

**St. John's United Methodist Women**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**January 4, 2006**

UMW President Renee Reid called the meeting to order. Members in attendance and their circle numbers were as follows: Sally Bradley, #1; Sarah Perkins, #7; Joan Bodkin, #7; Marsha Mikes, #9; Frankie Lambright, #9; Flo McElmurray, at-large; Brenda Meeks, #7; Renee Reid, #8; Mary Halfmann, #4; Peggy Bumpus, #1; Vera Keisler, #3; Abby Poulton, #13; Cheryl Guynn, #9.

After sharing Member Cares and Concerns, we were led in prayer by Renee Reid. The minutes of the December meeting were approved, and the Treasurer's Report was presented by Joan Bodkin, Treasurer. We were reminded that each circle member is asked to contribute \$5 to the Wallace Family Life Center in January. The Call for Prayer and Self-Denial contributions may be collected in February and/or March.

In her **President's Report**, Renee told of attending a Women Reaching Women Workshop and finding inspiration about women's ministry. Her desire is to extend UMW to all the women of the church. This goal includes equipping women for service in God's kingdom through relationships, encouraging women to use their spiritual gifts in ministry, and edifying women through the intentional study of God's Word. She reminded us of the district officer training this Sunday in North, South Carolina. She also noted that our UMW was mentioned in the Mission Echo (S.C. UMW publication) for our work at the Wallace Family Life Center.

Renee is encouraging all circles to elect officers for better organization of UMW at our church.

We will be having a quarterly UMW newsletter which will arrive with the Visitor. One comes out this week and the next one has a March 1 deadline. Karen Buchanan typed up the newsletter, and Cheryl Guynn will collect circle information for the publication.

Our next UMW Executive Meeting will be a leadership training led by Judy Jernigan. Circle officers will meet at 12:30 and Circle Chairmen (2 per circle) at 1:30.

Under **Prior Business**, it was reported that we netted \$3949.16 profit from the Turkey Dinner. Also, Joan has written checks to the Apple Fest Charities totaling \$15,900!

We are looking for co-chairs for this year's Apple Fest.

Renee reported on the party for the families we helped at Christmas; the party was held at church and included gifts for the children.

The Christmas social with UMM was successful, and we need a chairman for this year's social.

Under **New Business**, a possible project for the year is providing a staff appreciation lunch during 2006.

Member Mission Recognition pins for long-time members could be presented during local circle meetings. Cheryl Guynn will determine which members have not been recognized.

Our first women's event, "Talking through the Heart," will be held on Friday, March 24, and will feature Marti Healy, the author of the book *God Dog Connection*. Renee announced that we need a committee for this event. Brenda Meeks and Abby Poulton agreed to brainstorm some ideas for games or mixers to help the women get acquainted.

Again we were encouraged to do Bible studies within our own circles. Flo McElmurray is cataloging Bible study materials in our Resource room and trying to exchange resources with other churches. A UMW-sponsored Lenten Bible Study could be offered to all church members. Peggy Bumpus said this could be a Fabulous February topic.

Renee Reid closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Bradley, UMW Secretary