
The Voice of the Harpeth River District Reminder



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Partners in Mission
Thursday, April 21, 2022 @ 6 p.m.
Columbia First UMC

Partners in Mission Speaker:

Dr. Richard Schoeberl

Dr. Richard Schoeberl is the U.S. Team Leader for *Hope for Justice* and an expert in national security and law Enforcement. He will discuss his work investigating human trafficking and the global effort to combat its spread at the Harpeth River District's Partners In Mission event on April 21.

Dr. Richard Schoeberl has over 25 years of experience, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Central Intelligence Agency's National Counter Terrorism Center (NCTC). Before these organizations, he worked as a special agent investigating violent crime, international terrorism, trafficking, and organized drugs.

In addition to the FBI and NCTC, Schoeberl is an author of numerous articles on terrorism and security and is currently a professor of Criminology and Homeland Security at UT-Southern in Pulaski, TN.

Partners in Mission Focus:

Hope for Justice

Hope for Justice is an international non-profit organization working to bring an end to modern-day slavery and human trafficking. It has an effective and proven model that is replicable, scalable, and widely admired.

Hope for Justice's vision is to live in a world free from slavery. Hope for Justice's global work, across five continents, is built on four pillars:

Preventing exploitation:

Our outreach teams, self-help groups and community education initiatives empower people to protect themselves and their families from predatory traffickers and their recruiters. This work is focused in less developed countries.



Rescuing victims:

Our specialist teams work closely with law enforcement to identify victims of trafficking and modern slavery, build bridges of trust with them and remove them from exploitation and into safety. They build cases to ensure perpetrators are brought to justice. They do community outreach and have a particular focus on teenage runaways, who are at especially high risk of being targeted by traffickers. Our Hubs are run by licensed investigators who co-ordinate closely with law enforcement to assist directly in the rescue of all types of trafficking victims. They also act as specialist consultants to law enforcement teams handling trafficking cases. The Hubs are an alternative pathway for victims too scared to speak directly to the authorities to safely report their situation.

Restoring lives:

We work with victims to overcome trauma and rebuild their lives. We offer tailored restorative care initiatives and offer support to meet vital needs, including survivor-centered aftercare safe housing in Charlotte, NC, and at our Lighthouse programs in other countries around the world.

Reforming society:

We train professionals to spot the signs of trafficking and to respond, and campaign for policy change. We help businesses protect their operations and supply chains. We work closely with federal and state legislators to improve the response to trafficking. For example, in 2021, Hope for Justice provided recommendations and expert insight that was included in the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2021, working close with its cosponsors, Reps Chris Smith (R-New Jersey) and Karen Bass (D-California).

Hope for Justice's U.S. operations are headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, with recent expansion into more states, most recently Iowa, North Carolina, Colorado and Florida.

A Love Offering will be collected for *Hope for Justice*.

hopeforjustice.org | Hope for Justice | PO Box 280365 | Nashville, TN | 37228

The Partners in Mission Registration Form is at the end of this Reminder. **Deadline is April 11th.**



Prayer List:

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Corrections for the Directory:

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“Happiness cannot be travelled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude.”

~~ Denis Waitley

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



** What are Child Abuse and Neglect?

Child abuse and neglect are serious public health problems and [adverse childhood experiences \(ACEs\)](#) that can have long-term impact on health, opportunity, and wellbeing. This issue includes all types of abuse and neglect against a child under the age of 18 by a parent, caregiver, or another person in a custodial role (such as a religious leader, a coach, a teacher) that results in harm, the potential for harm, or threat of harm to a child. There are four common types of abuse and neglect:

- **Physical abuse** is the intentional use of physical force that can result in physical injury. Examples include hitting, kicking, shaking, burning, or other shows of force against a child.
- **Sexual abuse** involves pressuring or forcing a child to engage in sexual acts. It includes behaviors such as fondling, penetration, and exposing a child to other sexual activities. Please see [CDC's Preventing Child Sexual Abuse webpage](#) for more information.
- **Emotional abuse** refers to behaviors that harm a child's self-worth or emotional well-being. Examples include name-calling, shaming, rejection, withholding love, and threatening.
- **Neglect** is the failure to meet a child's basic physical and emotional needs. These needs include housing, food, clothing, education, and access to medical care.

