

# Vision

Pensacola District United Women in Faith

Fall 2022

## 2022 Calendar

### Pensacola District United Women in Faith

Please hold these dates. Watch for emails/flyers with details and changes.

**September 24**—Spiritual Day Apart, Bellview UMC, Pensacola.

See the flyer on page 3.

**October 22**—Mission Study, “Finding Peace in an Anxious World,” Debbie Bracewell, Instructor. First UMC of Pensacola.

Team Meetings—Sep 16, Oct 14 and Dec 2.

### Alabama-West Florida Conference United Women in Faith

**October 7-8**—AWF-UMW Conference Spiritual Enrichment Retreat (SER) and 2023 EX. Mission Team election & installation, Blue Lake Assembly

Go to the [Awf-umw.org](http://Awf-umw.org) scroll down the homepage.

## 2022 District UMW Officers

President — Judi Dickens

Vice President — Joan Simmons

Treasurer — Margaret Larson

Secretary — Connie Vance

Spiritual Growth — Pat Clark

Social Action — Gladys Scott

Membership Nurture & Outreach —

Peggy Patrick and Donna Ward-Welch

Open positions: Education and Interpretation/Reading Program and Communications Coordinator



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## President's Message

### Greetings Pensacola District-United Women in Faith,

Children are back in school, new groups are up and running, people have begun looking to fall (as much as we get here on the Gulf Coast). It is time for our meetings to start back up in full force, time to start planning our activities for this coming year. Time to elect officers for our circles and units, time to line up our fundraisers and parties. I hope you are all excited for a new year as United Women in Faith and will continue the work you began when you first decided to become a member of a group that has a corporate heart to help women, youth and children.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our District Spiritual Day Apart on September 24. Your District team has been working hard to make this a special day for everyone. Please plan to attend.

We have a Mission Study planned for October 22; “Finding Peace in an Anxious World.” Our facilitator will be Debbie Bracewell, Conference President. Hope you can take the time to come out and meet Debbie and fellowship with other UWFaith ladies in our district.

We are looking forward to 2023, hoping to have all our officers, both District and Local units, selected and voted in before the end of the year. The plan is to get new officers trained before they take over in their positions. The list of new officers should be sent to the District secretary by November 30 in order for her to get the 2023 directory finished and printed. We would also like a list of your new officers with contact information so that we can set up training times. Many of you have held more than one position and won't need training but it would be nice to share your knowledge with others.

If you have a meeting that you would like me to attend please give me a call or shoot me an email. I look forward to meeting with each unit and my Sisters in Christ.

Be Blessed,

*Judi Dickens*

“For everything, there is a season. As we draw this year and this summer to a close let us consider what the next season of our souls will be. Whatever we discern, we can have confidence that God will be with us, in all things under heaven.”

Taken from Program Resource August 2022

## Community Life United Women in Faith

The Esther Circle, has been donating books for the Milk and Honey Outreach Ministries, Inc. after-school program library. To date, they have delivered over 1,000 books along with bookcases and school supplies.

The after-school program offers under-resourced, poverty youth a safe and nurturing place to grow during out-of-school hours. It provides academic tutoring, computer training, counseling, core values (respect, love, responsibility, self-control, and academic excellence), and a weekly Bible study.



Ronda Smith with Pastor Guley, Milk and Honey Outreach Ministry, Inc.

## Lillian United Women in Faith— Upcoming events at Lillian UMC [lillianumc.org/events](http://lillianumc.org/events)

September 17 - Craft Fair and Bake sale.

October 27, 28 and 29 - Trash and Treasure sale in Fellowship Hall.

From clothes to mowers, all kinds of great finds.

On the last day, you can get a sack of things for only \$6.00. They will also be selling hot dogs, cinnamon rolls and brownies.



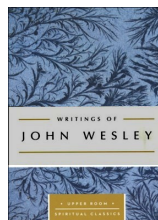
October 29 - Car show.

### Calling all treasurers!



Please send some pledges in soon. Our pledge this year is \$20,000 and we only have \$2,900 given so far. This is 15% and there are only three months left in our fiscal year to collect pledges. As soon as you start back with meetings again please get something sent in to me. Five units have given something but only two have given pledge money. The district needs all the help you can give.

Margaret Larson, Treasurer



## UWFaith Reading Program

### Book Review

### *Writings of John Wesley*

(An Upper Room publication)

Have you ever heard someone ask this question: "If you could have a conversation with someone famous, dead or alive, who would it be? One wonders: What would that be like? Would the person speak about their innermost thoughts and concerns? For this book, the answer is "yes." This is a collection of essays Wesley wrote in his early days and he speaks from the heart. First, however, the book's editor summarizes the events in England before and during the century in which the Wesley family lived. This provides an interesting perspective of the various forces impacting Christianity on the British Isles and beyond, and thusly the world of John Wesley.

Initially, Wesley describes his voyage across a stormy Atlantic, citing his fear of dying as unacceptable and sufficient evidence of his weakness. In the essays "What Have I Learned of Myself?" and "Lord Help My Unbelief," Wesley admits being full of doubt - as we all have been at times - faithless, lonely, and fearful. He also discusses his Aldersgate moment, how it happened and what it felt like. Eventually, he provides advice on dealing with pride and vigilance - all of this in an easy conversational tone. I highly recommend this small 80-page text in which John Wesley speaks to us across the centuries about spiritual issues as current today as they were then. This book is a 2020 Spiritual Growth selection.

*Rita Rone, Gulf Breeze UWFaith*

### The Reading Program is rewarding.

Let's all keep reading and learning.  
And, winning the Conference Bookworm.

### Reading Program website address

<https://uwfaith.org/resources/2022-reading-program/>

Looking ahead: **Community Life UWFaith/  
MOPs Christmas Luncheon**

e-mail [dickensjudi@gmail.com](mailto:dickensjudi@gmail.com) for details.



**Pensacola District United Women in Faith**  
**Spiritual Day Apart**

**Saturday, September 24, 2022**

Bellview United Methodist Church  
4945 Saufley Field Road  
Pensacola, Florida

You are invited to a gathering for prayer,  
singing, worship and growth.

There will be times for crafts, prayer and fun.



For centuries, Christians have been using beads or stones to pray.

From the pebbles used by the desert fathers and mothers to the Catholic rosary, to the more recent Protestant prayer beads, Christians across the world have used these tools to connect to God. Do you ever wonder where God is? Do you wonder what to say? Prayer beads can help you feel connected to God and guide your thoughts and words.

**Registration, Coffee and Snacks 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.**

Please RSVP to Judi Dickens by September 17, 2022

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