodist Women either through your Local Unit or directly through Metro/Boston-Hope District.

**WANTED!**  
**A FEW GOOD WOMEN!**  
**ON THE JOB TRAINING!**  
**GREAT REWARDS!**

**We need YOU!**

**Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation** helps women in the Local Unit understand the mission and outreach ministries of their Church. A major task of the Coordinator is to find ways to educate and interpret to the women within the Metro/Boston-Hope District, the mission and purpose of the United Methodist Women. The Coordinator disseminates information to all Local Units about the various Schools of Christian Mission. She encourages attendance at one or more Schools annually.

*Join the Team and meet some great new people*

**Contact:**

Ethel Franks, Pres.

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Subject: "MBHUMW"



**Please...**

Copy this Newsletter

Pass it around      Post it at church

Ask who might like their own copy

Send it around electronically

Share your copy      Would you like a copy?

Give your Pastor a copy

(he or she is a member of United Methodist Women)

Give us your current officer's names, addresses, telephone and email information.

...send email to: **Marie Wagner-Clarke 19 Newcroft Circle Mattapan, Ma. 02126**

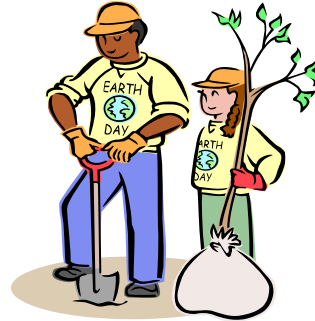
[marie\\_wagnerclarke@verizon.net](mailto:marie_wagnerclarke@verizon.net)

Your Metro Hope Boston District executive officers are trying to compile an up-to-date mailing list for this Newsletter and other mailings concerning United Methodist Women's information. Our goal is to mail this newsletter to each UMW President and Treasurer. If those are not the appropriate women in your church, please provide the updated contact information for a woman willing to be our contact so she can POST this newsletter for all to see. **You are all invited to the Spring Celebration and the Fall Gathering meetings.**

METRO BOSTON HOPE DISTRICT  
**Spring Gathering of the UMW**  
**Saturday April 21, 2012**

At First United Methodist Church of Stoughton, MA  
103 Pleasant Street (Route 139) Stoughton, MA 02072

Registration 9:00 AM - Devotion and Worship



**Theme: Family as a Mission: Can you dig it!!!**

**The Ingathering and collection will be donated to Saturday and Sunday's bread:**  
Travel size toiletries, socks, umbrella, **toothpaste**, toothbrushes, combs, small packets of tissues, small mirrors, pens, small notepads, small coin purses.

**Registration Form:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ District: Boston Metro Hope

UMW Office: Local \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Special food considerations: \_\_\_\_\_

Child care: \_\_\_\_\_ How many children and their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Other special requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle if requesting translation: Korean, Spanish, American Sign Language

Please circle if volunteering to translate: Korean, Spanish, American Sign Language

**Please return this form and the cost of \$10.00 (registration and luncheon) per person by April 14<sup>rd</sup> to: Janice Galloway, at 4 Westcott Street #2, Dorchester, MA 02124. Make checks payable to MBH - UMW. Any questions contact [akajaniceg@yahoo.com](mailto:akajaniceg@yahoo.com)**



*We need your  
Contact information*

*Can you help us to increase  
our reach in the District?*

**Please complete this form and mail or email the information to Marie Wagner-Clarke, our District Assistant Secretary**

**Church Name:**

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

**President:**

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

**Vice-President:**

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

**Secretary:**

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

**Treasurer:**

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Any other officers you may have:

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## **V.I.D. (Very Important Dates )**

- July 27-29, Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH
- October 20, 2012            New England Conference Annual Meeting
- November 3, 2012        MBH Annual Fall Gathering @ Heritage UMC, Braintree
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### **2012 School of Christian Mission: July 27th to July 29, 2012**

**Location:** Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH

**Theme:** *That All May Have Life*

#### **Studies Offered:**

- Immigration in the Bible
- Poverty
- Haiti
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#### **One Day Studies:**

- A one day Korean language school will be available on Saturday July 28th.
- There will be one day classes on Saturday with the choice of "Immigration and the Bible" or "Poverty".

The School of Christian Mission is for EVERYONE: pastors, lay men and women, families, youth, and children. There are classes for both youth and children. Childcare will be available.

