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Greetings to each of you,

We have launched into the new year with District Annual Day, District Leadership Training and Conference Annual Day. At our Annual Day we celebrated at Trinity UMC, Fort Walton with 85 participants from 13 units. Thank you, ladies of Trinity UMW for great hospitality. At this event we gave out awards, introduced the District Mission Team for 2018, District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Tim



Trent installed these new & returning officers, and honored our deceased members with a memorial service. Rev. Pam Avery was our guest speaker and her presentation was inspirational. We also honored Louise O'Bannon, our outgoing Vice President, with a Mission Recognition Pin for her years of service in the ranks of the District Mission Team.

Leadership Training moved us to Bellview UMC in Pensacola. Eighteen units were represented by 61 participants. Ladies of Bellview UMW thank you for your warm greeting and delicious brunch. The new year brought members from three units back to us and I was delighted to meet the officers. We opened with a devotional and prayer by Judy Johns, Spiritual Growth Chair. We distributed 2018 workbook which may be downloaded from the Conference UMW website – awf-umw.org. books and Directories.

I plan to e-mail the district directory to the local unit presidents. The directory is for UMW use only. It is not to be given to outsiders. Only a handful of evaluations were turned in and most were positive, giving suggestions for improvement at next year's training. For those ladies who wish to participate electronically and not attend meetings on Saturdays or weekends, we can direct you to on-line units. Contact me at pat.gardens13@gmail.com.

If you missed attending Conference Annual day at Foley UMC, you missed one of the best I have attended in the last 19 years. The auditorium was spacious, complete with a stage. Our speakers included Bishop Graves, Shannon Priddy, UMW National President and Clara Ester, UMW National Vice President. Pensacola District won the Reading Program award with 59 readers, so we brought home the "Book Worm" for another year! We are moving Conference Annual Day around the conference in hopes of increasing local attendance to this event each year. Next year we will venture to Demopolis District. We have not given up on having meetings at Blue Lake, as we will be there for Conference Spiritual Enrichment Retreat in October.

While at Conference Annual Day, I spoke with Clara Ester to confirm her being the leader for the April Mission Study on April 21st at Myrtle Grove UMC. She has a conflict for the date that we discovered on her calendar as we talked. I am working on a plan with the District Mission Team to teach the study.

Please mark your calendars for the three other meetings we have planned for the remainder of the year...check the calendar on page 3. As sisters in Christ, we are called to build up others: Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you. 2 Corinthians 13:11.

In HIS Service,

Pat Dodge

Pensacola District UMW President



MISSION TEAM 2018

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Spiritual Growth

I am honored and humbled to be the Spiritual Growth Coordinator for my local unit at Gadsden Street UMC and also for the Pensacola District UMW. I am saying YES to God and invite you, as United Methodist Women, to join me on the journey of “What is God calling me to do?” Nothing is impossible when we let go of our personal agendas and seek His direction. I look forward to hearing from and working with all of you.



Blessings to all,
Judy Johns



It was great to see over 60 United Methodist Women at our training day, you represented 18 churches with thriving local units. I hope everyone learned a little something new or was able to help someone else learn

about their new position with UMW. Directories and workbooks were handed out to all Presidents and Treasurers: anyone needing a directory just needs to email me at dickensjudi@yahoo.com and I will forward a copy to your email. I asked all the Presidents to review the listings for their unit and let me know of any errors or omissions so that I can make the corrections and send them out to everyone. I am making the corrections in my electronic copy so that any I send out will have current information. If you need local forms you can go to awf-umw.org and find a link to any forms you may need. I suggest you take a look, just so you can be prepared now for any reports you might need to send in later this year. Included in the directory is a calendar of all District and Conference events happening in 2018, please take a look and plan on attending as many as possible. It is always a fun time of learning and sharing when you attend annual day, mission studies or Spiritual day, I look forward to seeing each of you at these functions. Don't forget we have Mission U right here in Pensacola this year July 20 & 21!

Blessings,
Judi Dickens -Pensacola District Secretary



Calendar of United Methodist Women

Pensacola District
Alabama-West Florida Conference

District Dates 2018

APR 14, AUG 4, SEP 29, DEC 1—District Team Meeting—GSUMC
APR 21—Mission Study—”Living as a Covenant Community”—Myrtle Grove UMC—speaker TBD
AUG 11—Mission Study—”Missionary Conferences”—Gadsden St UMC
OCT 6—Spiritual Day Apart—Gulf Breeze UMC—speaker TBD

Alabama-West Florida UMW Conference Dates 2018

MAY 18-20 — Assembly @ Columbus, Ohio
JUL 13-14 —Executive Committee — Blue Lake — (Presidents & Treasurers)
JUL 20 & 21—Mission u — St Luke UMC, Pensacola, FL (Nine Mile Road)
OCT 19-21—Spiritual Enrichment Retreat—Blue Lake

NOMINATIONS CHAIR

It is very important for your information and talents to be recorded on the form “Talent Bank Information on Prospective leadership” and turned into me. We are always looking for great ladies to step up into leadership roles. You can download this form from AWFC-UMW Workbook on the internet or see me at our next meeting.

