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Mobile District United Methodist Women Newsletter  
May 2019



## *Mobile District Annual Day*

The 46<sup>th</sup> Mobile District Annual Day was on April 28<sup>th</sup> at St. John UMC. There were 18 of our 19 units represented as well as AWF Conference President Debbie Bell, and National Vice President of United Methodist Women Clara Ester. The talented St. John UMC Praise Team led by Kevin Green opened us up with musical reflections on Easter. The Mobile District is so grateful to Rev. Dr. Jennifer Gregory of Tanner Williams UMC for giving the invocation and Rev. Dr. Holly Morales of Chatom UMC for celebrating communion. Special recognition pins were awarded, outgoing officers were honored, and certificates of achievement passed out to units and individuals.

Deaconess Laurel Akin from Enterprise United Methodist Church gave a powerful message about her personal journey and God's blessings in her life. Over \$70 was donated to the Dumas Wesley Community Center and over \$450 was collected in a special offering for pledges. 32 United Methodist Women from the Mobile District who passed away in 2018 were remembered in a moving ceremony led by Robbie Bunkley, District Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator. Memorial rocks were presented to the units who lost members this past year. Thank you to all who participated in the planning of this event.

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## UMW MEMBERS

Thanks to all of you who attended our 46<sup>th</sup> District Annual Day. We had a great time celebrating UMW's 150 Years of Service and our accomplishments for the past year.

These are the times that remind us that what we do as United Methodist women is so important and that we have so many people depending on us. It also reminds us that we are a sisterhood of women who are "connected" and dedicated to service.

Thanks again to the St. John Unit for your hospitality and to Jay Locker and the District Mission Team for planning the service for us.

Please keep up the good work and invite your family and friends to unite with us.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events. Your attendance is vital to our success. I hope that you will make a special effort to attend the study on this Saturday, especially since we have a guest study leader. If you have UMCOR items, you are welcome to bring them with you.

Love in Action

*Barbara*







## *District Mission Study*

**May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**

**Springhill Ave United Methodist Church**

**Social Action: What About Our Money? A Faith Response**

**Study Leader: Betty Helms, Southeastern Jurisdictional President**

*What About Our Money? A Faith Response* explores how we relate to money within the context of our faith. Through this connection between our faith and our money, readers discover how to live closer to God and God's people, even in our North American culture that is so deeply defined by money. She explores the biblical foundation of abundance (sufficiency), which stands in opposition to the scarcity narrative our culture tells us from the time we are very young. The text's seven chapters start with providing a biblical foundation for the discussion to come. Taylor then explores the systems in which we make our financial decisions, our modern-day understanding of what is available to us, and how we use/consume our resources in Chapters 2–4. Chapters 5–7 help readers take steps to implement this knowledge in their lives by looking at what belongs to God, how we can plan for the future as people of faith, and to make the connection between our faith and finances. Please RSVP to Desiree Clarke 454-5549 (c) or 479-0772 (h) by NO LATER than Wednesday, May 8, 2019 so we know how much food to prepare.

### **MOBILE DISTRICT MISSION TEAM 2019**

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## 2019 District Conference Calendar

- 5/11 District Mission Study –  
Springhill Ave UMC – “What  
About Our Money?”
- 5/18 UMCOR Workshop – Christ  
UMC
- 6/2-5 UMC Annual Conference –  
Montgomery
- 6/29 District Mission Team Budget  
Meeting – District Office
- 7/12-13 Exec Team Meeting – Pine Hill  
UMC – (starts @ 5pm)
- 7/19-20 Mission u – St. Luke UMC  
Pensacola, Florida
- 8/10 District Mission Study –  
Citronelle “Spiritual Growth:  
The Gospel of Mark and Radical  
Discipleship”
- 8/24 District Presidents/Treasurers  
Workshop – TBA
- 9/28 District Spiritual Enrichment  
Day – Saraland UMC
- 10/11-13 Conference Spiritual  
Enrichment Day – Blue Lake
- 10/26 District Mission Team Meeting–  
District Office
- 11/10 United Methodist Women’s Day



## Conference UMW Annual Day

We had 17 district members attend this year’s Conference UMW Annual Day in February. The Mobile District received all three awards this year including the *Special Missions Award* for the highest percentage of attendance to district events, the *Reading Program Award* for the greatest number of readers, and the *Many Colors, One Spirit Award* for the highest percentage of attendance to Conference Events. Thanks to everyone in the district for all the help and dedication you give. We are definitely a team working together.

