



*"Welcomed by God, Welcoming All"*

2017 Theme: "A Call to Community to do Greater Works"

John 14:12 NRSV



My friends,

I love going to the mountains but I don't go nearly as much as I should.

Witnessing those majestic rolling hills with their lush green canopies

softens the grind of work and worries of the day. Two weeks ago, my husband, Walter, and I had the opportunity to spend the weekend with my friend, Anne, in Highlands, NC. The last six months have been very hectic so, I was especially grateful to get out of town and just breathe. The weekend began with a lovely dinner with friends where we reminisced about my brother-in-law that passed away last year. We spent Saturday morning hiking Ossage Mountain and parts of the Bartram Trail that concluded with a fabulous lunch. Since Anne is a new homeowner in Highlands, we thought she should get to know our dear friends Fran and Dennis Leftwich. Dennis and Fran are former Ichthus classmates and visit Decatur First when they are in town. It was great catching up with them and I must say, they have not changed a bit. Seriously, mountain living has been very good to them. It was a wonderful visit and we were so glad to see them. The weekend was very relaxing and the scenery was just breathtaking. Sometimes you just need time to let it all go and breathe in God's creation. Thank you Anne!



This past weekend, several UMW members attended Mission U in North Georgia. The theme: Learning Together for Transformation of the World. Very fitting topic given our church is in a state of transformation itself. It is an exciting time for all of us to be able to grow and learn, not just about the church but about ourselves, our community and our relationship with God. The mission topics for this next year are: Living as a Covenant Community, Climate Justice and Missionary Conferences of the U.S. Our UMW will be offering one or more of these studies next year and we invite you to join us. The instructors are incredible vehicles of God's work and you do not want to miss them.

Our UMW covered dish dinner is Tuesday, August 8 at 6:00 pm. Please join us if you are able and feel free to bring your favorite recipe. We look forward to a wonderful evening!

*Sandy*

## Birthdays

### August

- Brittany Jones – 12th
- Edna Thomas – 15th
- Cheryl Gutterres – 16th
- Sharon Hulette – 22nd
- Mary Golding – 23rd
- Marie Nitschke – 26th
- Patricia Post – 28th
- Ayla Crippen – 30th

### September

- Penny Bartlett – 2nd
- Carole Enright – 2nd
- Jean Henry – 8th
- Barbara Greenig – 10th
- Robbie Corbett – 13th
- Jackie Macomber – 14th
- Becky Vinson – 25th
- Joan Brand – 30th

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.

— John 6:35

## Wonderful Mission u

Pictures contributed by Marsah Yenna



## New Address

Del Podsiadlo  
6567 Azalea Way  
Stone Mountain, Georgia 30087  
678-684-3754

## August General Meeting

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

**Program:** Music and fellowship

**Monday,** August 28, 2017 1:30 pm —

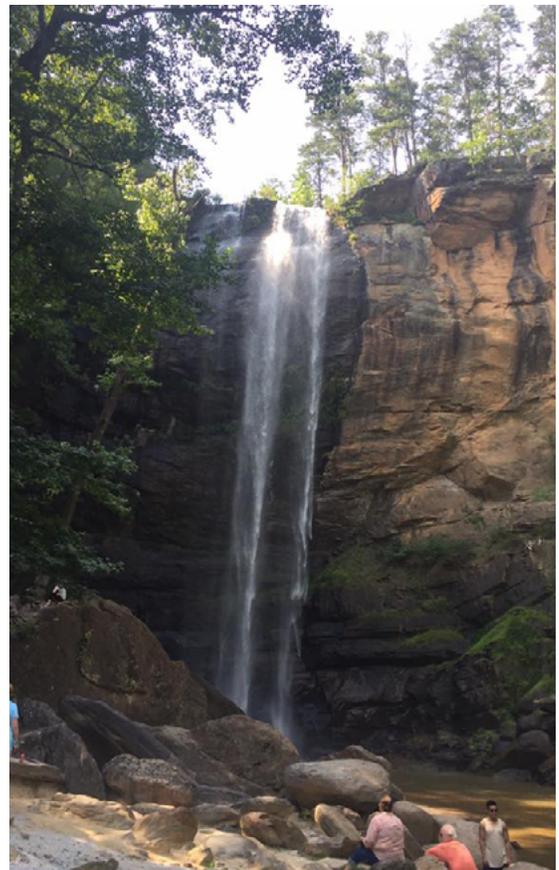
Cancer pad setup

**Tuesday,** August 29, 2017 10:00 am —

Cancer pad sewing

## Opportunities of Service

DEAM Pantry



## A SimLab in Haiti Trains Health Workers

**A United Methodist Women-supported simulation lab uses life-sized mannequins to train caretakers, health workers and volunteers.**

by Annette Apitz

It turns out that mannequins can do more than just model the latest fashions in store-front windows. These life-sized dolls can actually help save lives.

Realistic looking mannequins that represent ages from newborn to adult are being used to train health care workers in so-called simulation labs — SimLabs, for short. One such SimLab, developed by International Child Care and located at the Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti, was started with the help of United Methodist Women.

The lab was launched in March 2015 when a group of Methodist clergy and lay people from the North Texas Annual Conference brought thousands of dollars worth of training mannequins to Grace Children's Hospital. The funds to buy the mannequins were made possible through an anonymous donation by a United Methodist Women member from the First United Methodist Church in McKinney, Texas. Lake Highlands United Methodist Church in Dallas contributed as well.

The mannequins are modeled to represent infants, children and adults, and even include a pregnant woman with her newborn. "MamaNatalie" and "NeoNatalie," as the two mannequins are called, teach health care workers about the delivery of babies in normal as well as in complex birthing situations. This kind of training is especially important in Haiti, where women and children face increased delivery risks and high maternal and child mortality rates. When health care workers and nurses train with mannequins, they can develop their communication skills, critical thinking and training in a controlled environment so they are fully prepared for real-life situations.

The lab also provides teaching opportunities beyond Grace Children's Hospital, as other hospitals have expressed interest in using the mannequins for their own training. Already, pediatricians are holding baby care classes at the SimLab, and the mannequins are used for CPR and automated external defibrillator training for health care professionals and members from a local Heiffer International project. And since June 2017, the SimLab offers ECG training for Haitian nurses.



*Nurses train at the Sim Lab at Grace Children's Hospital.*

The SimLab is a vital tool to improve health care for women and children and to lower maternal and child mortality rates in Haiti. United Methodist Women members played a vital role in launching this important health care tool. The SimLab is just one example of how our members' Mission Giving helps women and children around the world.

### Newsletter Submissions

When placing submissions for the newsletter please put Newsletter UMW and the month in the subject line of the email. This way I will know it is for the next newsletter.

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