** How big is the problem?

Child abuse and neglect are common. At least 1 in 7 children have experienced child abuse and/or neglect in the past year, and this is likely an underestimate. In 2019, 1,840 children died of abuse and neglect in the United States.

Children living in poverty experience more abuse and neglect. Experiencing poverty can place a lot of stress on families, which may increase the risk for child abuse and neglect. Rates of child abuse and neglect are 5 times higher for children in families with low socioeconomic status compared to children in families with higher socioeconomic status.

Child maltreatment is costly. In the United States, the total lifetime economic burden associated with child abuse and neglect was approximately \$428 billion in 2015. This economic burden rivals the cost of other high-profile public health problems, such as stroke and type 2 diabetes.

** What are the consequences?

- * Children who are abused and neglected may suffer immediate physical injuries such as cuts, bruises, or broken bones, as well as emotional and psychological problems, such as impaired social-emotional skills or anxiety.
- * Child abuse and neglect and other ACEs can also have a tremendous impact on lifelong health, opportunity, and wellbeing if left untreated. For example, exposure to violence in childhood increases the risks of injury, future violence victimization and perpetration, substance abuse, sexually transmitted infections, delayed brain development, lower educational attainment, and limited employment opportunities.
- * Chronic abuse may result in toxic stress, which can change brain development and increase the risk for problems like post-traumatic stress disorder and learning, attention, and memory difficulties.

** How can we PREVENT Child Abuse and Neglect?

Child abuse and neglect are preventable. There are a number of factors that may increase or decrease the risk for perpetrating and/or experiencing child abuse and neglect. To prevent child abuse and neglect violence, we must understand and address the factors that put people at [risk for or protect them from violence](#). Everyone benefits when children have safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments. CDC has developed a resource, [Preventing Child Abuse & Neglect: A Technical Package for Policy, Norm, and Programmatic Activities pdf icon\[4 MB, 52 Pages, 508\]](#) to help communities take advantage of the best available evidence to prevent child abuse and neglect. This resource is available in English and [Spanish pdf icon\[21MB, 52 Pages, 508\]](#) and can be used as a tool in efforts to impact individual behaviors, as well as family, community, and societal factors, that influence risk and protective factors for child abuse and neglect.

Different types of violence are connected and often share root causes. Child abuse and neglect are linked to other forms of violence through [shared risk and protective factors](#). Addressing and preventing one form of violence may have an impact on preventing other forms of violence.

For more information:

<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childabuseandneglect/fastfact.html>

Events you will Not want to Miss!

Partners in Mission

Thursday, April 21st, 6 pm at the Columbia First UMC, Columbia, TN

Registration Deadline is **April 11th**.

7th Annual Women's Retreat @ Beersheba Springs Assembly

Friday, April 29th through Sunday, May 1st.

Speaker: Cherie Jobe. This year's theme is: Soul Sunrise.

Registration Deadline is **April 15th**. Register @ www.beershebaassembly.org

Assembly 2022 @ Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, Florida

Friday, May 20th through Sunday, May 22nd.

This year's theme is: TURN IT UP!

Different Prices for In-Person or Virtual

Go to <https://assembly2022.org/> for information & to register.

Registration Deadline is **April 11th**.



Our Vision:

We are a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children and youth, we act for justice and transform communities.



Helpful Resources:

Harpeth River District: hrumw.weebly.com

Harpeth River District TN Annual Conference UMC: www.facebook.com/harpethriverdistrictTNAC

Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference: twkumc.org

United Women in Faith: uwfaith.org

CALENDAR of EVENTS

{District events – **BOLD** font.}

4/2 (Sat.)	1 pm 2 pm	Local Unit Officer Training Faith Lift	Nolensville First UMC
4/21 (Thurs.)	6 pm	Partners in Mission (Registration Required)	Columbia First UMC
4/29-5/1	5 pm	Spring Retreat (<i>Scholarship</i>) (Registration Required by 4/15)	Beersheba Springs
5/20-5/22		Assembly 2022	Orlando, Florida
6/25	10 am 1 pm	Local President Round Table Dist. Leadership Meeting	St. Andrew Pulaski
07/14-07/16		Mission u (<i>Scholarship</i>)	Scarritt Bennett, Nashville
8/6	TBD	Conf. Executive Meeting	TBD
8/20	9:30 am 2 pm	Mission Study Dist. Leadership Meeting	Centerville UMC
8/20	TBD	Conf. Social Action Day	Memphis Area
9/17	TBD	Conf. Annual Meeting	Brentwood First UMC
9/24	8:30 9 am	Dist. Annual Mtg. Registration District Annual Meeting	Christ UMC Franklin
9/30-10/2	TBD	Fall Retreat (<i>Scholarship</i>)	Lakeshore, Eva, TN
11/12	TBD	District Officer Training	TBD



