

Vision

Pensacola District United Women in Faith

Winter 2022

President's Message

Wow! 2022 has gone by so fast, I can't believe that Christmas is right around the corner.

This will be my last newsletter so I definitely want to say thank you to everyone who has called, emailed or attended a District meeting this year. I have so enjoyed working as the District President, I thought it would be difficult but you all have made it easy and fun.

I have included some pictures of our events, I hope you enjoyed each of the meetings we had together.

The following article was made possible by your donations at our Spiritual Day Apart. Your donations totaled \$200 and our Esther Circle voted to add \$300 to that amount, Community Life Church matched the donation with an additional \$500. This \$1,000 was used to provide 3,780 bottles of clean water to the families in Jackson, MS. Thank you to each of you for your generosity. The bottles of water donated at Spiritual Day Apart were taken to Jackson by Gladys Scott.

Women's Group Provides Water to Neighbors Impacted by the Water Crisis in Jackson, MS

The ladies in the Esther's Circle group at Community Life Church heard about the challenges the residents of Jackson, Mississippi, have been facing with their drinking water and decided quickly to offer assistance. Undeterred by the logistical challenges of purchasing and transporting almost 4,000 pounds of water to over 250 miles, the group arranged for a freight company to deliver the water for free, and within less than a week our mission partner received 3,780 bottles of clean, safe drinking water for our neighbors there. Isn't it amazing what a small group of committed Jesus-followers can accomplish? We are so grateful for this group of ladies with huge hearts!

Spiritual Day Apart

We were beautifully hosted by the ladies at Bellview UMC in their newly refurbished building.

The program included a presentation on prayer, a room with prayer stations for personal reflection and several rooms for making crafts and conversation. Some of the ladies making and showing off their Prayer beads.



Materials were provided to make special bookmarks to go in the spine of Bibles.

Each had ribbons in six colors with a special meaning:



- Black = Darkness of Sin
- Red = The blood that Jesus Shed
- White = Forgiveness and Cleansing
- Green = Spiritual Growth
- Blue = Public Profession/Baptism
- Gold = Heaven and Glory with Christ



The 2022 Year

The year began with the induction of our 2022 District Officers. Many thanks to all who served with me: Joan Simmons—Vice President, Margaret Larson—Treasurer, Connie Vance—Secretary, Pat Clark—Spiritual Growth, Gladys Scott—Social Action, Peggy Patrick and Donna Ward-Welch—Membership Nurture & Outreach, Linda Wentworth —Nominations.



The year ended with our mission study, *Finding Peace in an Anxious World*. Debbie Bracewell, Alabama-West Florida Conference United Women in Faith President, conducted this wonderful study. (Debbie, far right in photo below.)



Things are changing ladies but the hearts of the women in these pictures and those who were at each meeting are still the same. We all work to make life better for Women, Children and Youth.

May each of you be blessed as you continue the mission of acting as the Hands and Feet of Christ.

Love and Blessings,

Judi Dickens

Wishing you



a Happy Thanksgiving filled with gratitude,
a Merry Christmas celebrating the gift of Jesus and
a bright New Year with God's love and your heart filled with joy and peace.

Giving God,

We thank you for the gift of United Methodist Women.

We thank you that we are ...

Women called to prayer and study.

Women called by God to serve.

Women called to works of justice.

Called by God to act in love!

In the company of sisters,

Seeking strength in prayer and praise.

Faith and hope and love in action,

Finding God in many ways.

Grant us courage, send us vision,

May we know God's heart this day,

Share the tears that God is shedding

And refuse to turn away.

Dwell in us, Holy Spirit!

Bring us to the greatest needs!

Cast out fear and mend division,

Show us where the promise leads.*

Amen

*Laurie Zeiman & Mark Miller

150th Anniversary UMW

(UMW is now United Women in Faith)

