From Your President.....

How blessed we are here at Belin. Sometimes it just overwhelms me. Let's all give thanks, not just at Thanksgiving, but all year long. Christmas season is always busy with family and friends AND church. Let us all take time out of our busy schedules and give back to others less fortunate. There are a lot of ways to do this at Belin. Check the newsletter, listen to the announcements, and read the notices and participate, volunteer, and attend. We'll all feel much better. God is good. Have a wonderful Christmas.

Blessings to all,
Sue

UMW Christmas Luncheon
December 3, 2016
Kimbel’s at Wachesaw Plantation
11:30 AM

Ladies, you are cordially invited to join the fun and fellowship at our Christmas luncheon. Reservations for this annual event are open and you may register on-line at belinumc.org or pick up a form in the Family Life Center. The price is $25 for the three-course meal. Our mission is Baby Express . . . so, please be sure to bring a contribution of infant and toddler items. For more information, call either your Circle leader or Sue Walters (843-357-4777).

This special event is open to all women of the church.
We look forward to seeing you there!
Thirty (30) Frances Wilson Circle members, turned Santa’s helpers, stuffed 25 shoe boxes with Christmas cheer for students in the special education department at Brown’s Ferry Elementary School in Georgetown County. The ladies contributed all the contents of the treasure boxes. In December, several members of the Circle will deliver the boxes to the children, treat them to some goodies, and have the joy of seeing the excitement as the students open their Christmas boxes. The ladies enjoyed their famous “dump” soup along with desserts following the packing frenzy.
Belin United Methodist Women
Board Meeting
October 26, 2016

The UMW Board met in the Family Life Center at 1:30 PM. In attendance: Sue Walters, president; Susan Malachefski, vice president; Dottie Burnham, treasurer; Jo Bendick, secretary; Sue Carreiro and Nancy Heintz, Frances Wilson Circle chairs; Iva Coker, Miracle Seekers Circle chair; Peg Otterberg, Grace Circle chair; Diane Lewis, Resource chair.

Susan Malachefski opened the meeting with devotion from Chuck Swindall regarding our attitude. She reminded us that we are in charge of our attitude each day.

Secretary’s Report
Minutes were read and approved from the last month’s meeting.

Treasure’s Report
Dottie distributed a copy to those in attendance.

Circle Reports
• Iva reported that the Miracle Seekers Circle is preparing for the bake sale at the barbeque.
• Sue Carreiro reported that Frances Wilson Circle rescheduled their meeting one week later due to hurricane Matthew. They will enjoy their famous “dump soup” and will be filling 25 Christmas shoe boxes for Browns Ferry School; they gave $373 to UMCOR.
• Peg Otterberg reported the Grace Circle is donating a low country boil dinner for the silent auction at the barbeque.

Old Business
• Nancy and Susan will sell shelf sitters at the annual barbeque.
• Three ladies from the board attended a UMW Tea in Pawleys Island and came back with some fresh ideas that may work for us in the future.

New Business
• Diane Lewis is researching information on grant writing for Blessing of the Inlet. She would also like to attend each circle meeting again next year to encourage the reading program.
• Our local Low Country Food Bank has asked for a donation of $150. After taking a vote, it was agreed to give the $150.
• Belin will start a Soup Kitchen program called “Feeding the Inlet” and UMW will be baking 250 cookies for the meal. Each circle will provide 22 dozen.
• This year’s UMW Christmas luncheon will be held at Kimbel’s and the cost is $25 per person. The board is discussing the benefits of changing the date of this luncheon next year from the first Saturday to the second Saturday in December.
• Diane Lewis will be responsible for next year’s pancake dinner on February 28, 2017.
• Belin UMW has been asked to host next year’s “A Day Apart” to be held on Saturday, April 22, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM for the Marion District. We will plan for approximately 100 ladies. More discussion on this at the next meeting.

President Sue Walters closed the meeting with prayer and our benediction.

Closing: “May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another.”

Next meeting will be Wednesday November 16 at 11:30 AM in Family Life Center.

Respectfully submitted
Jo Bendick, Secretary
INTERIM REPORT: BELIN UMW DONATIONS

Our UMW unit has been able to donate to various charities in the area and to the Marion District. In December, the Belin UMW Board and Circles will disperse remaining funds to other organizations. The Board welcomes suggestions from members for worthwhile organizations that would benefit from our contributions.

