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Demopolis District United Methodist Women

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UMW Demopolis District & Conference Calendar 2016

June 3-5	SEJ United Methodist Women Quadrennial Meeting	Charleston, SC
July 29-30	Conference Mission u	First United Methodist Church, Millbrook, AL
August 8	District Mission Study – Latin America	Thomasville UMC
September 10	District Mission Study – In the Pursuit of Happiness	Linden UMC hosted by Jefferson UMW
October 8	District Social Action Event (Annual Day will be held at the beginning of 2017 for 2016) Items for Dumas Wesley Sybil Smith Village & Camille Place speaker	Greensboro First UMC
October 21	Pre Fall Conference Event	Blue Lake
October 22	Conference Fall Event (Social Action speakers)	Blue Lake
November 13	UMW Sunday in local churches	Local Units/Church



Pine Hill Charge UMW Helps Local Community Go Green

The Pine Hill Charge United Methodist Women, along with co-sponsors Pine Belt Communications Inc. and the Town of Pine Hill, conducted an electronic recycling drive on April 21st in Pine Hill. All manner of electronics from computers, printers, modems, battery backups and flat screen TV's were brought to the collection point at Pine Hill City Hall. ProTec Recycling picked up the items to be recycled at their facility in Birmingham. All data from the devices was scrubbed for data protection.

This drive was a first of its kind for Wilcox County and many individuals and businesses participated by dropping off old electronics. The only drawback of the day, a bad thunderstorm hit after the noon hour so the drive was shorten, but the day was deemed a huge success and will hopefully be done every couple of years by the group. The Pine Hill Charge UMW ladies feel that by helping our environment we are saving something of our earth for our future generation and being good Christian stewards of this great planet the Lord has given to us.

*"The earth is the Lord's, and
everything in it."*

Psalms 24:1



from Jean's pen

As I write this letter to each of you, I'm reminded that my term of office as president of this district will end at the close of the year. Although December is still months away, time seems to be moving at warp speed. The last three and one-half years have flown by and with the passing, I have gained so much knowledge of not only UMW, our local units, district and conference, but how God is working through each of us individually. The social actions that we are involved in have really been a blessing and more is yet to come this fall.

I never imagined when I first joined UMW after I moved home from being gone 27 years, the different social and spiritual issues that women and children around the world face. I, in my little cocoon world of being privileged to have a healthy and loving family, a great job, a nice roof over my head and delicious food on my plate, never really dwelt on the fact that so many don't have clean safe water to drink or many go to bed hungry every night. I never considered what happened to a woman who had been incarcerated when she returned to society, nor could I image that children and women were slaves right here in America, right here in Alabama. The reading program and the mission studies have opened up my eyes to the needs not just here in my area, but around the world. I'm not saying that I wasn't giving before, nor that I don't have any hardships or heartbreaks, but in comparison, God has blessed me immeasurably with wealth. That being the case, I am reminded that "he that has much should give much." As James said we should be doers of the Word, not just believers. Faith without action is dead.

I know that our district has that faith in action. I've seen it with my own eyes and read the accomplishments of many of our local units. However, I believe that we can always do more. As we can never out-give God, we should all strive to do more and reap His generous blessings in return. Everything we do, we dedicate to His glory. We will never fail when we do this. Time and time again this has been proven.

Our district needs your support, your action, your participation and your financial support. We are one body of Christ, and it takes all of us to do the feet on the ground thing. Whereas fulfilling the needs in our own communities is vital, we must also remember that our mission is global. Your mission dollars which are sent to the District, and in turn, sent to the Conference then to the National level, are necessary to keep our legacy alive and to care for the women and children that comprise our mission emphasis.

I encourage each of you to search in your heart and renew your pledge to God and to our United Methodist Women. Attend the District and Conference events – you will always learn something new and meet other women with a passion for missions. I also urge you to start reading some of the books on our reading program list. You will never know what's beyond your own door unless you begin with education. The reading program and each of our events highlight various social, economic, and spiritual needs, and I can assure you that you will leave wanting more knowledge, more love and more blessings. I also encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and volunteer to serve in the leadership of our District UMW (you can find more on this in this newsletter). It's amazing how getting more involved broadens your vision and blesses others.

