



## ***Greater New Jersey United Methodist Women***

### **PROGRAMS TO ATTRACT NEW YOUNG MEMBERS**

#### **MAD (mothers and daughters) About Mission Group**

A group of children ages about 7 and up and their mothers meet monthly and do mission activities. Activities could include: Valentine gifts and/or fundraisers; Winter products for shut-ins (i.e. gingerbread houses, needlepoint items); UMCOR donations such as layette kits and school kits; Cards and candy for soldiers overseas; and creative items for Feed the Body, Feed the Soul.

A Creation by Sparta UMW

#### **Feed the Body, Feed the Soul**

Feed the Body, Feed the Soul are nation-wide programs launched to eradicate widespread hunger. Sparta UMC developed this ministry to give people who are struggling financially a helping hand by giving them grocery cards and free lunches. Their activities include a bag lunch for 200 people each month with assistance from adults and children. They load up the lunch bags (fruit, snack, Bible verse) and sometimes make cards, bake holiday cookies and candies. This was an idea from current Sparta UMW Pat Schutz a few years ago after attending the GNJ UMW LDD conference, and it has been a wonderful ministry.

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<http://spartaumc.org/feed-the-body-feed-the-soul-2/>

For additional ideas, visit Feed 3: [www.feed3.org](http://www.feed3.org).

#### **Children and Youth Book Group**

Using the categories of the UMW Reading Program, Sparta UMC has purchased some of the official books, plus many more. The Sparta program includes about 15 readers and the UMW adults read all the books before they are placed on their list. Although book costs are budgeted, a few UMC members buy the books.

Excerpts from Pat Schutz  
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