

Alabama-West Florida Conference

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Let us not become weary in doing good[for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up—Galatians 6:9


It is not possible to go forward while looking back —The longer we keep looking back in the rearview mirror[it takes away from everything that's moving forward—


Bonnie Blair, Olympic speed skater

Remember not the former things[nor consider the things of old—Behold[I am doing a new thing — Isaiah 43:18-19

It seems that change is in the air—again. We welcomed 2023 with a huge sigh of relief and then hustled it on out. This year has already brought changes for us in the Alabama-West Florida Conference of United Women in Faith. We have

new districts, new officers, and new members. We are using a creative *UW Faith Program Book and Daily Prayer Guide*. We even have a few new units in the conference. What hasn't changed is our sisterhood working together "to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation." The National Office has made changes in types of membership, individual focus sections, and more. I encourage you to check out the website and use its resources:

 Go to <https://uwfaith.org> You will see the home page with several frames explaining who we are and what we do. Scroll down to "Become a Member" to sign up. This opens a portal that offers you more resources and opportunities to become involved.

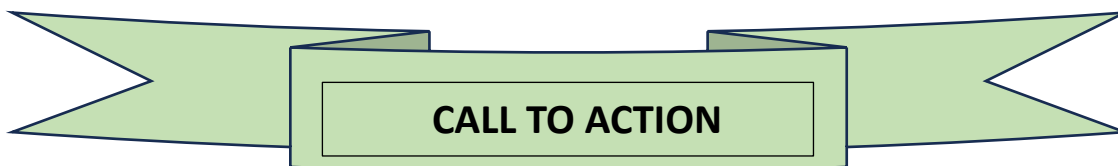
 In the portal you will find an article titled "United Women in Faith Digital." Clicking on the article takes you to a site that explains what and why about UW Faith digital. Click on the underlined [United Women in Faith Digital](#) to join

Mighty Networks for even more ways to stay connected and in community with women who share our passion for UWFaith. You will also find podcasts, webinars, Faith Talks, Voices from the Field, and Program Resources.



Don't forget to check out our Conference website at <https://awf-umw.org> Each district has its own section. We need pictures from your local and district events. Share your fundraising ideas, celebrations, service projects, and unit meetings. Pictures will showcase your activities and give us ideas about what we can do in our local and district meetings/events. We are in the process of updating our website to make it more useful and informational.

My church has a new unit—and I mean new—only three of us out of 6 or 7 have been members of United Methodist Women/United Women in Faith. At the last meeting Laurel Akin and I told the story of how our organization began (dark and stormy night in 1869 Boston. . .) and what we do. We introduced them to the website and signed up a few. Starting new is a change for me, but I know our small group can be a vital partner with our church and with all the United Women in Faith around the world.



CONFERENCE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2024! It's quite a start of the year with me as I begin to "Prepare" a draft agenda for the president and I to talk through as we "plan" our first Executive Mission Team meeting. We review the last meeting's minutes to capture any "follow-up" to pending actions, and then I complete any revisions for the Final agenda, which I forward to the president for distributing to the team members. Is that how you get ready for your Executive Mission Team or even your Circle meeting? Don't worry if it's not so "automated" as I just described, just make sure it's a "Call to Action" for missions! Preparing for meetings is essential so the focus of the mission for service to others is effective. There is a helpful website I found in the Secretary's Handbook that has a list of resources for creating agendas and tracking minutes:

<http://meetingking.com/THINK>: Prepare / Meet / Follow-up

The following suggestions might help you with your own secretarial duties.

- Use the agenda as a framework. Prepare a template for the minutes by

reproducing the agenda and leaving plenty of space under each heading to record your notes.

- Choose a style for the minutes. Meetings/minutes may be formal, Modified formal, or informal, depending on how the president and attendees follow parliamentary procedure and rules of order.

A **formal** agenda may list the following items of business:

- Attendance (present or absent)
- Call to Order
- Announcement of Quorum
- Minutes of Previous Meeting
- Treasurer’s Report
- Committee Reports, Old Business, New Business, Adjournment

An **informal** agenda may have the following items:

- Welcome
- Minutes of Previous Meeting
- Treasurer’s Report
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Debbie Bell
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“Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

— *Philippians 3:13-14*

2024 theme:

God’s love overflows through us in service for others.