Unit News & Photos

Christ UMW – April Diaper Drive

Call 615.830.3576 for more information



Ladies Come Together to Bless Communities at Home, Abroad

written by Allison Mitchell

“What happens in the sewing group stays in the sewing group.”

For anyone wishing to join the Sewing Ladies of Prospect, where coffee and conversation flow freely, that’s the one and only rule.

But it isn’t entirely true. What happens in the sewing group never stays in Prospect. Their projects leave their small, rural community and travel to the ends of the Earth---literally.

On Sunday mornings at Prospect UMC, congregants often hear Kathleen Norman speak up during the announcements and say, “We’re sewing tomorrow.”

Akin to the way the bat signal lets Batman know Gotham City needs him, Norman’s words serve as the clarion call for Betsy Edgmon, Lit Stanford, Coleen Hickman, Linda LeDonne, Ginger Hanserd, Sissy Cooley, Beatrice Coleman and Joy Shackelford to assemble at the fellowship hall the next morning, because someone, somewhere, needs their help.

The sewing group didn’t begin as a ministry, though. It started as a way to teach the younger generation the beauty and value found in old fashioned know-how.

“Elkton School had an artist in residence who was teaching the children about quilting as an art form,” Norman recalled. “Each of the kids made a quilt square and colored it. They wanted somebody to sew the quilt squares together into a quilt top.”

As the school librarian, Edgmon’s daughter heard about the artist’s need and knew her mom could help out. Edgmon agreed and asked some of her friends from church to come along as well. So the ladies packed up their sewing machines and headed to art class---and going back to school was never so much fun.

“The children were fascinated with the sewing machines,” Edgmon said. “They would stand over our shoulders, watching us sew. They loved it.”

The ladies from Prospect did too. They especially loved it when they found out the quilts made in art class were going to a good cause.

“The quilts were going to the More Than Warmth project, which is a program founded by a teacher in Nashville,” Norman explained. “She has a curriculum that goes with it. She teaches the children about having a more peaceful world, and that everybody, no matter how young they are, can do something to make this a more peaceful world.”

When the ladies found this was not simply an art project, that More Than Warmth quilts end up in the hands of underprivileged children all over the world, they were hooked.

“We ladies came back together, and we asked, ‘What else can we do?’ “ Norman said.

The answer? Way more than they thought possible.

From that point on, the ladies went about their days with their ears attuned to how they could continue using their sewing talents for good.

“The dialysis quilts came next,” said Norman, who is a retired nurse. “A lot of times dialysis patients get cold while undergoing treatment, so we started making lap quilts for them to keep.”

They even put their own, personal touch on the corner of each quilt, which actually served to get their name further out into the community.

“We had the tags say, ‘Handmade by Prospect United Methodist Women,’ “ Stanford said.

Then the projects really started rolling in. The ladies made blankets for Project Linus, a non-profit that distributes handmade blankets to children in need. After attending district meetings for the Methodist church, they heard of children in far away countries who didn’t have enough to wear. So they found a simple pattern and learned to make dresses from pillowcases. They could make tons of them at very little cost and send them with local teams as they ministered in third world countries through their denomination’s short-term missions program, Volunteers in Mission.

“They have taken them to India, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Haiti,” Norman said. “We normally stuff 50 dresses in a copy paper crate and send them.”

The group’s most recent project, however, required more work than they could handle, prompting the sewing group to throw open the doors to the fellowship hall and invite some new friends in to help.

Following the devastating tornado outbreak in Kentucky in December 2021, Genelle Allen of Ardmore received an email from Hancock’s Fabric Store base out of Paducah, Ky. Hancock’s was calling all quilters to put together as many quilts as possible for families who had lost nearly everything in the devastation.

