



BAYPINES BEACON

*Serving United Methodist Women in the Baypines District
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Words from your District President, Gerry Stiffler:

Happy Spring! We are off to a great start with a wonderful event by the Bay Minette UMW. While I was not able to attend, I have heard great words about the food, the fellowship and fun.

On the same day we had an event for the presidents of the units on the east side of the district. Sorry about the overlap, but we have not gotten our calendars together so that the left hand knows what the right is doing. Please get your important dates out as soon as possible so that we don't overlap again. I am available to you by email and phone so let's talk.

The Presidents' Luncheon in Brewton went very well. We exchanged ideas, dates, and lots of information about finances, social action and mission studies.

I plan to meet with each unit during the year, so invite me to your special event. Getting to know one another will really help as we grow this year. The luncheon for the southern units was held on May 6, in Foley and I enjoyed meeting everyone.

It is time to review your plans for the year and be sure that you are accomplishing the needed requirements to be a 5 Star Unit. Some of the units have started a reading group to achieve the Reading Program Certificates.

Chose a mission study that your group will enjoy and get several to register for Mission U Study; the date for Mission U is July 21-22, and the date for registration is July 8. There is still time to invite another unit to work with you on the study.

Plan a World Thank Offering program and remind your members to feed their boxes. The boxes are .40 and can be ordered from the Service Center. Are you using the gift to mission cards? These cards support our mission for women, children and youth around the world.

There is a new Program Book available on line. You may want to print one to have all of the new information. Go to <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org> to find it and the latest news and information about programs, members and initiatives. There is a world of information on line, give it a try.

Have a great summer!

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**Vice President
Beth Hinson**



Reminder: Mission u that is scheduled for July 21-22 at Millbrook First United Methodist Church. Please make plans to attend! Three studies will be offered and the deadline to register is July 8, 2017.

I attended the spiritual retreat at Gulf Shores United Methodist Church recently. The theme was Crazy Prayers...Crazy Faith led by Rev. Janie MacBeth. Refreshments were provided by the ladies from the church. It was a wonderful event with sweet fellowship and humor.

Blessings,

**Beth
Phil. 4:13**

Lyn Stuart, Treasurer



PLEDGE TO MISSION MONIES

UMW Treasurers: it's time to send in monies you have collected. You can send monies collected later in the Fall.

MOST IMPORTANT -- ALL monies for 2017 must be received by me on or before November 30th.

Lyn Stuart
Baypines UMW Treasurer



Social Action

Edith Brooks



Not FAKE news:

For nearly 169 years, Methodist women have been championing the causes of the poor in economics, in mind, in body, and in spirit. It breaks my heart that our society today appears to be more focused on our own comfortable lifestyles than with caring and protecting the most vulnerable children of God. Jesus left this earth with two big commandments: Love God and love others. (Matt. 22:37-38) Let us all remember that as Christian women we are called to care for the poor, the lost, the weak, the hungry, the orphans, the widows, the imprisoned and the strangers. Let us recommit ourselves to our call and arise, protect, and serve!

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.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Judy Hust

From the United Methodist Hymnal p. 92:

*For the Beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

What a wonderful opportunity to pause and thank God for a beautiful world and life to enjoy it. As we look out our window and see green grass growing, trees leafing out and many flowers beginning to bloom we know that spring is here. Do we thank God enough?

I realize that only a few units in our district now have spiritual growth coordinators. So I assume all presidents have taken it upon themselves to see that the prayer calendar is used at every meeting—spiritual books are being read by members---and the spiritual needs of members are being met. How else can we expect to accomplish great things for God without asking for His guidance. We need to be aware of all our mission projects---our missionaries---our leaders in our governing boards and pray daily for them. The Prayer Calendar will help us do that. As we learn more of God's will we will be able to continue his work.

To help you in your walk why not plan to attend one or both of these meetings in the future:

Bay Pines District Spiritual Day Apart----Loxley, October 7, 2017
Conference Spiritual Retreat----Blue Lake, October 20-21, 2017

Blessings, Judy Hust

COMMUNICATIONS, Dell Walston



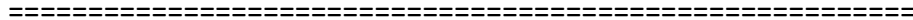
Congratulations to **Orange Beach United Methodist Women, Baypines District**, on being published in the May Issue of RESPONSE magazine. The Bright Lights story tells how they used sewing skills to help girls around the world get an education and compete economically.

Tell Your Story!

United Methodist Women members across the country have inspiring stories to tell, beautiful prayers, poems and songs to share, as well as program and fundraising ideas to help us all put our faith, hope and love into action. We also have a rich history and legacy to preserve for generations to come.

Use the online form to submit your text and photos:

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mystory



**The Calendar 2017
CONFERENCE EVENTS:**

 <p>Dean Betty Helms is eager to know you will join her at Millbrook FUMC July 21 & 22</p>	<p>Alabama-West Florida Conference Cooperative Mission u Event Friday, July 21 and Saturday, July 22, 2017 First United Methodist Church Millbrook, Alabama</p>	
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OCT 20-22 — Spiritual Enrichment Retreat — Blue Lake



ASSEMBLY 2018

United Methodist Women Assembly - May 18-20, 2018 - Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio. Debbie Bell is now taking names and has information to share with you. Click [HERE](#) to tell Debbie you are interested.

BAYPINES DISTRICT EVENTS:

Saturday, August 26, 2017 – Baypines District Mission Study -- Robertsdale UMC
9:00—1:00, bring sandwich and/or salad. Program details later.

October 7, 2017 -- Baypines District Spiritual Day Apart----Loxley

Conference Special Mission Agencies

Blue Lake United Methodist Campground

Hispanic Ministries

Dumas Wesley Community Center

Mary Ellen's Hearth at Nellie Burge

Mobile Inner City Mission - Metro Ministries