Philippians 1: 9-11



From Cynthia Brown
AWF-UW Faith Treasurer

On March 23, United Women in Faith celebrates A “Day of Giving” to raise funds for The Legacy Endowment Fund.

Why March 23? Because on that date in 1869 a group of eight intrepid women founded the **Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society**, an organization that was the forerunner of United Women in Faith. To fulfill their vision of creating educational opportunities and providing health care to women in India, these founding women asked others to contribute “their prayers and two pennies.” In this way a movement of faith and generosity in action was born.

The Legacy Endowment Fund of United Women in Faith is a permanently invested endowment that supports the work of improving the lives of women, children and youth at home and abroad.

The annual Day of Giving on March 23 is the single largest fundraising activity for the Legacy Fund of the year. United Women in Faith members and supporters across the country gather locally and virtually to contribute to and raise funds for the endowment.

Ways to Give:

- **Online**
- **By phone:** 800-278-7771 (8 am–5 pm EST, M- F)
- **Text:** “FUTURE” to 20503
- **By check to** **United Women in Faith**
Attn: Legacy
Church Center for the United Nations
777 United Nations Plaza, 11th Floor
New York, NY 10017 (Write “Day of Giving” in the memo section)



From Education & Interpretation

Greetings to ALL!

I am **Cynthia Jackson**, your new Alabama-West Florida Conference Education and Interpretation Coordinator. I have been actively involved in United Methodist Women for the past three years.

The importance of giving

Everyday people have power within and beyond our institutions—but not everyone has access to the tools to participate. You can invest in UWF programming, enabling us to provide tools, training, and other resources to communities across the country as we bring people together for equitable change. Giving helps us to give back to our communities and the world, helping others to change their lives and the future for all.



Giving to missions

Jesus gave the church a very clear command—evangelize the world. But each church cannot do this alone. The only way we can reach the world before the “night cometh when no man can work” is to support the work of pioneering missionaries.

no man can work” is to support the work of pioneering missionaries. In 2 Corinthians two entire chapters (8 and 9) are given to one subject—an offering. The offering was not for the church at Corinth. Instead, it was to be given for causes outside the church. When we think of our church financially supporting causes outside our own church, we naturally think of missions. Perhaps the greatest benefit of faith missions giving is that it teaches us to trust the Lord. Hebrews 11:6 says, *Without faith it is impossible to please Him*— It works in any geographical location, and it works in any economical situation. God’s Word says, *Give and it shall be given unto you* (Luke 6:38).

The Legacy Fund will be an ongoing source of income, providing the assurance that our important work can always continue. Giving to the Legacy Fund will support United Women in Faith in perpetuity. That’s why gifts to the endowment fund are such a vital way to sustain and grow our capacity to serve and advocate.

Reading program’s great reads

I’M BLACK, I’M CHRISTIAN, I’M METHODIST. edited by RUDY RASMUS, ABINGDON PRESS (2020) is a book I really connected with on many points. It’s definitely worth reading.

THE PROJECT-- BORN ON THE WATER ,FOR CHILDREN by NIKOLE HANNAH-JONES KOKILA (2021) is great for helping children and youth learn about heritage and also the struggles of slavery.

Whatever you choose to read, the important thing is to read and record what you have read. God’s amazing gift to be able to read and understand, to share the knowledge of a book with others, is something we take for granted too often. We are blessed to be able to access books in many formats; just drop everything and READ.

From Spiritual Growth

Hello friends!

I love our 2024 theme of “God’s Love Overflows Through Us in Service to Others.” The theme scripture verse found in Philippians 1:9-10 gives a call to action to pour the love of God and our community into everyone we meet.



