

## United Methodist Women - Demopolis District

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### *Points from the President's Pen* by Margaret Agee

We had a good start to our new year with an Executive Mission Team meeting where we invited our local unit Presidents to meet with us as we would be discussing hosting the AWF UMW Annual Day at Demopolis First UMC. We decided to let the local units in the southern part of the district bring snacks

for Friday afternoon and night and the units from the northern part of the district would bring breakfast snacks for Saturday morning. Kayte was going to get colored tablecloths to match the eight district colors as much as possible. The SALT Group of Demopolis would serve the Friday night meal and the Jefferson UMW ladies would serve the Saturday lunch meal. The host would keep coffee and water

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*-Margaret Agee*



*Group in attendance for Annual Day*

Thanks to all the ladies who attended and served the AWF UMW Annual Day in Demopolis on February 15-16, 2019. We had a good attendance and you ladies did a superb job. Thanks to the Jefferson UMW ladies for Saturday lunch and to the SALT group for the Friday night meal. We could not get all our ladies in the group picture as there were ladies serving lunch in the kitchen. Setting up and decorating was awesome. A big thank you to Janice Holeman and Kayte Melton who were always there when we needed something.



## Points from the President's Pen (continued)

Our featured speaker was Mrs. Nancy Graves. Bishop Graves also spoke and administered the Holy Communion with the help of the District Superintendents.



Each year at our annual conference meeting we give the Nell Chance Award to an outstanding lady among us who has devoted her life to the United Methodist Women's purpose. This year that award went to Bobbie Samac of the Pine Hill Charge UMW.



We also give the Priddy Pal Award to one among us who is showing outstanding work in her UMW unit. And that award went to Anne Capps of the Pine Hill Charge UMW. Anne is our AWF webmaster.

And Special thanks to Betty Helms, president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction for the 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake to celebrate the 150 years of the United Methodist Women's organization. Our next district meeting will be the mission study taught by Jean Creswell at the Thomasville UMC on August 10, 2019. You will hear more on this later. Don't forget your UMW Alabama West Florida Calendar. July 19-20 will be Mission u at St. Luke UMC in Pensacola, FL. October 11-13, 2019 will be Spiritual Enrichment at Blue Lake. This will be election and installation of officers for 2020.



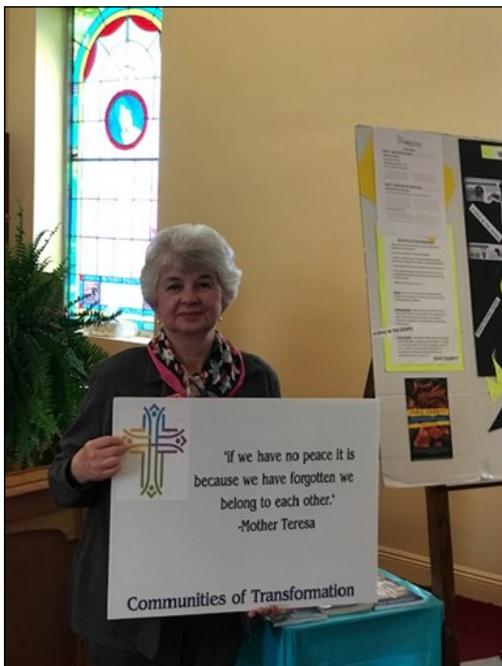
# District Annual Day

## St. Paul UMC

Our District Annual Day was held on March 9, 2019 at St. Paul UMC in Eutaw, AL. Thanks to Faye Tyree and all the ladies there for hosting us. We had 34 ladies present with 11 units represented.

Thanks also to pastor Kit-sy Dixon.

Our speaker for the event was Rev. Reba Wiley who works with the Communities of Transformation and she brought some brochures and posters to display as she talked.



She gave a very interesting talk explaining the COT program.

We also had our Annual Training of local unit officers and handed out a packet to the presidents with their earned Certificates, District Directory, Workbook, and Local Forms. We discussed each of the forms in the packet giving them an opportunity to ask questions concerning reporting. We asked that they get all of it in by November 20<sup>th</sup> as Thanksgiving is on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks ladies for a delicious meal and pretty decorations and celebrating UMW's 150 years with place mats.

## 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 and the global ministries of the church.*



## A REPORT OF GIVING

In 2018, the Demopolis District United Methodist Women sent a total of \$18,140.24 to Alabama West Florida Conference United Methodist Women. This consisted of \$12,345.64 in pledges and 5-Star Giving. Our giving to Love Offerings was \$1,745.50 and \$4,049.10 to Call to Prayer and UMCOR. We started the year with \$804.49 in the bank. We received \$1,100 from AWF A&MD Funds and spent \$1,212.99 leaving a balance of \$691.50 at year end.