Certificates and Book worm are on display at the District Office. Jay was the song leader for Annual Day and Clara also spoke. Our District Superintendent, Dr. Bishop was also with us on Saturday and was very proud of the Mobile District.

## Calling u ... to Celebrate

**April 17-19, 2020**

*Riverview Hotel & Convention Center*

Registration Fee - \$185.00

Registration begins July 1

Registration deadline - December 1, 2019

Assisting with hosting the event will be needed. Start collecting Mardi Gras beads and related items for the opening parade.

More information on <https://www.awf-umw.org>





## *Action Workshop*

**May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Christ United Methodist Church**

**Christ Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Assembly Area**

**9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Bring your own cup (green day)**

The need for Hygiene Kits is unending so this workshop continues to be an important outreach of the United Methodist Women of the Mobile District. Learn more as we work together to help others and as we count our many blessings.

Members and Units may sponsor kits for \$15 each, which covers supplies and shipping. Send checks to Phyllis Allen, Christ UMW treasurer at 6895 Providence Estate Dr. S, Mobile, AL 36695-4613. Last year we packed 431 Hygiene Kits. **GOAL FOR 2019: 440 Kits**

### **Supplies Needed for Hygiene Kits**

- NEW HAND TOWELS – 15"x25" to 17"x27"  
No kitchen, cleaning or microfiber towels, please.
- NEW WASHCLOTHS – Do not wash hand towels or washcloths.
- COMBS – Sturdy, with at least 6 inches of teeth. No pocket combs or picks.
- FINGERNAIL or TOENAIL CLIPPERS – No emery boards or metal files.
- BAR SOAP – 3 oz. or larger only.  
No Jergen's or Ivory brand soap, please. Do not remove packaging.
- TOOTHBRUSHES – Adult size only, individually wrapped. Do not remove packaging.
- ADHESIVE BANDAGES – 10 per kit; ¾" by 3"-size Common household band-aids.
- \$2 per kit - For bulk purchase of toothpaste and shipping.
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## *Purpose*

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

## *Mission u*

**July 19-20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**St. Luke United Methodist Church, Pensacola FL**

1. What About Our Money? A Faith Response
2. Practicing Resurrection
3. Women United for a Change

**If you did not take your 2019 Unit Picture, we will take them again at Spiritual Enrichment.**

## *Spiritual Growth Mission Study*

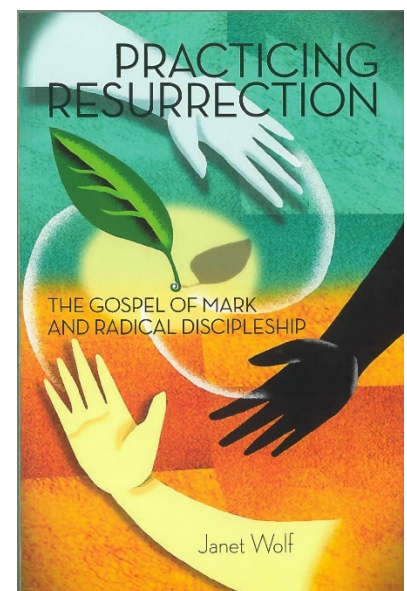
**August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 10:00 AM**

**Citronelle United Methodist Church**

**Study Leader: Sylvia McCaskill,**

**UMW President Toulminville-Warren Street**

In *Mark and Radical Discipleship*, author Janet Wolf explores what it means to live a life of radical discipleship today using the Gospel of Mark as the foundation. Wolf explores the timeless issues of poverty, gender, justice, liberation, equality, and others using Mark as a guide. The stories of the women in Mark are a particular focus in this study and how, although often unnamed, they are prominent among Jesus' followers and in Mark's recounting of the gospel story. Mark, the earliest of the synoptic Gospels, was written almost forty years after the crucifixion. A time when the early church was struggling, troubled, and traumatized. Many of those who had walked with Jesus were now imprisoned or dead. And then, as now, Christians were asking, what does it mean to be a disciple of this Jesus, crucified and raised?



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