I know that none of us participate in UMW because we want recognition but having the competitive nature that I have, I want us to be the best District in our Conference. The best in social actions (which I think we are), the best in attendance at events (which from the last few years – we aren't), and the most generous in missional giving than any other District. We do reach our pledge each year-- but barely, and it seems that we usually have to beg to meet that commitment.

My prayer is that each unit will become proactive in all phases of UMW – education (the reading program, mission studies, Response magazine), action (both locally, district, conference & around the nation and world), and Christian charity (giving without being begged to give). ***We are Missions here in our country and around the world*** – let's remember that! **Become involved: participate, attend, give and most of all PRAY!!! We are God's feet and hands in this world.**

Camden United Methodist Women: Called to Care

by Margaret Agee

Kudos to **Camden United Methodist Women** for their part in helping to provide for needs of **Camille Place**. Before Mother's Day the members of the UMW set up a bed for their local congregation to see. On it they placed a complete set of sheets, pillows, and bedspread along with brochures of Camille Place with an order form to be used as members could choose item(s) they wanted to donate in Memory of or in Honor of their mother or grandmother or someone else's mother who had played a big part in their lives growing up. If you would like to help through their organization contact **Jeannie Hollinger**, President, Camden UMW. Her contact information would be listed in the Demopolis District Directory under Unit Presidents. They will be ordering soon.

Human Trafficking is a form of modern day slavery and it is closer to home than any of us would like to think. We have several forms, human trafficking, sex trafficking, and labor trafficking. God asks that we be His hands and His feet to those in need of His care and mercy.

...About Camille Place

Their moto is "Free to Fly."

Camille Place was founded in 2015 with one goal in mind – to rescue innocent girls and to bring them to lasting freedom from sexual slavery.

It is a public benefit 501C3 nonprofit organization that is committed to Christ and our call to care for those that are lost, both physically and spiritually.

The facility, located in an undisclosed location in Alabama, works with law enforcement and many other agencies throughout the Southeast to save young girls and place them in a safe and nurturing home environment with a Christ-centered spiritual healing program. The children will receive medical and psychological treatment to promote their well-being. Every girl will receive education, food, clothing and shelter as well as participating in daily group Bible study for spiritual growth. With God nothing is impossible.

The name Camille Place is in honor of the late Camille Coats, who by the age of 24 had dedicated her life to the Lord and had a passion to minister to exploited women and children. Her legacy will continue through Camille Place, the only home for trafficked and exploited **children** in Alabama, to bring hope to the hopeless.

Camille Coats was a young lady from Monroeville, Alabama who was loved by everyone who knew her. She was a graduate of Monroe Academy and a member of the Presbyterian Church. She also played the parts of Scout and Mayella in the local play, "To Kill a Mockingbird."

After graduating high school, she attended Auburn University and was a member of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. While pursuing her degree in Human Development and Family Studies, she gained a new desire to serve God overseas. In her blog journal in 2011 while in Greece, she expressed her desire to see change for those who were suffering and to help them come to know Christ.

It seemed hopeless in the area where Camille was because no one reached out. She witnessed men coming and going into brothels and heard screams coming from behind barred windows. One specific abused girl her age with whom she interacted felt undeserving of a normal life. It was Camille's desire to make a difference in the lives of young girls who had been innocent victims of human trafficking. After graduating from Auburn University in 2013, Camille went to live in Texas to work with Mission at Serenity Ranch. She later became the Director of Children's Ministry at Trinity UMC in Opelika, Alabama.

I encourage each of you to go online to: www.CamillePlace.com and read the information there concerning Human Trafficking. Most of this information has come from that website and from the brochure of Camille Place. Our speaker for our Fall Event at Greensboro UMC will be a person from Camille Place. We will be given an opportunity to participate in this ministry by bringing items and donating money to this most worthy cause. We have books on our reading list about human trafficking.

BE INFORMED!!



