

Circuit Writer

February 2018

District Events for

Marianna/Panama City:

Mar. 17, 2018—Moss Hill Day Apart & Annual Day, Vernon

June 23, 2018—“Missionary Conferences” Mission Study, St. Andrew UMC, Panama City

Sep. 15, 2018—“What About Our Money?” Study, Marianna FUMC

Oct. 6, 2018—District Planning for 2019, Blountstown UMC

Oct. 13, 2018—District Fall Gathering, Panama City FUMC

AL/WF Conference Dates

Feb. 23-24, 2018—Annual Day, Foley UMC, Foley, AL, Memorial Service

May 18-20, 2018—Assembly, Columbus, OH

July 13-14, 2018—Exec. Mission Team, Blue Lake

Oct. 19-21, 2018—Spiritual Enrichment Retreat, Blue Lake

Nov. 3, 2018—Conference Training for District Presidents and Treasurers only, location TBA

Message from the President:

Greetings,

We are all excited to talk about the missions you've been busy with in your Units. We will do that when we celebrate all the Units' accomplishments by presenting their awards at our **District Annual Day**, combined with our **Moss Hill Day Apart at Moss Hill on Saturday, March**



17th. During the Day Apart service we will celebrate the lives of **19 Marianna/Panama City District women** who now live with our Lord.



President Karen Fillman
Panama City First

We also have a similar Life Celebration at the **Conference Annual Day** (Feb. 23 & 24, 2018). That Annual Day will start Friday night (February 23rd) and end early afternoon February 24th. Bishop David Graves will be there (along with all the District Superintendents) to give his address and serve Communion. This will be held at a **Foley UMC (915 N. Pine St., Foley, AL 36535)**. Since it begins Friday night and goes until mid afternoon on Saturday, you will need to obtain hotel accommodations. This article will be coming out after the cutoff date of 2/9/18, but you may still go by including a \$10 late fee with your registration fee. All instructions and forms should be in this copy of the *Circuit Writer*. You may also go online: awf-umw.org. **Please make every attempt to room with others—share expenses and attend!**

MISSION STUDY- COMING IN JUNE: On June 23rd we will hold a study on the *Missionary Conferences* led by our study leader: Kathy McQuagge at *St. Andrew UMC* on 2001 W. 11th St., Panama City, FL 32401. Registration starts at 9 am CST (\$7 for lunch), and Program begins at 9:30 am CST. Lunch begins at noon, with the study continuing until about 1:30 pm. You will need to call the church office by 6/18/18, to give your number planning to attend for lunch:

(850) 785- 1564.



Blessings,
Karen

SOCIAL ACTION: Maternal and Child Health

How Your Congregation Can Support Maternal and Child Health

Everyone loves a baby. I saw a darling baby with his mother at church, and I was so delighted! But did you know that in 2013, there were 23,440 babies who died before their first birthday in the United States? Can you imagine the grief the mothers and families suffer in such situations?

Another disturbing fact is that 250,000 women worldwide die in childbirth or just after. Have you and your congregation thought about making birthing kits for UMCOR?

Our website offers many ideas for us to consider in our efforts to make a difference in the lives of women and children. This list is just one.

TWELVE SIMPLE WAYS TO HELP WOMEN AND INFANTS IN YOUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

1. Build relationships with women who are pregnant or parenting infants.
2. Become Safe Sleep Ambassadors.
3. Offer rides to health care appointments.
4. Conduct diaper drives.
5. Host a baby shower.
6. Sponsor a smoking cessation class.
7. Expand a food pantry to include fruits and vegetables.
8. Teach nutrition education and cooking classes.
9. Encourage your church to serve healthier meals.
10. Become a baby-friendly facility.
11. Partner with organizations serving pregnant women and their children.
12. Sponsor Grief Support Groups.

See this website for more details:

(www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/maternalandchildhealth)



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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF MARIANNA/PANAMA CITY DISTRICT

I am looking forward to serving as your Vice President. I will be delighted to visit your unit and get to know your ladies. I hope that we can share our ideas, projects, and successes. Let's also share when we have events so that we might support each other. Sometimes we have seemingly small projects that can be magnified in scope when we work together. (SEE INVITATION BELOW)

I am so happy to be a member of United Methodist Women! I feel that I am in the company of remarkable women and we have a heritage of women who stepped out to make a difference through mission and spiritual growth.

My cell phone number is [850-819-4332](tel:850-819-4332) and my email is peggykundo@knology.net.