Allen and friends, Jill Marsh, Bonnie Harris, and Reba Brewer, were willing to lend their sewing skills, they simply needed a place to get together.

“I put a post on social media,” Allen said. “Lit saw it. She and I have been friends for a long time. She invited us to come up and sew with them.”

“Prospect Methodist has a large fellowship hall, a large supply of quilting items and an established group,” Stanford added. “It just made sense for us to join forces.”

So they did.

Ladies from Ardmore, Ala./Tenn., and Harvest, Ala., came up every Tuesday from December through mid February to make

quilts. They worked all day, and like good Methodists do, they only took time out for a covered dish lunch.

The urgency of their project, and maybe the delicious lunches, even attracted the attention of some of the younger folks. McKenzie Mitchell and Emily Mitchell, ages 20 and 16 respectively, joined in the fun.

"I'm glad that they include the younger generation," Emily Mitchell said. "It's fun. They are teaching me how to sew, and we are getting to help people, too."

Actually, they are helping a lot of people.

"Twenty quilts are ready to donate," Norman said. "We have handmade quilts for all sizes---baby, toddler, lap quilts and bed size."

"By combining our talents and skills, 20 quilts were sewn, quilted, and bound in record time for me to take up to Hancock's in Paducah," Allen said.

It's truly an amazing thing that went on in Prospect. Warm quilts were made, new friendships were forged and valuable skills were passed on to the next generation.

They just hope the families in Kentucky feel the love and concern that went into every stitch.



The Sewing Ladies of Prospect come together to create quilts and more for those in need. Showing off some of the group's work are (from left) Lit Stanford, Sissy Cooley, Genelle Allen, Kathleen Norman, Reba Brewer, Linda LeDonne and Emily Mitchell.



*Only Jesus could build a bridge to heaven
with just two pieces of wood.*

FaithTap.com



Notes

**** All forms are on the website under Events,
except the Registration for Assembly 2022 ****

Due Dates

- April 1 Scholarship for Spring Retreat
- April 6 Scholarship for Assembly 2022
- April 11 Registration for Partners in Mission
- April 11 Online Registration for Assembly 2022
- April 15 Registration for Spring Retreat



Christ
is
Risen!

May you and yours have a
Blessed Easter!

HARPETH RIVER DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
dba UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

PARTNERS IN MISSION DINNER

Thursday, April 21, 2022 6:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
222 W. Seventh St., Columbia, TN 38401

The Pastor and his/her spouse and 2 women from the Church's UMW unit are invited guests of the Harpeth River District. Any other members of the UMW unit are welcome to come for **\$8.00 per person**. Please enclose a check(s) made out to **Harpeth River District UMW** with **Partners In Mission** on the Memo line for these paying attendees.

UNIT: _____

1. Pastor's Name: _____

2. Spouse's Name: _____

3. 1st Guest: _____

4. 2nd Guest: _____

5. Name: _____ Check No. _____

6. Name: _____ Check No. _____

7. Name: _____ Check No. _____

8. Name: _____ Check No. _____

You may put additional names & check no. on the back of this page if you have more people who want to attend.

Please give the following information as a contact for this group.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Send registration form and check(s) to:

Harpeth River District UMW Treasurer
Debbie Miller
839 Pintail Ct.
Franklin, TN 37067

***** Registration Deadline: April 11, 2022 *****

HARPETH RIVER DISTRICT
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
TWK CONFERENCE SPRING RETREAT

April 29 – May 1, 2022

Beersheba Springs Assembly, 58 Hedge Ave., Beersheba Springs, TN 37305

FOR FIRST TIME ATTENDEES

Date: _____

Unit Name: _____

Name of Applicant Member: _____

Reason this person should be considered for scholarship: _____

Address of Applicant Member: _____

Phone of Applicant Member: _____

Signature & Phone # of person making recommendation:

Please send application by **April 1, 2022** to:

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HARPETH RIVER DISTRICT
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
ASSEMBLY

May 20 – 22, 2022

(Assembly registration Closes April 11, 2022)

Orange County Convention Center, Orlando FL

Date: _____

Unit Name: _____

Name of Applicant Member: _____

Reason this person should be considered for scholarship _____

Address of Applicant Member: _____

Phone of Applicant Member: _____

Signature & Phone # of person making recommendation:

Please send application before by **April 6, 2022** to:

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