We are looking forward to the 2019 year and the changes that have been made. As you know by now our Remittance Form has everything on it and you will not have to send in several forms to get what you need; it will all be done on one form. It would be so much easier for you to send in your giving monies throughout the year rather than waiting to the last month to send it. Last minute giving causes a back log in the reporting process and sometimes it is just late enough that it does not get counted until the next year. We had two units that was too late to be counted in 2018. Let's be mindful of our due dates, especially this year because we are requesting a due date of November 20<sup>th</sup> because the Thanksgiving holiday will be on the 28<sup>th</sup> this year. Thank you all so much for all you do and for all your giving.



Jefferson UMW members joined with Linden Baptist Church to exhibit "Tastes Around the Word," creating a display of clothing, dolls, linens and food from Germany. Pictured above (L to R) is Jefferson's newest member Petra Eunice (originally from Germany), Jannalee Duke, Hattie Morgan and Pam Baker.



Jefferson UMW takes an annual "Road Trip" in September and this year they toured Horseshoe Farms in Greensboro, AL. Accompanied by their pastor Bro. Tony Antonelli (left) are Hattie Morgan, Trish Langley, Horseshoe Fellows Katherine and Zavier, Kathy Patterson and Pam Baker. After the tour, all enjoyed lunch at the Pie Lab!



# THOMASVILLE UMW

Celebrating 150 years



Thomasville United Methodist Women met in February and March to make portable sleeping mats for those who might need them. Plastic shopping bags are being turned into these mats using "plarn" (plastic yarn). It takes 500-700 bags to make one

mat. Church members were asked to save and donate the bags, and the response was tremendous.

During the March meeting, the group celebrated the 150th Birthday of United Methodist Women with cake and coffee



and collected a donation for The Legacy Fund to help ensure the continuation of the mission group for next generations. This donation will be sent for the March 23rd Day of Giving where it will be matched, along with donations given that day.



