



BAYPINES BEACON

*Serving United Methodist Women in the Baypines District
August 2017*

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Gerry Stiffler, President

Dear Baypines UMW Members,

Greetings, I hope you have survived the heat and rain of the summer. As the weather cools we need to turn our minds to our UMW Mission, *women, youth and children!*

We have several exciting events coming soon. I hope to see you at the Mission Study "Living as a Covenant Community" in Robertsdale on August 26th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Bring a sandwich and/or salad.

Keep the date of October 7th in mind for our district Spiritual Retreat to be held at the Loxley UMC from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

I hope that all you are planning to attend the Spiritual Enrichment Retreat (registration and health forms included) at Blue Lake on October 20, 21, 22. Please find a friend and plan to attend. You can room alone or send two registration forms together for double occupancy, please remember that if you do not register before October 6, you will have to pay a \$10.00 late fee. New and young member scholarships are available. Check with the registrar to obtain form.

Don't miss the Spiritual Enrichment Retreat. A retreat has been defined as "a time away in a quiet place where you can relax." But, our spiritual retreat is defined as a time in your life at *Blue Lake* where you can reconnect with old friends and be in contact with God. Try not think about the cost, but how enriched you will be after attending this UMW spiritual retreat.

All of these events will be a blessing to you. Through these opportunities we will gain friendships that will enrich our life. There is an old saying, "you get out of life what you put into it" and I hope that with participation you will receive those blessings. We are all a part of the body of Christ, and your absence will be felt as we miss the blessings you would bring.

We are retiring three hard-working officers who have served the District as many years as our by-laws allow. It will be hard to go on without your help and I am sure that those who follow will need your expertise to get through the next year.

Lyn Stuart, our Treasurer has completed the 6 years that she can serve. She has served us well and kept our monies going to the right place. We are so thankful for your diligence in taking care of our money.

Dell Walston, our Beacon Editor, has done a wonderful job of keeping us in the "know". She has served many years as our editor. Dell, you have been so patient with us and such a wonderful editor to make the news we sent you correct and readable.

Edith Brooks, our Social Action Coordinator, is leaving our district, and oh, how you will be missed! With your leadership, changing our thoughts and ways has not seemed so hard.

All three of you have been outstanding leaders and will be greatly missed.

Please turn in your reports on a timely basis, as shown below:

Reporting Due Dates from Local Officers to District Officers:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>By</u>
Local Treasurer	Lyn Stuart, District Treasurer	November 30
Local Social Action	Gerry Stiffler, District President	November 30
Local Reading Program	Bridget Glidewell, Program Resources	November 30
Local Ed & Interpretation	Deborah Johnson, Education and Int.	November 30
From Local Presidents	Geraldine Stiffler, District President	November 30
New Officer List	Carolyn Anderson, District Secretary	November 30

Please consider having a pledge service in September. There is a very good pledge service program in the program book that you will find beneficial.

In September remember to bring your World Thank Offering boxes to the meeting in October.

The last program in the book should be the program given in October. That is the program for A Call to Prayer and Self Denial.

I look forward to seeing you this fall at one of these events.



Vice President, Beth Henson

The upcoming Spiritual Day on October 7 will be hosted by Loxley United Methodist Church Women. We are looking forward to this wonderful retreat and we are so glad to welcome the ladies from the Baypines District to our church.

Our address is 1062 S. Cypress Street, Loxley. We hope to see you there!

**Blessings,
Beth
Phil. 4:13**

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MONIES FOR MISSIONS

Our Baypines Pledge to Missions for 2017 is \$12,200.00. We're a bit less than half way there with contributions of \$4,955.05 so far.

Pledge to Missions includes all five Channels of Mission Giving:

- 1) Pledge to Mission
- 2) Special Mission Recognition Pins
- 3) Gift to Mission Cards
- 4) Gift in Memory Cards
- 5) World Thank Offering.

All of these monies are Undesignated and go to the same place so it is fine to send all monies on the Pledge to Mission line unless you want to use the other channels.

MOST IMPORTANT -- SEND ALL 2017 MONIES TO ME ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1ST AS THERE IS A STRICT CUT-OFF DATE THIS YEAR.

In addition to Pledge to Mission Monies, our Units have contributed \$1,945.40 to Conference Specials this year. Keep up the good work!



Deborah Johnson
Education & Interpretation

United Methodist Women is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2019 by strengthening and passing on its mission inheritance with the LEGACY FUND.

The forward looking permanent endowment will provide a firm foundation for generations of United Methodist Women to come as members engage in Mission with the women , children and youth of their day.

Consider commemorating the year UMW first organized for Mission, 1869, with gifts in increments of 1869-\$18.69, \$186.90, \$1869.00...etc.

You might consider a gift in memory or in honor of someone who has been meaningful in your life by giving in increments of \$15.00-\$1500.00.ect to celebrate the 150 years. You can name the Legacy Fund in your will as a beneficiary of an insurance policy or pension.

Donations can be made online at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund

By phone: [800-278-7771](tel:800-278-7771) 8-6 EST

By check to:

Office of the Treasurer

United Methodist Women

475 Riverside Drive

New York, NY 10115

Please mention " Legacy Fund" in the memo line. We look forward to your support.

A busy Fall is panning out for us. You might want to put these dates in your calendar as one is “just around the corner”.

Mission Study: "Living as a Covenant Community"

August 26th at Robertsdale UMC 9:00-2:00

Study will be led by Ms. Clara Ester, National Vice President of UMW.

