

# United Methodist Women's News

By

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For those of you who missed the performance of our St. Marks' Steel Drums on New Year's Eve I want to say it was fantastic. Usually we just hear one song or two during our Sunday morning worship, but on New Year's Eve those in attendance were entertained with so much more. I just want to express my appreciation for the dedication of those who give so much of their time and talents to keep the Steel Drums alive.

**The next unit meeting** of United Methodist Women is **Sunday, March 15** in the church dining room. The program will be on **Social Justice**. We will also be doing **Call to Prayer and Self Denial** which is an annual special observance of UMW based on a specific theme that provides an opportunity for **prayer, reflection, study and sacrificial giving**. Last year those in attendance were very generous and gave over \$200.

**Spiritual Growth Retreat** is April 17 & 18 at Cedar Lakes Conference Center, Ripley, WV. Theme: "Moving Forward Together." **Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Janet Wolf, Director of Children's Defense Fund. **Music** will be by "Where Paths Meet" by Huntington Area Worship Band. More information regarding registration, etc. will be in a future ReMarker and the church bulletin.

**Ministry One** ingathering for February will be cereals for the Covenant House Food Pantry. Please leave items in the baskets in the Foyer/ Narthex.

**Church Women United's** "Celebration" **World Day of Prayer** is being planned for March 6 at Bream Presbyterian Church on West Washington Street. Lunch will be \$8.00, if you choose to stay. Registration is 9:30 a.m. I would like to see St. Marks well represented at the "Celebration." Call me if you need more information.

**Please continue to save your pennies** for me for Church Women United for their mission projects around the world.

**A little humor:** Last month I gave you Danny's explanation of God for a homework assignment. Danny was an 8-year-old boy in the third grade from Chula Vista, California. Here are two more:

*"God's sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere, which keeps Him pretty busy. So, you shouldn't go wasting His time by going over your parent's head asking for something they said you couldn't have. Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church."*

*"Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about*

*God. They finally got tired of Him preaching to them and they crucified Him. But He was good and kind like His Father and He told His Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK."*

**A little smile:** A young boy was in his bed for the night when a storm broke and awakened him. He called out to his father in fear. The father came to the room to calm his son's fears. "It's all right, Son," he said. "God is with you." "I know that, Daddy," said the boy, "but I need somebody with skin." **Scripture:** The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14). (*From Devotions to Leave You Smiling.*)

**I pray that you will sense the presence of God somewhere today.**