## PLARN

Plastic bags (shopping bags) used to make mats for the homeless



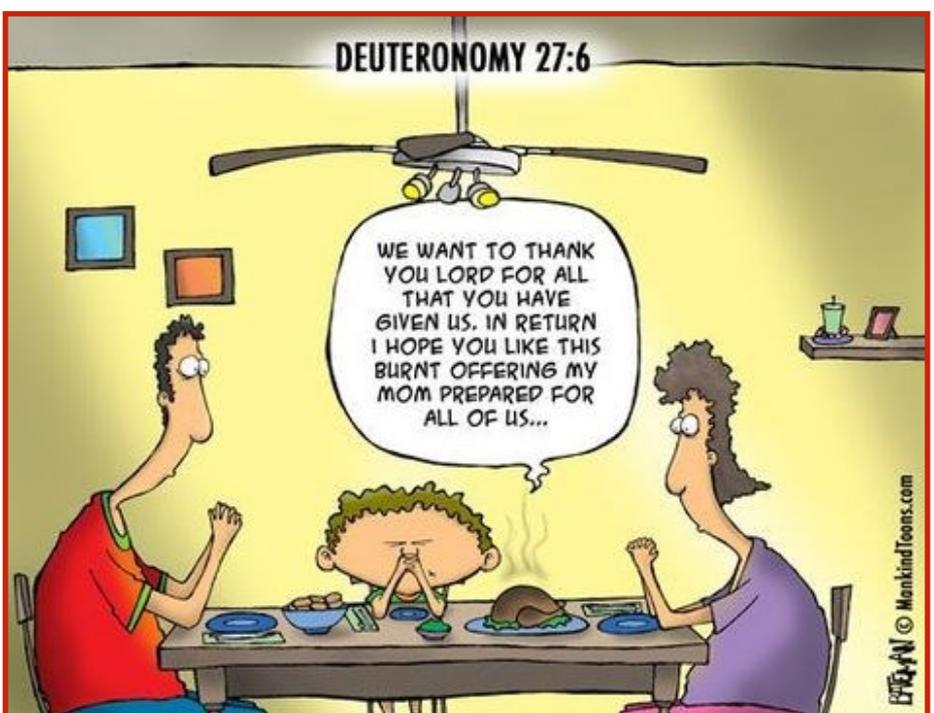
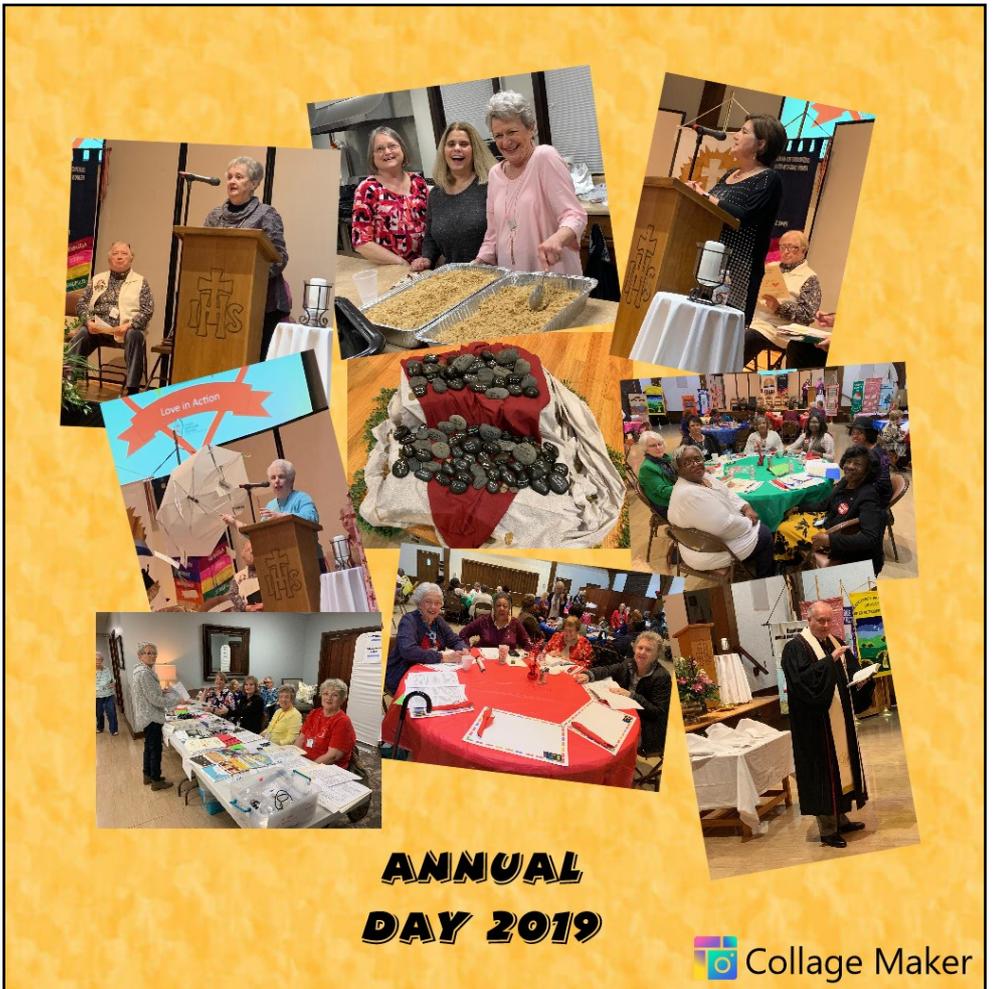
*For a how-to video on making the mats, check out this link on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5JNe-hce0sY#action=share>*

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# Upcoming Events

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| July 19-20  | Mission u at St. Luke UMC, Pensacola             |
| August 10   | District Meeting, Mission Study by Jean Creswell |
| November 20 | Local forms due to district office               |

## More Photos from Annual Day



# RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP—THEN AND NOW

## Join United Methodist Women

### at Mission u 2019!

St. Luke UMC @  
Pensacola, FL

July 19 & 20, 2019

Take a deep dive into the Gospel of Mark, the topic of money, and the inspiring story of women organized for mission.



## Educate to Transform

Each year, United Methodist Women and others prepare for faithful living and action by studying mission studies. Mission studies are offered each year—a geographical, topical and spiritual growth study. These studies motivate, inform, and enrich our commitment to global ministry.

Leaders are trained to lead one of the three mission studies through the organization's Mission u program offered around the country. Those leaders, in turn, are able to lead mission studies in their local and district groups.

Every church and local unit of United Methodist Women is strongly encouraged to participate in what are timely studies. This year, our studies are: Spiritual Growth Study, Practical Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and the Radical Discipleship (Sylvia McCaskill and Tutti Johnson); Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission (Debbie Bracewell and Ruth Ann Powers); and, What About our Money: A Faith Response (Angie Woodward).