“And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless,”
Philippians 1:9-10 [NIV]

Although it wasn’t the first plan, it was amazing to gather virtually for our 2024 Annual Day. I am grateful to Rev. Sarah Smoot for being part of our event, and I could feel her passion for mission overflow through the screen. We celebrated the past year, learned more about what is next for UWFaith, remembered those we lost, and had an opportunity to learn more about how God's Love Overflows *Through Us in Service to Others*–

Rev. Sarah Smoot was our keynote speaker and gave two great messages in our sessions. Rev. Smoot serves as the co-pastor of the Church of the Reconciler in Birmingham, Alabama. She shared the story of the beginning of their church and how it is working every day to build new relationships that overflow into the lives of those they are serving.

I loved being able to use technology to have virtual prayer rooms. I am thankful for the program committee for leading in those spaces and throughout the program. We heard from almost every conference officer and district president about the work they have been doing in 2023 and all that is to come in 2024.

We hope you will be part of these new opportunities that will fill your cup so you can go forth and overflow to others.

Praying for each of you,

Katy Wrona

AWF-UWFaith Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Social Action Coordinator's Report

As outlined in the 2023 updated position description, one of the responsibilities of the Conference Social Action Coordinator is to identify and establish connections with national, state, and local organizations that align with the social action priority issues of United Women in Faith (UWF). In this context, I am thrilled to announce that the UWF-South West district was among the six groups co-hosting a legislative action event with Alabama Arise to engage with our Alabama Legislators on January 22, 2024, at Dauphin Way United Methodist Church in Mobile.

The event featured a Meet and Greet with the Mobile County Delegation of Alabama State Legislators, providing an opportunity to express our concerns and aspirations for our community and state. This occasion was crucial for building relationships and influencing policy decisions that impact the lives of women, children, and youth in Alabama. If your unit or district is interested in learning more about legislative events, I can provide resources for lobbying techniques and promoting our social action campaigns.

Copies of our latest UWF Serve and Advocate campaigns, including "Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline" and "Just Energy for All," are available on our Alabama-West Florida United Women in Faith homepage (awf-umc.org) under the Social Action button, which is linked to [Serve & Advocate | United Women in Faith \(uwfaith.org\)](https://www.uwfaith.org).

I am grateful for the opportunity to advance the mission of United Women in Faith across all levels of our organization, supported by a dedicated sisterhood committed to serving women, children, and youth around the world with love and grace.

Joyce Genz



In Case You Missed This Info from the Previous ALERT . . .

OTHER WAYS TO RECEIVE READING PROGRAM CREDIT

- For 2024, books from the 2019, 2020, 2021–2022, 2023, and 2024 Reading Program lists are all eligible for Reading Program reporting credit. You can find a combined list of all these books at bit.ly/RPBookList.
- You are always welcome to use audiobooks if that's an easier and more accessible way for you to read the material.
- You can also receive Reading Program reporting credit for:
 - Listening to the Faith Talks podcast: 1 credit in Spiritual Growth for 2+ episodes
 - Listening to the Voices from the Field podcast: 1 credit in Education for Mission for 2+ episodes
 - Reading response magazine: 1 credit in Nurturing for Community for reading one year (6 issues)

- Reading Program reporting credit can also be earned for being part of a Mission u study:
 - 1 credit in Spiritual Growth for reading a Mission u study on your own
 - 2 credits in Spiritual Growth for joining a Mission u study together with others, as a leader or participant.
- Several movies are also available for Reading Program reporting credit, including *Hidden Figures* (Leadership Development), *Pushout* (Social Action), and *The Hate U Give* (Social Action).

(Shared by Joyce Genz)



Dumas Wesley Community
Center: Serving the community since 1903



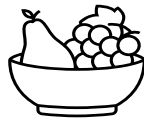
The mission of the Dumas Wesley Community Center of Mobile, Alabama, is to **EDUCATE, EMPOWER, AND ENRICH** our local community through collaborative programs of Christian service that provide for immediate human needs, strengthen family life, develop leadership, and encourage personal responsibility. Their programs include afterschool, child & adult care, food, Community Outreach, transportation for seniors, senior activities for independent living, and many more.