Blessings,

Peggy Kundo

CHRISTMAS BOXES OF LOVE



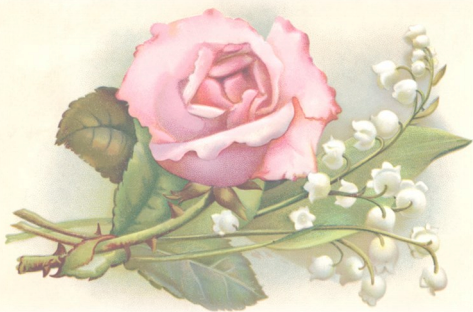
WE NEED YOUR HELP!: St. Andrew UMC and UMW invite you to participate in the Christmas shoebox ministry of UMCOR-Decatur, Alabama. St. Andrew will serve as the hub church in the Florida panhandle for receiving the shoeboxes and sending them to UMCOR. This ministry is similar to Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse; however, the UMCOR boxes are sent to our United Methodist missionaries who request them. UMCOR supplies the shoeboxes. Individuals or groups fill the boxes with gifts and donate \$5 for postage. The \$5 will help the boxes travel from UMCOR-Decatur, Alabama, to the missionaries around the world. Each box will also include a coloring book telling the story of the Birth of Jesus. St. Andrew UMC will be open the first Saturday in August to receive the boxes.

If you are interested in participating in this project please contact Peggy Kundo [850-819-4332](tel:850-819-4332) peggykundo@knology.net to request more information and boxes. Peggy will request empty boxes from UMCOR and distribute them to the interested churches. Let's support our United Methodist missionaries and the children they serve.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

After a cold winter with much flu and sickness, spring will soon be here! What better way to celebrate than coming to the district annual day and memorial service at the Moss Hill church near Bonifay. Units will have the opportunity to share their activities and to receive certificates from our district president Karen Fillman. Remember to bring a covered dish for dinner on the grounds after the program. Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 17.

Since that is St. Patrick's Day, you might want to consider "wearing the green." Remember to bring a covered dish for dinner on the grounds. Units with deceased members from last year will be asked to share a two minute summary of their life and UMW activities. There are 18 new "saints" to be honored this year.



While I have been recovering from a broken arm since Christmas, I have had time to read and reflect while learning to be still and listen to God's voice. Consider journaling if you are not already doing it. See where God is leading you. Wishing you peace and blessings!

In His service,
Martha Spiva

Hi Sister UMW Readers,

As we begin 2018, let's get started on reading our books for the United Methodist Women's Reading Program! I know we will enjoy learning about women in other parts of the world as we read our books and each *Response Magazine*.

This year we can read from the lists of books for the past six (6) years – 2013 through 2018. Remember to read at least one book from each of the five categories: **Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth.**

Reading these books encourages us to think critically about current issues through an annual selection of member-reviewed books. Through them we have an opportunity to deepen our spirituality and broaden our understanding of mission work.

Get more information at <https://www.umwmissionresources.org>, where you can purchase books, too. While you may find books for a better price at an internet source, they don't always have the book for which you are looking.

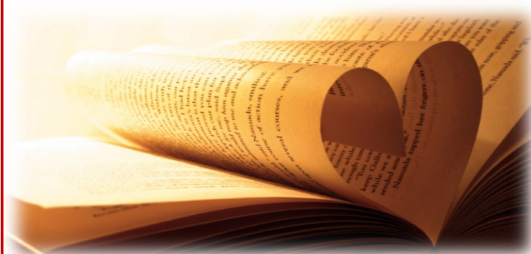
Let's all read at least five books this year!!

Elizabeth Bell

District Program Resources Chair

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ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

2018 ANNUAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 23-24, 2018

We have this HOPE as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever. - Hebrews 6:19-20 NIV



FOLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

915 N PINE STREET

FOLEY AL 36535

<http://www.foleyumc.org>

Friday, February 23, 2018

CHECK-IN	4:00 PM	Spirit Center includes Resource Room, District Info Tables
DINNER	5:30 PM	The Spirit Center
PROGRAM	7:00 PM	Welcome and Praise Shannon Priddy, President National United Methodist Women

Saturday, February 24, 2018

CHECK-IN	8:00 AM	Sanctuary
	8:30 AM	Processional of Districts / Welcome Bishop's Address Communion Business Session Shannon Priddy, President National United Methodist Women
LUNCH	Noon	The Spirit Center
	1:00 PM	Memorial Service Adjourn

All Attendees must fill out a Registration Form

1. All attendees are responsible for getting their motel/hotel rooms
2. ONLY District and Conference Officers must turn in a completed Expense Voucher for the Motel/Hotel Room with a copy of the receipt attached. The maximum allotment for the motel reimbursement and meals is \$55. No reimbursements will be made unless a copy of the receipt from the Motel is attached.
3. Please complete and attach a Health Form. All prior year forms have been destroyed. Only one per year is required.

ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

REGISTRATION FORM

EVENT

2018 ANNUAL DAY

DATE

FEBRUARY 23-24, 2018

LOCATION

FOLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

915 N Pine St. Foley, AL 36535

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

02/09/18

(A \$10 Late Fee will apply to all registrations)

Section A HEALTH FORM

All Participants **MUST** Register, even for 1 day. One Health Form must be submitted per calendar year. If you have sent one in, please check the box to the right.

Section B NAME - ADDRESS INFO

Name as to appear on Name Tag		Email (Please PRINT)	
Address	City	State	Zip
Phone	District	Local Unit/Church	

FIRST TIME TO Alabama West Florida Conference United Methodist Event

SECTION C DISTRICT & CONFERENCE OFFICERS - ONLY

All District and Conference Officers only pay Registration Fee, but please indicate if you are eating the meals on Friday and Saturday in Section E below.

District Office		DISTRICT	
Conference Office			

SECTION D LODGING

All attendees are responsible for reserving their own rooms at a local hotel/motel and acquiring roommates. Please tell them you are with the United Methodist Women to get their special discount. **ALL ROOM RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY DATE TO GET RATE**

Suggested Motels/Hotels	Room Size	Rate	Phone #	Reserve By	Address
Hampton Inn		\$ 129.00	251-923-4600	2/1/2018	3152 Abbey Lane, Foley 36535
Holiday Inn Express		\$ 99.00	251-971-1700	1/2/2018	3155 Abbey Lane, Foley 36535

SECTION E MEALS & REGISTRATION COSTS

To get accurate Meal count, please indicate by putting 1 or 0 in the # Column Below

		#	COST	Enclosed Total
1	Friday includes Dinner		\$ 10.00	\$ -
2	Saturday Includes Lunch		\$ 8.50	\$ -
3	Registration Fee	All must pay this		\$ 15.00
4	Late Fee		\$10.00	
TOTAL OWED & ENCLOSED			Please add all 1+2+3	\$ 15.00

Make all checks payable to AWF-UMW

Mail to: Jean Creswell, Conference Treasurer
PO Box 250
Arlington, AL 36722

jean@pinebelt.net
334-385-2521 (after 5:00 p.m./weekends)
334-385-5015 (work day)

Special Needs (dietary or physical): _____

EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION

Hello! I have something exciting to tell you all about. As a unit we, like all other units, struggle with attracting new members and have tried to "get creative." It is our desire to "honor" the women in our church membership and "meet" each member "where she is at presently." All wish to help in some way and we are attempting to uncover the ways they might do that so everyone's spiritual gifts can be met with appropriate opportunities

On January 6, 2018, the Port St Joe unit, of which I serve as President, partnered with UMM in a joint fundraiser: Second Annual Butts-on-the-Bay. The men sold "Butts" and UMW sold baked goods. For the second year in a row we appealed to church membership to assist in baking. And for the second year in a row the women in church membership and our very active UMW Membership became "baking warriors." The split profits from this partnership resulted, again for the second year, in the only fundraiser we needed to run all year.

This year, as President, I plan to inform, through the church newsletter, church members on a monthly basis the Mission work our unit engages in so that they will know how their efforts have helped us to help community women and children. I also plan to alert them to future opportunities where they can be of help to engage with us in mission endeavors. Through these efforts it is our hope to get new people excited about UMW and, thus, attract new members and/or "lay the seed" for them to join at a future date. This will, of course, help us to meet our Mission Today goals. But more importantly, it will help our unit to spread our Lord's message of "Love and Hope" as we help meet the needs of women and children in our community.

I invite all District UMW units to share similar stories with me so I can "tell the story" in this column. Hopefully, this will help all of us to break barriers and reach our individual and collective goals. God has been so loving to each of us; I know that each of us is eager to share the good news of His love with others. Our mission work is one way to do that; and so, by sharing our ideas and successes with one another, we can help to further Our Mission Today!

Blessings,
Bernadette Hackett



ALABAMA WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN HEALTH FORM

For the Calendar Year

Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment Form

<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
Name		DOB
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Home Phone	Work #	Cell #
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Physician's Name	Phone #	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Health Insurance Company	Policy #	Group #

Allergies to medications:

Other Allergies (food, animals)

Conditions that treating personnel might need to be aware of:

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

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Name	Relation	Phone #	Alt. Phone #
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE BELOW PLANS

☐ Consent Plan

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

1. Secure and retain medical treatment and transportation if needed.
2. Release my health information to the authorized individual or agency involved in the medical emergency treatment.
3. I hold harmless the AL-WFL Conference United Methodist Women, 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.

☐ Non-Consent Plan

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

I hold harmless the AL-WFL Conference United Methodist Women, 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.

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Your Consent Signature	Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Witness Signature	Date



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