



Tracyton United
Methodist Women

Dist & Conf UMW Annual Meetings

District Annual Meeting: Saturday, Sept. 14 at Shelton UMC. Mission workshops.

Conference Annual Meeting: Fri-Sat, Oct 11-12 at Lakewood UMC. Ret. Bishop Mary Ann Swenson is the speaker!

Quilt Auction to Benefit UMW Missions

At the Community Picnic on Sat. Sept. 7, two quilts will be auctioned to benefit UMW missions.



These beautiful quilts were handmade by Elizabeth Burgess with materials donated by United Methodist Women. You can see them on display in the fellowship room, then enter your highest bid during the picnic! Or get a headstart on bidding at church on Sept. 1!

TUMW Tidbits

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First Fall TUMW Meeting coming September 15

The first Fall meeting of our Tracyton UMW will be on **Sunday, September 15 at 1:00 p.m.** We're excited to welcome as our speaker Helen Engle, a member of Epworth LeSourd UMC, who will share a program, "I Was Called." Here's what Helen says about her topic:

"Growing up in the Chehalis Valley in the small town of Oakville was a wonderful way to get to know the world. The 'Great Depression' was a major reality, but it was also a time of great sharing and community. People coped quite successfully without 'real jobs.'

"It was like the garden of Eden – God's landscaping plan had given us the Chehalis River with its great salmon runs, Harris Creek with crawdads and small fish plus a wonderful place to play in the clear, un-

polluted water. There were forests, natural prairies full of wildflowers, and the valley's most friendly Chehalis Tribe. "Children could roam the countryside freely and safely. Everyone had huge gardens, and livestock... And everyone traded, swapped, and helped each other in so many ways.

"Raising my own big family in post WWII it was a whole new world! Many of the changes we did not support sustainability and preservation of important lifesaving resources and cultural amenities. I felt called to speak up for our heritage of Earth's bounty and beauty. This urge morphed into my lifelong experience of advocacy for the environment."

Please come and be inspired by this remarkable woman!

Gleaning Table a Huge Success!

Our Gleaning Table has been a popular spot on Sunday mornings this summer. We have raised over \$100 so far for missions! The kids especially look forward to it and always go home with a new thing like a crazy yellow cucumber or a funny shaped squash. We appreciate everyone's participation and we hope it has been a win-win endeavor.

Membership Pledge:

Your pledge to UMW is divided between our Conference Pledge of \$100 and our Mission Pledge to Katherine Parker's ministry in Nepal, and other local ministries. Katherine Smith can help you know if you have paid your pledge this year.

Charity Knitting Group

From January to June the members of the Charity Knitting Group worked on making hats, booties and blankets to donate to the Harrison Hospital new babies. We made a total of 3 baby blankets, 17 pairs of booties and 50 beautiful little hats! The group is now working on Adult and Children's sized hats, scarves and mittens for the "Warm for Winter"



campaign which will collect the knitted or crocheted articles and distribute them to the local homeless folks in November. If anyone has any extra wool yarn they would like to donate to the group - we'd be happy to take it off your hands and knit it up into a hat to keep someone warm this winter!



A heartfelt thank you to Jodi Hultquist for donating a big box of Children's Books to TUMC. Jodi is one of our members who participates in the Charity Knitting and she also works as a fund raiser for the Boys and Girls Club of America in Bremerton. Our kids will enjoy reading these books for many years to come because of your generous gift!