This is one of nearly 90 organizations across the United States that are assisted through your pledges. Through grants, technical support, and member involvement, we are able to put **LOVE IN ACTION AND CHANGE THE WORLD.**

From Central Alabama

Hello to our dear friends in Christ. Blessings to you in this new year! The Central Alabama District is gearing up for what we hope to be a more *committed, uplifting and encouraging time with more participation and sharing in the life of United Women in Faith*— Our executive team met on February 3 via Zoom to continue and expand our plans for 2024. We have set dates for our Annual Day event, a mission study, and our District Spiritual Enrichment event. We'll share more on these later. We're still seeking to fill vacant leadership positions but remain hopeful. Unfortunately, we continue to lose (at a slowed pace, thank goodness) active local units, but are grateful for those that remain and continue to put their love in action!

Always seeking to provide food, money, and clothing to those in need,



we also donate to other national and community-based outreach programs such as

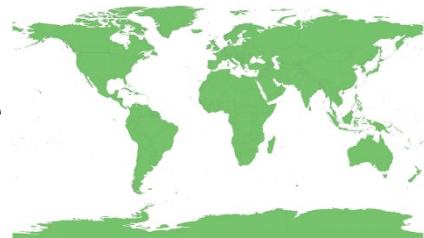
- Alabama Rural Ministry
- Embrace Alabama Kids
- food pantries and clothes closets
- recycling programs
- provide hygiene kits and flood buckets to UMCOR
- helping provide 2 water wells in Africa
- sponsor an Upper Room Prayer Ministry.



Additionally, we promote our own spiritual growth and awareness by participating in the Reading Program and mission studies provided by UWFaith. We are implementing a plan for more assurance in meeting our Pledge to Missions, and we are putting into motion a plan for additional one-on-one contact with local units, but, most of all, we are praying for God's guidance, grace, and mercy to be in every aspect of our love in action for women, children, and all God's creation. We pray that this will be a very blessed year for our district and for all United Women in Faith.

God's blessing upon each of you.
Until next time, we are,
Central Alabama District of AWF-UWF Conference

Marsha Clayton, District President



From Southeast District

LISTEN AND SHARE WITH UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



Our United Women in Faith units in the former PC/Marianna and Dothan Districts will be aligning with their church districts set forth by the Alabama-West Florida Conference in 2025. Now is the time to share what you would like to see in the future for district meetings/events, how we can develop and cultivate new units and new members (You do not have to be a member of the United Methodist Church to be a member of United Women in Faith), and develop a creative supportive fellowship across our new districts in 2025.

Two listening and sharing sessions will be held during March 2024, **March 2 at St. Andrew UMC, 2001 W. 11st Street, Panama City** and **March 23 at Blountstown UMC ,20500 Central Ave, Blountstown, FL.** Come and bring several with you. We want to hear your input as we venture into new districts in 2025.

Registration will begin at 9:30 and start time will be at 10:00 am. No lunch will be served, but light snacks and drinks for the morning will be provided by the host church. To help churches have a comfortable place for us to meet and for refreshment count, please contact Debra Ketzal, UWFaith District President, at ketzal2@outlook.com or 815-821-3615 prior to each event.

Hope to see many of you share and give input to be used to help us carry on
the work of the United Women in Faith.



SE PRESIDENT DEB KETZEL
LEADING MARCH 2ND
MEETING AT
ST. ANDREW UMC

TABLE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT WAYS TO
USE STRENGTHS TO MEET
CHALLENGES AHEAD TO PRESERVE
UWFaith's LEGACY OF
LOVE IN ACTION



From South West District

“Forget about what’s happened;
don’t keep going over old history.
Be alert, be present. I’m about to do something brand-new.”

It’s bursting out! Don’t you see it?”—Isaiah 43:18-19, *The Message*

I found this passage (by Dan Baughman) in one of my emails this morning, and it speaks to me. If you have had a chance to look at your new Program Book, *Food, Faith and Fellowship* you know what I mean. This book is going to be a turning point for our organization!

The introduction page reads,

“Let him lead me to the banquet hall, and let his banner over me be love.”
Joyce del Rosario, the author has chosen a new way forward. She picked the theme of “Food and Fellowship to Learn,” more about breaking bread together. Whether it is the feeding of thousands by Jesus, or for whatever the reason, food is the central part of our life.

