

# Lovers Lane United Methodist Women

## LLUMW Newsletter

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Happy Holidays!

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### Joys, Cares and Concerns

Congrats to **Amy Tucker** and husband Jeff on the birth of their baby daughter Kate. Our best wishes go to **Frances Jones** on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Our prayers are with **Betty Ward**; **Charlotte White** and her husband Ralph; **Elizabeth "Libbie" Banks**; **Charlotte Nicholson's** husband Earl; **Vera Merrill's** husband Bob; **Betty Ross**; and **Marsha Gordon's** husband, Doug Reader. Our sympathy is extended to **Carolyn Kennedy** for the loss of her husband John, and to **Helen Elliott** for the loss of her husband, Thomas.

### Success at Marketplace

Celebrating our 8<sup>th</sup> year, Marketplace sold out of baked goods, increased lunch sales, raised more through donations at the door, had a good Silent Auction, made new friends and reunited with old ones. And that's just the beginning! Thanks to all who worked so hard, including Rev. Bob Wormer who provided the delicious homemade tarts for our Sunday lunch dessert! Pat Simon coordinated everything with perfection. And weren't the CFC lobby decorations gorgeous? Most were supplied by Katherine Phillips, and a very talented team put them together. That beautiful décor will be left through Christmas for all the church to enjoy. Did you ever realize that this is a very powerful evangelistic event? Both shoppers and vendors continue to applaud our efforts and friendliness. There is a little coffee left; we still have Benton note cards, bookmarks and prints; and cookbooks are also available for your shopping pleasure.

### Time for Prayer Calendar Orders

One will be supplied to all small groups, but you can get your own by ordering through Carolyn Blankenmeister at 214-351-5002.

### UMW Teens Wrapping for Tips!

Wendy Campbell and the Teens have already wrapped book purchases at the NorthPark Barnes & Noble on Dec. 6. They are raising funds for missions and will wrap books again for tips on Dec. 23.

**2005 UMW Budget will be presented for approval on Dec. 7**

**2005 LLUMC Officers**

### Cooking and Sewing Classes

Volunteers are needed for Promise House for lessons in life. Call Betty Hyde at 972-386-4323.

### Last of Three-Part Series: Charter for Racial Justice Policies

To conclude our summary of the Charter, the following is what we as United Methodists will DO to unite our efforts with all groups in the United Methodist Church.

We will unite to

1. eliminate all forms of institutional racism in the total ministry of the church with special attention given to those institutions which we support, beginning with their employment policies, purchasing practices and availability of services and facilities.
2. create opportunities in local churches to deal honestly with the existing racist attitudes and social distance between members, deepening the Christian commitment to be the church where all racial groups and economic classes come together.
3. increase our efforts to recruit women of all races into the membership of United Methodist Women and provide leadership development opportunities without discrimination.
4. create workshops and seminars in local churches to study, understand and appreciate the historical and cultural contributions of each race to the church and community.
5. increase local church's awareness of the continuing needs for equal education, housing, employment and medical care for all members of the community and create opportunities to work for these things across racial lines.
6. work for the development and implementation of national and international policies to protect the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of all people such as through support for the ratification of United Nations covenants on human rights.
7. support and participate in the world-wide struggle for liberation in the church and community.
8. support nomination and election processes which include all racial groups employing a quota system until the time that our voluntary performance makes such practice unnecessary.

The slate of Executive officers includes the following ladies: Peggy Martin, President; Beverly Shults, President-Elect; Liz Shorey and Martha Schwartz, Co-Vice Presidents of Programs; Anne Todd, Vice Pres. of Small Groups; and Mary Wells, Treasurer. The complete slate, including information on three unfilled positions, is available on Dec. 7.

## Yearbook Corrections

The temporary info continues until about mid-December for **Barbara Wiggins:** 214-750-8220. Helen B. McLaurin's mailing address is 9520 Covemeadow Dr., Dallas 75238, 214-553-0918. Gaye Weyand is now at the Bentley, 3362 Forest Lane #324, Dallas 75234, 214-351-1579. Libbie Banks can receive mail (which she greatly enjoys) c/o Robert Graham, 4005 Tracy Lane, Greenville, TX 75042, while she recovers in a Greenville rest home.

**MISSION FOCUS: Wesley-Rankin Community Center.** Founded in 1902, the ministry of Wesley-Rankin Community Center works hard to address the critical issues facing children, families, and the elderly in a neighborhood that is home to more than 1,400 low-income families of predominantly Hispanic heritage. The Center's long history began in downtown Dallas when six Methodist churches realized the need to minister to an influx of immigrants. Kindergarten, clubs, clinics and a playground were all essential parts of the programming established in the Wesley Center of "Little Mexico." In 1935 Hattie Rankin crossed the Trinity River to minister to the mother of Floyd and Ray Hamilton, partners in crime with Bonnie and Clyde. While there she realized the children and youth of this area also needed the kind of programming the Methodist Church's outreach could provide. A chapel and a gymnasium were built as the Rankin Center. With the intrusion of the toll road into the "Little Mexico" area, a merger of the Wesley Center and the Rankin Center occurred in 1976. A building fund campaign that went over the top allowed for the Center to begin its current buildings at 3100 Crossman. The most recent addition is the Sarah E. Wilke Youth Center.

United Methodist Women organizations have been instrumental in the outstanding development of Wesley-Rankin. The Lovers Lane UMW is pleased to have a long history of support to this agency. The Rebekah Circle recently donated gift baskets to the annual fundraiser, and our women have enjoyed participating in tutoring and summer reading programs at the Center.

## Are your 2004 UMW pledges paid up? Thank you!

**"Gifts from the Heart" gift cards for \$5 and up are available benefiting Agape Clinic at Grace UMC, Bethlehem Center for gym equipment, McCurdy School in New Mexico, and Dilkuska School in Figo where Scott Wiggins and his family serve.**  
**For info: Wendy Campbell, 972-458-8173, or [wjpc@swbell.net](mailto:wjpc@swbell.net).**

Thanks for musical entertainment on Dec. 7 provided by "Ye Merrie Olde Players"

**We welcome our LLUMC staff with grateful hearts to lunch on Dec. 7.**

### Calendar of Coming Events

January 23-25, 2005 **Legislative Event**, Austin (register by Jan. 2, call Inez Willard, 972-596-2626)  
January 25 **Executive Meeting** 11:30-1:00 p.m.  
February 1 **General Gathering** 9:30 a.m.

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