From Demopolis 1st UMW:

The Demopolis UMW will offer Mom's Morning Out to members of small children, beginning June 3 from 9 a.m. until noon. This will be held each Monday and Friday during the month of June and July with the exception of June 13, 17, and July 4 and will end on August 5. Volunteers will be helping to provide a little timeout for moms to take advantage of some much needed free time. Thanks to Jane Watson who is organizing this outreach.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report given at the May 2nd Conference Call of the Demopolis District Mission Team was the following: "We began the year with \$444.05 in the bank account. We requested and received \$1,000 from AWF Conference UMW for our **Administration and Membership Development Fund**. We have spent \$825.18 and have a remaining bank balance of \$618.87 at this time. We have only received \$3,476.42 toward our Pledge of \$12,000 to conference. We have also received \$130 Call to Prayer and Self-Denial and \$150 Legacy Fund and \$369 Specials (which was Askings). **We still owe \$8,523.58 toward Pledge. We had hoped you all would send at least \$3,000 each quarter but here we are in May of the 2nd Quarter and have only received half that amount. PLEASE let's all units try our best to get in part of your pledges soon and not wait until October and November. At this time we don't have any 5-Star Units and we only have one who lacks one item meeting the criteria.**

****You are to be commended for opening your heart and pocket books in giving to the special offering at Day Apart in Camden for Camp ASCCA which is where our speaker on Disabilities was representing. The amount our district gave in offering was \$683 which was almost enough to sponsor a disabled individual for camp one week. The host unit of Camden UMW sent in \$200. They were in the kitchen and did not get to participate when the offering was received. Thank you for a job well done.*

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Nominations Update

President Jean Creswell has appointed members to the Committee on Nominations, and the following people have agreed to serve: Eleanor Park, Nan Dunn, Bobbie Samac, Faye Tyree, and Margaret Agee. Kathy Patterson is chairman of this committee. Officers to be elected and their years to serve are **President (2), Treasurer (1), Secretary (2), Communications (2), Spiritual Growth and Education (1), MNO and Social Action (1)**. Please be thinking of persons in your unit that would qualify for these positions and who would be willing to serve. We have a BIG district with MANY talented ladies. Pray that God will direct the nominating committee as they endeavor to fill these positions of UMW leadership. Also pray that those who are asked will accept the challenge! The Nominations Committee will meet in June. Members will be notified by phone or e-mail.

Thank you,

Kathy Patterson, Chairperson

TALENT BANK INFORMATION ON PROSPECTIVE UMW LEADERSHIP

(To be completed by prospective leader) Type or Print (attach additional sheets as necessary)

_____Date

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____

Email _____

Local Church _____ District _____

Age: _____ 20's _____ 30's _____ 40's _____ 50's _____ 60's _____ 70's _____ 80's+

Languages Spoken _____ Racial/Ethnic Group _____

Professional skills, job experience _____

Office(s) held in United Methodist Women:

Office(s)	Dates of Service	Local	District	Conference	Jurisdiction
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Additional Experience on the local, district, conference or general church level (other than United Methodist Women) or in the community _____

Special Talents or Skills: _____

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Areas of Special Interest or Concern:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> secretarial | <input type="checkbox"/> recruiting members | <input type="checkbox"/> publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> communication | <input type="checkbox"/> social issues | <input type="checkbox"/> workshops |
| <input type="checkbox"/> computer | <input type="checkbox"/> creativity | <input type="checkbox"/> newsletters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> accounting/bookkeeping | <input type="checkbox"/> recording minutes | <input type="checkbox"/> retreats |
| <input type="checkbox"/> organization of details | <input type="checkbox"/> public policy | <input type="checkbox"/> music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> nominations | <input type="checkbox"/> public relations | <input type="checkbox"/> youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> program planning | <input type="checkbox"/> community building | <input type="checkbox"/> children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Inclusiveness/pluralism | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) _____ | | |

Which office(s) on the Conference United Methodist Women’s Team would you most like to hold given the opportunity to serve?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> President | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Nurture & Outreach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Growth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chair of Nominations | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Interpretation | |

Why are you interested in this position and what qualifications do you feel you have for your office(s) of choice? _____

Would you be able to use your gifts and talents to uphold and strengthen United Methodist Women through the PURPOSE of the organization? _____

Is it possible for you to be away from your home or employment for (Yes or No):

Full day _____ Weekend _____ Extended Time _____

_____ I am sorry but I am unable to accept an office this year. Please keep my name on file and contact me in _____.

You may send your completed Talent Bank Form as an attachment emailed to the Demopolis District Nominations Chair:

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