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Directory Changes

Please e-mail me if you have any changes in the new directory:

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I'm changing Hats~ I'm now your New Vice President! Looking forward to serving you and open to all suggestions to make the UMW the best ! UMW Rock!! Facebook Message is the best way to contact me.

Sharon Hogan
District Vice President



As was said at the Conference Annual day meeting, we all need to rise to the challenge of fulfilling our Conference Pledge This means encourage all members of your units to Pledge for 2018. With the new form replacing 4 old forms it should be easier to send in money. Please try to do this quarterly, March 15, June 15, September 15 and November 30. We are no longer giving to the local missions through Conference Askings. Your units can still send money to them but remember your pledge comes first. If anyone has difficulties with the new form please call or e-mail me. With shrinking memberships I know it is difficult to come up with enough money to cover everything. Remember with God's help anything is possible. .

Margaret Larson
Pensacola District Treasurer
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Conference Annual Day



Pensacola District

Leadership Training



Annual Day

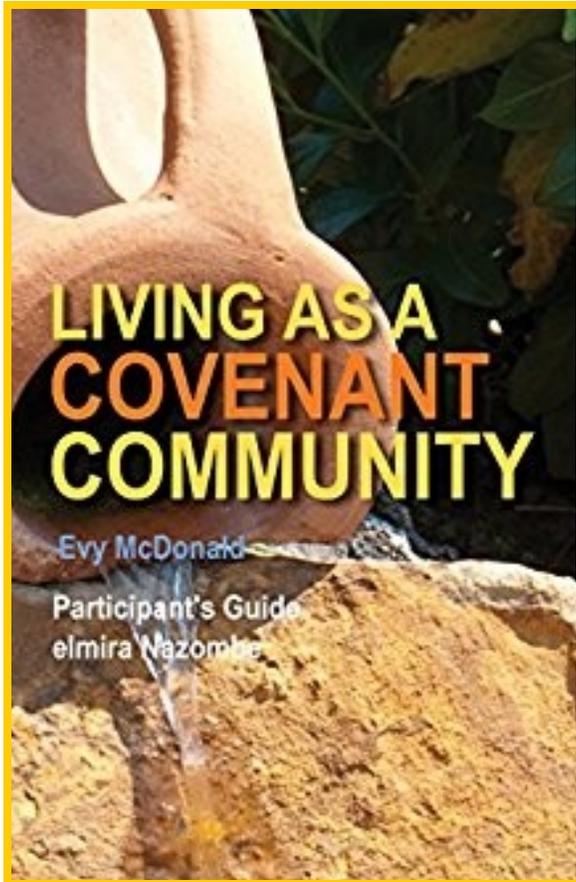


SPEAKER:
REV. Pam Avery



Pensacola District UMW

Mission Study



April 21, 2018

Myrtle Grove UMC
1030 North 57th Avenue
Pensacola, FL 32506

**DOORS OPEN: 8:00AM,
REGISTRATION: 8:30,
PROGRAM: 9:00AM**

A Continental breakfast by Myrtle Grove UMC
No Charge to Attend

**Please send reservations for
your Units and Circles to:**

Beth Herndon

Email: bh2522@gmail.com

MGUMC #: 850-456-7463

RSVP by 18 April 18



SPEAKER: TBD



Redbird Mission will
have a table of assorted
crafts available for sale.

Collecting can/dry goods for Elijah's Pantry.

GADSDEN STREET UMW PARTY



This space is waiting for you and your unit or circle to send me a write-up and picture. Let us know what you are doing.



The Quilts made by the Perdido Sew Gals were delivered to the United Methodist Girls Home in Milton.



Send info to:
paddicain@gmail.com

In The Red Zone



Myrtle Grove UMC and Gadsden Street UMC join the Pensacola District Officers in the RED ZONE

Mission u

Mission u is in Pensacola for the next 2 years. It will be at St. Luke UMC July 20 & 21 2018. Go to [ALWFL web site](#) and click on Mission u to get all the information and registration form. I hope to see lots of you at Mission u in July.

Margaret Lawson—Dean of Mission u



Guild Circle at Myrtle Grove UMC had another successful "Ladies Night Out". The Ladies painted ceramic Lighthouses, did an Acrylic Pour, made Origami lighthouses, made a card, had their hands waxed, posed for Glamour Shots and had lots of food and door prizes. Next scheduled night out is 19 Oct 2018.





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