*The School of Christian Mission is a cooperative event of the New England Conference and the NE United Methodist Women.*

## United Methodist Women's Quadrennial Meeting



**When: June 14 – June 16, 2012 (Thursday-Saturday)**

**Where: Hersey Lodge, Hershey Pennsylvania**

**Theme: Come to the part**

## To: Northeastern Jurisdiction UMW

### Everything is Ready--Please Come

Registration information for the Northeastern Jurisdiction UMW Quadrennial Meeting is listed below. Within the next couple of weeks, registration forms will be posted on the website and sent to the conference presidents. Please begin making plans to attend the Quadrennial Meeting in June 2012.

<http://www.gbgm-umc.org/nejumw/>

#### **Rates include: registration, 4 meals, 2 nights lodging**

Single occupancy \$560.00

Single with family \$560.00

Double Occupancy, \$350.00 per person

Triple Occupancy, \$280.00 per person

Quad Occupancy, \$245.00 per person

**Late fee: \$ 50.00 (after May 1, 2012)**

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#### *Special commuter rates available*

*Meals, meetings, and lodging are all under one roof*

*Free parking*

*Special Young Women's Conference (ages 16-29)*

*Several workshops will be offered on Friday that are of interest to young women.*

*Child care will be provided (ages 2-10)*

#### **Jurisdiction Choir—anyone is welcome to participate**

Confirmed leaders:

**Bishop Jane Middleton, Inelda Gonzalez**, Women's Division President, **Bishop Thomas Bickerton, Bishop Peggy Johnson, Rev. Dr. Heather Elkins**, Professor of Worship, Drew University, **Rev. Vance Ross**, Deputy General Secretary, General Board of Discipleship, **Harriet Jane Olson**, Deputy General Secretary, General Board of Global Ministries : **Jorge Lockwood**, General Board of Global Ministries Global Praise





**METRO BOSTON HOPE DISTRICT UMW  
2011 A MD BUDGET 2012 PROPOSED BUDGET**

<b>OFFICER'S EXPENSES</b>				<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>2011 BUDGET</b>	<b>2012 BUDGET</b>
TRAVEL				47.85	150.00	150.00
POSTAGE					25.00	25.00
TELEPHONE					-	-
LITERATURE/BOOKS				-	350.00	350.00
SUPPLIES				15.93	50.00	50.00
COPYING					75.00	75.00
GIFT TO MISSION/GIFT IN MEMORY				-	120.00	120.00
AUDIT					150.00	150.00
MEETING PLACE/REFRESHMENTS					100.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>63.78</b>	<b>1,020.00</b>	<b>1,020.00</b>
<b>DISTRICT PROGRAMMING</b>						
<b>SPRING MEETING, ACTUAL EXPENSES</b>					<b>1,200.00</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>
SPEAKER				100.00		
MEETING BOOKLET				204.00		
MEALS				375.00		
DONATION TO CHURCH				10.00		
ORGANIST				100.00		
POSTAGE				-		
NEWSLETTER				199.50		
MISC EXPENSE				75.00		
TRAVEL						
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>1,063.50</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>
<b>ANNUAL FALL CELEBRATION-ACTUAL EXPENSES</b>					<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
SPEAKERS				200.00		
MEETING BOOKLET				348.08		
MEALS				290.00		
POSTAGE				-		
SUPPLIES				-		
DONATION TO CHURCH				10.00		
ORGANIST				100.00		
MISC EXPENSES						
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>948.08</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>						
LEADERSHIP TRAINING					100.00	100.00
LEADERSHIP/ENRICHMENT						
<b>DISTRICT NEWSLETTER</b>					<b>250.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>
POSTAGE					-	-
PRINTING				267.90		
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>267.90</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>
<b>DISTRICT ROSTER</b>					<b>150.00</b>	<b>150.00</b>
POSTAGE						
PRINTING						
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>-</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>150.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMMING</b>					<b>5,300.00</b>	<b>5,900.00</b>
<b>EDUCATION &amp; ENRICHMENT</b>						
DISTRICT PRESIDENT REGISTRATION TO ANNUAL CONF.				312.00	-	-
SPECIAL MISSION RECONGNITION				-	-	-
MISC					-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>312.00</b>	<b>600.00</b>	<b>600.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2011-2012</b>				<b>2,655.26</b>	<b>6,920.00</b>	<b>7,520.00</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY: DISTRICT TREASURER:JOYCE A. MACK</b>						

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**Metro Hope Boston District United Methodist Women ~  
Mission Today Units Application  
for Local UMW Units in the New England Conference.**

Directions: Check off the items that your unit has completed. Some items require you to fill in how you met your goal. Then complete the information below.