This year we are inviting you to gather and eat together, whether you are around a table, in a circle in a living room, or picnic style outside. Come, just as you are, with a friend, a special guest, or your neighbor, to enjoy together the food and the fellowship.

I hope you will order a book or go online and plan your next Circle meeting with new hope. The programs are short to give plenty of time to eat, fellowship, and learn. Bring fast food, a brown bag lunch or order in. All are welcome and invited to gather at this table.

This looks like a wonderful way to change. This requires being alert and aware and present. It means listening to God. Please take the time to listen and learn.

Gerry Stiffler
South West District



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023

District	Central	Pensacola	Southeast	South West
Mission Today Unit	Aldersgate —Silver Auburn —Gold Locust Bluff -Bronze Metropolitan -Silver Millbrook —Gold		Blountstown --Silver Dothan 1st --Gold Graceville —Gold Marianna —Silver Ozark --Silver 1st UMC PC —Silver St. Luke E'prise - Bronze Wewahitchka -Participated	Christ -Gold Foley -Silver Toulminville-Warren -Gold
5 Star	Aldersgate Auburn Locust Bluff Metropolitan Millbrook		Abbeville Blountstown Dothan First Graceville Marianna 1st 1st UMC PC St. Andrew Wewahitchka	Christ Foley Toulminville-Warren
Reading Program	Aldersgate —Plan 1—1 reader Auburn —Plan 1—4 readers Plan 2—1 reader Millbrook —Plan 1—4 readers		Dothan 1st —Plan 2—2 readers St. Luke E'prise 2 readers participated	Christ —Plan 1-12 readers Plan 3—2 readers Plan 4—2 readers 6 Participated Foley —Plan 1-18 readers Toulminville-Warren —Plan 1—6 readers Plan 4—1 reader 9 participated

United Women in Faith will be at General Conference: Here's how.

by Tara Barnes

(Director of Denominational Relations for United Women in Faith)

The next United Methodist General Conference is set to take place April 23 to May 3, 2024, in Charlotte, North Carolina. General Conference is the top policymaking body for the denomination. As the official women's organization of The United Methodist Church, United Women in Faith will be there to make sure no one makes decisions about us without us, and to ensure women, children, and youth are not overlooked.

Legislation

One important way we express the concerns of women is by [bringing legislation](#) to the church with the aim to have our petitions become official policy statements. For the General Conference in 2024, we have submitted four new resolutions we hope pass and become part of *The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church* and 11 current resolutions we hope are readopted. All resolutions must be readopted every eight years.

Our four new pieces of legislation focus on observing the Children's Sabbath, protecting the girl child, protecting voting rights, and the status of women and realizing full human rights. The 11 resolutions set to expire address injustices that still need to be addressed by the church. We hope as well that delegates will support our amendment to the *Book of Discipline* allowing annual conference voting rights for retired deaconesses and home missionaries.

United Women in Faith also supports regionalization and the work of our fellow boards and agencies in the church. Stay tuned for more in-depth discussion on regionalization to come.

At the table

Many members of United Women in Faith will be at General Conference as voting delegates, serving as partners and leaders in this crucial role for the future of our denomination. United Women in Faith members are dedicated Christians willing to learn what it means to love our neighbors and then put that love into action. General Conference is on way we inspire, influence, and impact our communities.

We'll also be co-hosting, with the [General Commission on the Status and Role of Women](#), a briefing for Central Conference women delegates the Saturday evening before General Conference begins and a larger briefing



for all women delegates the Monday before. These briefings are a time for women delegates to meet one another, share thoughts and tips, and orient themselves further to the proceedings and the space. At the most recent General Conference in 2019, [only 36 percent of delegates were women](#), despite women comprising 58 percent of church membership.

United Women in Faith plans to take a stand for climate justice at General Conference in 2024. But you don't have to wait until then to join in the movement! Learn more about our [Just Energy for All campaign](#) and how we work together to help protect the most vulnerable (and all of us). Each delegate will also be given a unique beaded pin created by Native American artists commissioned by United Women in Faith as a reminder of the hundreds of thousands of women praying for them.