Bring a bag lunch with you. The ladies of Robertsdale will provide our drinks.

Baypines Spiritual Day Apart: October 7th at Loxley UMC beginning at 10 AM.

Ms. Dean Albritton from Wetumpka will be our leader. She has been involved in UMW in many ways and is the wife of a retired Methodist minister. A flyer will be sent out soon with more information about Ms. Albritton.

AWF Conference Spiritual Enrichment Retreat: October 20-21-22 at Blue Lake.

Dr. Laura Early will speak on "Faith and Communion". Register before October 6th to avoid a \$10.00 late fee. Scholarships will be available. It is suggested that you apply for a scholarship early. The Baypines and Pensacola Districts are responsible for snacks.

National Assembly: "The Power of the Bold", is the theme for the 19th Quadrennial Assembly of the UMW in Columbus, OH. Registration opens September 1. The Assembly dates are May 18th-20th, 2018. A bus will be making its way from Dothan to Columbus with pick up along its way north.

Your Unit President should have registration forms available. A health form must be completed once a year for Blue Lake.

Remember to turn your Mission study reports in to your Unit President. I hope to see you at some, or all, of the events that were listed here. It is such a blessing getting to know all of you. UMW is such a blessing in my life. I am so thankful to be a part of such a loving and giving group of Methodist women.

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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I will bless the Lord at all times – His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Psalm 34:1

Have you been keeping up with your spiritual life? Do you need help? Well, I have just the plan for you. Plan to attend the district mission study session at Robertsdale UMC, August 26th from 9:00-2:00. Bring a sandwich. The study will be led by Clara Ester, our national vice president of UMW and former director of Dumas Wesley Community Center in Mobile. This will be the spiritual growth study for this year titled "Living as a Covenant Community. If you have an opportunity to read it before attending, you will be better informed.

Also there will be a Baypines District Day Apart meeting on Saturday, October 7th at the Loxley UMC from 10:00-12:00 noon. The special speaker will be Dean Albritton, wife of the Rev. Walter Albritton who has pastored many churches in our conference. Together they have led various studies and

spiritual retreats. Our theme is “Women of Faith” and I can’t think of a better person to exemplify this than Dean.

Attending these two events will guide you in your spiritual walk. Along with this, you must lead your local unit in reading the Prayer Calendar, Response magazine and above all having daily Bible reading and prayer yourself.

Put these dates on your calendar today:

August 26 - details above

October 7 - details above

Oct. 20-22 – Spiritual Life Retreat, Blue Lake (Registration deadline is October 6th)

Blessings,
Judy

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PROGRAM RESOURCES
Bridget Glidewell

Stephanie Jacobs (Mobile District UMW) wrote an interesting article in their newsletter and I decided to share with all of you. Haven’t signed up for it yet but it looks promising. Let me know if you already use this. Thanks.

“Goodreads: There is a tool available that is very helpful for use in the UMW Reading Program. It is an app called Goodreads (owned by Amazon.com) for sorting, rating and reviewing books. What I like to do is mark the most interesting Reading Program books "to read" and they stay in my list to remind me what book might be next. You can order books from Goodreads from Amazon for your Kindle or to be shipped to you. It is also helpful to mark your book "read" as you read them for when it is time to submit your books at the end of the year. There are also groups available to join and talk about UMW Reading Program books such as this one: <https://www.goodreads.com/group/show/9569-united-methodist-women> that I am a member of. It is so helpful to have an app on my phone or in my browser to keep track of reading program books and you may also find it useful.”

I look forward to working with all of you and ask that you help guide me as I learn my responsibilities! Reading the UMW books has enriched my life and I know that it has blessed others too.

Bridget



COMMUNICATIONS, Dell Walston

Dear Friends,

This is a difficult note to write – after serving as your communications person for several years, it is now time for me to pass the baton. I have enjoyed getting to know each of you; I have come to realize that YOU are uniquely and wonderfully made in God’s image. Thank you for loving me and supporting me – even when I didn’t fully understand my responsibilities and subsequently felt totally inadequate!

The district officers are a cohesive group and they are dedicated, hard-working women who love our Lord and Savior and want to be a witness for Him. They deserve a tremendous amount of credit for their humility and

hard work. I know you love them and trust that you will continue to let them know how much you appreciate them.

I can’t possibly name all of you but the one person who helped me SO much is VERA MOORE. When I was ready to pull my hair out, I would ask for her help and she always helped and supported me. Thank you, Vera.

I do pray for the best to you and I know that whoever replaces me will have your love and support too. This is goodbye from serving as your Communications person but not from being involved in the future work of UMW. I look forward to seeing each of you at the district meetings.

Much love,
Dell

To get your Registration form and Health form for the Spiritual Enrichment Retreat, go to our website, www.awf-umw.org and print your forms from there.

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Our 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.

The Calendar 2017

CONFERENCE EVENTS

Save the Date!

OCT 20-22 — Spiritual Enrichment Retreat — Blue Lake



(Note: Please go online to:



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.

BAYPINES DISTRICT EVENTS

August 26, 2017 – Baypines District Mission Study -- Robertsdale UMC
9:00—2:00, Speaker: Clara Ester, National VP of UMW
“Living as a Covenant Community”
Bring a sandwich and/or salad.

October 7, 2017 -- Baypines District Spiritual Day Apart---Loxley
Time: 10:00—12 noon (Flyer to come with further details)
Speaker: Dean Albritton

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