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- 1\*. Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting of the unit to pray for persons in mission and mission work.
2. At least one member of the unit (other than conference or district officers) will attend the conference or district School of Christian Mission.
3. At least two members (other than conference or district officers) will attend the District or Conference Annual Meeting
- 4\*. The unit will use at least two programs from the Program Book during the year
5. The unit will have at least one person joining UMWomens Action network to receive and respond to legislative information at least three times a year.
6. Members will correspond with Five (5) persons listed in the Prayer Calendar
- 7\*. The unit, circle or subgroup will conduct at least one (1) mission study each year.
- 8\*. The unit will implement the *Charter for Racial Justice* in at least one way during the year. Please list how your unit met this \_\_\_\_\_
9. The unit will co-sponsor, with the local church, a Childrens' Sabbath.
- 10\*. The unit will make and meet its pledge to mission.
- 11\*. The unit will be a 5-star unit, contributing to all five channels of undesignated giving.
12. The unit will select a project from the Women's Division *Material Resources for Mission Catalog* and will contribute the needed resources to the mission project. Please list project \_\_\_\_\_
13. Each unit circle or subgroup meeting will include a "Response Moment" where an item from "Response Magazine" will be lifted up as a way to tell the Mission Story
- 14\*. The unit will have at least two (2) members subscribing to "Response Magazine".
- 15\*. The unit will add at least two members to your membership rolls
16. The UMW "Purpose" will be read or sung at every meeting
- 17\*. Promote and offer scholarship to School of Christian Mission
18. At least One (1) member participates in the Reading Program
19. Plan and participate in a UMW Sunday
20. At least two members volunteer at a local food bank, feeding program, woman's shelter or agency that works with women and children
21. Will have one (1) member serve on a UM mission related board or agency (local, district, conference, or general ...)
- 22\*. Provide scholarship for young women ages 12-25 to attend School of Christian Mission or Assembly or UMW NEJ.
23. Provide support financially or in-kind to Cooper Community Center.

**TO BE A FIVE STAR UNIT ...**

Level One - BRONZE - Complete 4\* items and 4 others from the list

Level Two - SILVER - Complete 6\* items and 6 others from the list

Level Three - GOLD - Complete 8\* items and 8 others from the list

Name of Local Unit \_\_\_\_\_

President \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Name, address and telephone number of Contact person (in case of questions about this application).

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete and return this form to**

**Joyce Mack**

**89 Wood Avenue**

**Mattapan, MA 02126**

**617-361-0546**

**joycemack@bankofamerica.com**

*Parkway Membership Committee*  
*Pre-Sold Luncheon*  
at Parkway Church  
158 Blue Hills Parkway, Milton, MA 02186



*Saturday, April 28, 2012*



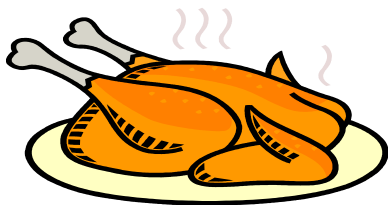
Pick up at **twelve noon**

Please be on time.

Menu

*Rice & Peas*      *Mixed Vegetables*  
*Garden Salad*

Served with either



*Chicken \$8*



*Fish \$10*

For more information contact:

Goinette: 617-298-2795  
Christine: 617-364-4424  
Ricka: 617-298-7879

Janice 617-825-4588  
Enid: 616-698-0528  
Amelia 857-919-4444

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**Cost: \$289.00 Per/Person Double Occupancy \$389.00 Single  
Child Must be Accompany by Parent or Guardian**

<b>For Reservation and Information Contact:</b>		<b>The following Identification is required to enter Montreal, Canada</b>
Alan Merren	617-784-5066	US Citizen- Valid Passport
James Parson	617-364-6672	Non- Citizen - Alien Registration card
Roderick Williams	617- 905-6191	Non- Refundable deposit of \$50.00 due to reserve your seat
David Kavanagh	617-794-3366	Final Payment due April 30, 2012
Winston Edwards	617- 519-6421	Seats are Limited Hurry and reserve your seat today
Stanley Greenaway	617-442-1240	
Colin Edwards	617- 719-0804	
Levance Fergus	617-898-8349	
Wayne Alleyne	617-265-2026	
Greenwood Memorial UMC	617-288-8410	
E-mail: Greenwoodumc@verizon.net		
Boston Departure Friday July 6, 2012 at 6:00 am Greenwood Memorial UMC 378 A Washington Street Dorchester, MA		Montreal Departure Sunday July 8, 2012 at 2pm Hotel Gouverneur Place Dupuis 1415 Rue Street Montreal, Canada

Double \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Child Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit \_\_\_\_\_ Balance \_\_\_\_\_ Full Payment \_\_\_\_\_