## SCHOOL SCHEDULE

### Friday

7:30 a.m. Registration/Check-in  
8:00 a.m. Opening Orientation  
9:00 a.m.-12 noon Study Sessions  
12 noon Lunch  
1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Study Sessions  
4:30 p.m. Dinner  
5:30 p.m. Closing Plenary

### Saturday

7:30 a.m. Registration/Check-in  
8:00 a.m. Opening Plenary/  
Orientation  
9:00 a.m.-12 noon Study Session  
12 noon Lunch  
1:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Study Sessions

**\* BE INSPIRED. BE CHALLENGED. RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL. \***

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available.

For application form, contact:

Margaret Larson, Dean, at  
bluelakemaggie@gmail.com

Or

Laurel Akin, Assistant Dean at

laurel36330@gmail.com

A block of rooms has

Been reserved until June 17 at:

Courtyard Marriott

451 Creighton Road

Pensacola, FL

Reservations: 850-857-7744

## LODGING

Information above provided by the Alabama-West Florida Conference Website. For more information about Mission u, please reference their website at <https://www.awf-umw.org/>.

2019 Alabama West Florida Conference Cooperative Mission u Event Registration Form

Date: July 19-20, 2019 – St. Luke United Methodist Church – Pensacola, Florida

Registration DEADLINE: July 8, 2019 – Send this completed form with full payment to Betty Helms, Registrar – 3043 Headland Ave, Dothan, AL 36303 – email: [betty194159@outlook.com](mailto:betty194159@outlook.com) Cell: 334.790.8962 Home: 334.794.2172 Make checks payable to the AWFC Mission u. Direct all questions to the registrar. When possible email confirmation will be sent.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply:  Female  Male  Clergy  Lay  CEU Credit

National Director  Jurisdiction Officer  Conference Officer  District Officer  Scholarship Recipient

Need assistance moving around campus

If dining on campus, list special dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_ (if necessary attach list to this form)

**STUDY COURSE REGISTRATION FEES:** Registration fees cover: Study Book for your study selections, Friday lunch and dinner and Saturday lunch. For registrations received after July 8 deadline study books will be picked up at the Mission u Event site. If registering after the July 8<sup>th</sup> deadline add a \$10 late fee to total amount. The fee **DOES NOT** include motel accommodations. Each participant is responsible for his/her motel accommodations. For Mission u rate you must register by June 17, 2019. A block of rooms has been reserved at the following motel.

Courtyard Marriott – 451 Creighton Rd., Pensacola, FL 32504 - Phone: 850.857.7744 Standard double/king: \$165 +taxes

Full School Package \$70 (includes 2 study books) Choose one study for each day

Each study is a 6 hour course and offered one full day. See schedule below:

Friday/Saturday — includes study book

Saturday —includes study book

Fri. only \$45 - Choose one study

Sat. only \$35 - Choose one study

The Gospel of Mark & Radical Discipleship

The Gospel of Mark & Radical Discipleship

United Methodist Women in Mission

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What About Our Money (Friday only)

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

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7:30 a.m. Registration

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9:00 a.m. Class-time - 12 noon: Lunch

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4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. - Dinner

5:45 p.m. Closing Plenary

Please complete the health form on back of this registration application.

Please mail completed registration form with check payable to AWFC-Mission u to:

Betty Helms, Registrar

3043 Headland Ave.

Dothan, AL 36303

Phone: 334-790-8962

Email: [betty194159@outlook.com](mailto:betty194159@outlook.com)



# 2019 Health Form Authorization



## 2019 HEALTH FORM AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT

Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies to medications \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of an emergency, contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relation \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In the event emergency medical aid/treatment is required due to illness or injury during my stay at the Mission u Event, I authorize the ALWF Mission u to:

1. Secure and retain medical treatment and transportation if needed.
2. Release my health information to the authorized individual/agency involved in the medical emergency treatment. I hold harmless the ALWF Conference Mission u, the ALWF Conference, The United Methodist Church and/or the owners of the facility for which the event is taking place for any act or failure to act during a medical emergency.

Consent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Consent Plan: This authorization includes x-ray, surgery, hospitalization, medication and any treatment procedure deemed "life-saving" by the physician. This provision will only be invoked if the person listed as emergency contact person is unable to be reached. I hold harmless the ALWF Conference Mission u, the ALWF Conference, The United Methodist Church and/or the owners of the facility for which the event is taking place for any act or failure to act during a medical emergency.

Consent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Consent Plan: I DO NOT give my consent for emergency medical treatment/aid in the case of illness or injury. In the event emergency treatment/aid is required, I wish the following procedures to take place

I hold harmless the ALWF Conference Mission u, The ALWF Conference, The United Methodist Church and/or the owners of the facility for which the event is taking place for any act or failure to act during a medical emergency.

Consent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_