Inviting others into the work

While the church is gathered together, United Women in Faith will also be consecrating 25 deaconesses and home missionaries on Monday April 29 and hosting an action for climate justice. You'll also see us during a plenary presentation and at our display and gathering space in the exhibit hall. We'll be in the press room sharing news and insight as well, and serving as volunteers to help take care of people for the two weeks of meetings. We'll share more details about how you can join in celebrating United Women in Faith as the conference gets closer.

What you can do

You've taken a great first step signing up for our Member Portal so that you can read this blog! Be sure as well to sign up for our [General Conference newsletter](#). Our 154-year-old magazine, [response](#), is also another great place to stay connected.

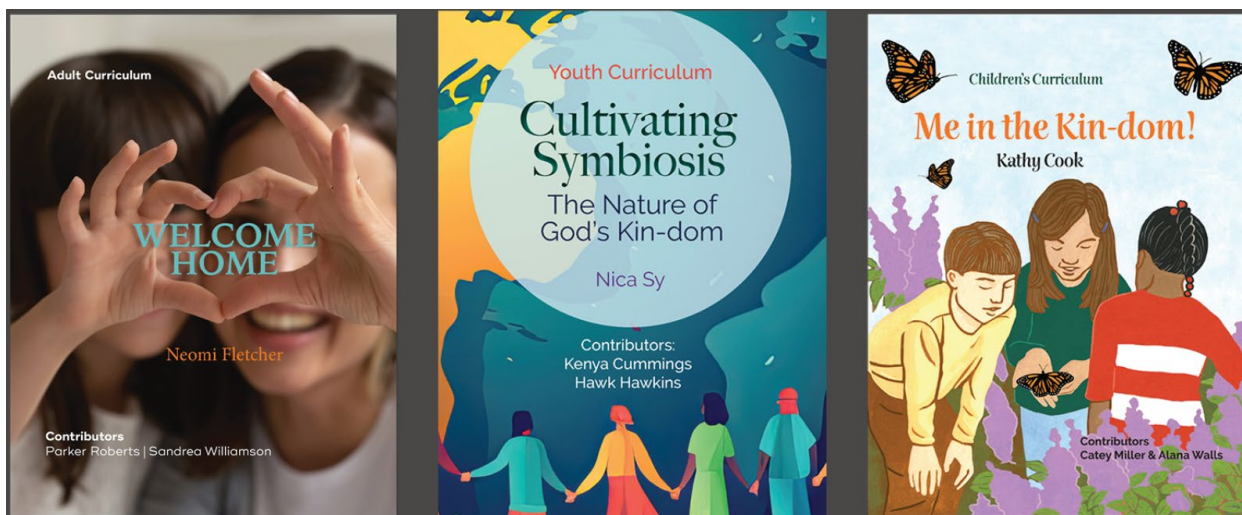
Be sure to listen and engage in conversations about General Conference. Be in the spaces where these conversations happen. Remind the church with your presence—and by saying so!—that United Women in Faith is crucial to its goal to make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world. Continue to invite women into the sisterhood, by offering to be a mentor, inviting them to a [Reading Program](#) book group or [Mission u](#) book study, encouraging them to listen to our [podcasts](#) or [sign up for our e-mails](#), or many other ways to let women in your life know that they are whole people, their voices are important, and they have a place to join with other women to help change the world.

Continue to pray. Pray for delegates and organizers. Pray for those most affected by the decisions made at General Conference. Pray for a church that uplifts women, children, and youth.

United Women in Faith has a vision of the kin-dom, and we are doing the work to see it through. We have shown the church that following God sometimes requires a bold leap. Keep the faith—you are needed for such a time as this.



**MISSION u, AUGUST 10, 2024
FAIRHOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, FAIRHOPE, AL**



United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence, and impact local and global communities

Adapted from *The News CONNECTION*, 2/20/2024:

The life, legacy and dream of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. are well known. But what about the life, legacy and witness of Clara Ester? To help churches celebrate Black History Month, the United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race has created free, downloadable PDFs highlighting less well-known historical figures across The United Methodist Church, U.S. culture and internationally. Turn the page to learn more about our very own devoted United Woman in Faith . . .