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Catherine Mudim Akale

**Serving At:** International Ministries with Women, Children, and Youth in Cameroon.

**Location:** Cameroon, Africa, Zambia, Africa

Catherine Akale is a General Board of Global Ministries Regional Missionary assigned to United Methodist Women, Inc., on International Ministries with Women, Children, and Youth. Her ministry is in Yaounde, the capital of Cameroon, where she has served since July 2001.

Catherine’s area of interest and specialty is how gender issues are reflected in institutional structures and decision-making processes that are translated into policy and action: leadership development through education and training; women’s participation in church and society and gender issues; prison ministry at the Yaounde Central Prisons; resource person for 2010 World Day of Prayer Liturgy; World Day of Prayer Cameroon National Committee.

In an African context of wide socio-economic and political inequalities, Catherine focuses on women’s leadership roles within church structures through and analysis of a range of constraints that inhibit women’s skills development and managerial efficiency and limits their capacity to exercise leadership in promoting women’s empowerment economically and in decision-making. She then designs and carries out made-to-measure training to reduce these barriers. Catherine empowers United Methodist women by emphasizing self-reliance translated into skills-building and action in all needs and aspects of women’s lives.

**Why Does News and Notes Feature a Methodist Missionary in Each Edition?**

One of the responsibilities of UMW units is to pray for and recognize one of our world-wide missionaries at each meeting. The purpose of the information in each News and Notes is to give an opportunity for circle leaders and members to have information about a specific missionary so that he or she may be included in prayer. Read more about our Methodist missionaries at [www.umcmission.org](http://www.umcmission.org).
**CIRCLE NOTES**

**FRANCES WILSON CIRCLE** met on November 14 to fill and wrap 25 shoe boxes for special education kids at Brown’s Ferry School. We served “dump” soup and homemade desserts after we finished the boxes. It was a great meeting with lots of ladies attending. We will deliver the gift boxes in December, plus take cupcakes and juice for refreshments to share with the children. The ladies will have lunch after we leave the school.

Our December meeting will be the Christmas Luncheon on December 3, at Kimbel’s. Anyone interested - don’t have to be a UMW member - may come and join us. You may find a circle of women you could be interested in joining. Circle members and leaders will be attending the luncheon. Please remember to bring a gift for our mission, Baby Express. You can sign up on line or at the church office.

*Circle co-leaders: Sue Carreiro (843-357-3533) and Nancy Heintz (843-947-0873)*

**GRACE CIRCLE** will meet on Monday, December 5, at the home of Betsy Alexander for our Christmas social. In November, our members made cookies for the “Feeding the Inlet” project, and volunteered in many different areas for the annual BBQ.

Betsy Alexander gave members a project called “A Reverse Advent Calendar,” where every day during Advent an item is put into a box (hygiene, food items, etc.). At the end of Advent, the box will be taken to a food bank.

*Circle leader: Peg Otterberg (843-651-2688)*

**MIRACLE SEEKERS** members and guests will have their annual Christmas party on Tuesday, December 6 at 5:30 PM at the Tupelo Bay Clubhouse. Liz Barber is making all the arrangements and will supply the turkey and ham. All members are asked to bring a covered dish of choice.

The Circle supplied 20 dozen cookies for the first event of "Feeding the Inlet" program.

As a Christmas project, we will fill baggies for homeless and "at risk" veterans in the Myrtle Beach area. Men’s white athletic socks and toiletries will be collected. The organization heading up this project is the Service to Veterans Committee of the local DAR Chapter in Murrells Inlet.

*Circle leader: Iva Coker (843-344-2003)*

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**2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

December 3 ......................... UMW Annual Christmas Luncheon, Kimbel’s Restaurant, Wachesaw Plantation
UMW OFFICERS

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Treasurer ................................................................. Dottie Burnham (803-261-7354)
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GOD’S WAY
Day by Day
By Charles Stanley

WALKING IN WIDSOM

Do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
Ephesians 5:17

We must choose to pursue wisdom. It’s up to each of us to determine how we will walk through this life. Wisdom is not something a person stumbles into or acquires automatically; it must be sought out and pursued.

The person who walks in wisdom is very aware of his life, how he affects the world, and how the world affects him. He recognizes that every person faces three enemies in life: the world system, the flesh, and the devil. He seeks to know God’s plan and purpose - not only for his personal life but also for every situation involving other people around him.

News and Notes is an informal UMW newsletter and is distributed each month. Please submit your Circle information/pictures by e-mail by the 20th of the month to either Fran Wesner (franza6@aol.com) or Betty Mar Little (bmlittle2@aol.com).