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY

Clara Ester



Clara Ester, born in 1948, is a retired United Methodist deaconess whose lifelong commitment to social justice began during her teenage years when she dedicated herself to Christ. During this formative period, she collaborated with prominent figures from the Civil Rights Era, including the revered Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Her activism led her to become a youth organizer for the second Poor People's Campaign in Mississippi, and she went on to hold positions on various boards and agencies in Mobile, Alabama.

The essence of Deaconess Clara Ester can be accurately described with a single word: **service**. In 1970, she embarked on her journey at the Dumas Wesley Community Center in Mobile, Alabama, which is affiliated with the church. Her roles there included neighborhood organizer, program director, associate director, and, ultimately, executive director until her retirement in 2006.

In 1986, Clara Ester was commissioned as a United Methodist deaconess. At one point in her illustrious career, she assumed the role of board chair for the United Women in Faith's (formerly United Methodist Women) Office of Deaconesses, Home Missioners, and Missionaries.

Further References:

- [About Clara Ester](#)
- [Inspired by MLK to make a difference through love: Clara Ester](#)



"I have come to grips many, many, many years ago that only through love can we make a difference. We can actually change things if we love."



Charter for Racial Justice

United Women in Faith first adopted the “Charter of Racial Policies” in 1952. We worked on ratification at multiple levels of the organization and readopted an updated version in 1962. Throughout the years, we lobbied The United Methodist Church to officially adopt the Charter, seeking to bring its commitments to the full body of the church. The Charter was first received by the General Conference in 1964 and first included in *The Book of Resolutions* in 1980. Since then, it has been updated and readopted regularly by delegates to General Conference. From the 1950s to the present, the Charter has been a core part of our identity. You can download a copy of the charter here:

<https://uwfaithresources.org/prodDetail.cfm?productID=10389&catid=2209>



Happy Easter!



WHY ARE WE PROUD TO BE CALLED “EASTER PEOPLE”?

SHARE YOUR RESPONSE TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF ALERT {as space permits}

REPLY TO

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Use the phrase **Easter People** in the subject line.

What difference does the empty tomb make in your everyday life as a United Methodist Woman who seeks “to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education”?

Are we showing them how “to inspire, influence, and impact local and global communities” based on our belief in the empty tomb of our Savior Jesus Christ?

People You Should Know

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Elizabeth Arp

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CONFERENCE DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 9: UWF-AWF Annual Day ZOOM

APRIL 19-21: SEJ, Chattanooga

MAY 10: *Alert* articles due

JUNE 16-19: AWF ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MONTGOMERY

JULY 10: *Alert* articles due

JULY 13: AWF-UWFaith Executive Mission Team, St. Luke UMC, Enterprise, AL

AUG. 10: Mission u, Fairhope UMC

OCTOBER TBD:
AWF-UWFaith Spiritual Enrichment & Executive Mission Team Election/Installation

NOVEMBER 2: Leadership Dev. Lunch & Learn for district presidents and district treasurers, ZOOM, 8:30-3:30

*****NOV. 20:** Local CPR form due **district president**
Local treasurer report due to **district treasurer**
UWF Sunday Celebrations in Nov.

DECEMBER 1: *Alert* articles due

DECEMBER 10: DISTRICT PRESIDENT CPR FORM DUE to
Debbie Bracewell
and DISTRICT TREASURER REPORT DUE to
Cynthia Brown

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Philippians 4:13



United
Women
in Faith

Get Together!

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION QUADRENNIAL EVENT

APRIL 19-21 2024 | CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE | www.seguwwf.org

What does it mean to answer the call to "love one another"
(John 13:34) in 2024? Come GET TOGETHER! to:

FEEL the joy when faith-filled women unite

NURTURE our souls through the strength of our sisterhood

DEEPEN our relationship with God

EXPLORE the power of love to make a difference

**TOGETHER we can do more. TOGETHER we can be more
TOGETHER the power of love in action can change the world.**