

Vision

United Women in Faith

Pensacola District Summer 2023

2023 Calendar

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

Pensacola District

As events are planned, announcements will be sent to the Presidents of each unit.

Alabama-West Florida Conference

October 6-7—Blue Lake Assembly Grounds. AWF-UWFaith *Conference Spiritual Enrichment Retreat* (SER) and 2023 Executive Mission Team election & installation.

Local Units—November, any date—UWFaith Day celebrations in local units.

2023 District UWFaith Officers

President — Peggy Groves
Treasurer — Pat Franklin
Secretary — Carol Ascherfeld
Membership Nurture & Outreach — Julie Vickery
Communications Coordinator — Carol Ascherfeld
Nominations Chair — Janice Anderson

Open positions: Vice President, Social Action, Education and Interpretation, Spiritual Growth, and Program Resources/Reading Program.

If you are interested in serving in one of these open positions, please contact President Peggy Groves, 850-221-7111.

President's Message

Dear Readers and Visionaries,

I'd like to share a little poem about love with you. It was written by Edwin Markham, Oregon Poet Laureate from 1923 to 1931. Markham was considered by some critics at the time to be a great poet while others didn't think so well of him. I'm in no way a critic, but I will say that this poem has influenced my thinking for more than 50 years and in many cases has influenced my reactions as well as my actions. It reads as follows:

"He drew a circle that shut me out-

Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.

But love and I had the wit to win:

We drew a circle and took him in!"

-- Edwin Markham

Like many women, I have experienced moments in life when I have felt left out, dismissed, excluded, rejected, or passed over. In times like these, we are tempted to dive into the comfort of angry or sour grapes thinking. And, there are times when I have done just that; however, most of the time I call on my memory of this little poem and recite it until I calm down. I can then, sometimes with great effort, think of ways to make the words of the poem tangible.

I personify and feminize LOVE and form a partnership with her so that I never feel alone. Since Jesus was love itself, that circle of LOVE becomes a spiritual as well as a tangible action. I "give" this poem to you and pray that you may find it useful as you deal with challenges in your life.

May the Peace of Christ reign in your lives.

Peggy

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



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2023 Pensacola District United Women in Faith Annual Day, March 11, Pensacola First UMC



Officer Installation conducted by Alice Hill (far right). Officers from left to right: President—Peggy Groves, Nominations Chair—Janice Anderson, Secretary & Communications Chair—Carol Ascherfeld, Membership Nurture and Outreach—Julie Vickery, Treasurer—Pat Franklin.

Speaker Catherine Quiring, MA, LMHC, Self-Trust Coach and Mental Health Counselor



Annual Day Program—The District budget of \$900 was presented by Pat Franklin and approved. Peggy Groves presented the unit awards. Julie Vickery conducted the Celebration of Life Service. Catherine Quiring presented a program on Women’s Power to Change the World which reinforced our theme for 2023—United Women in Faith serving boldly with power and grace.



*Remembering our Sisters
who joined the Lord
in 2022*

We continually recall before God our Father the things you have done because of your faith and the work you have done because of your love. 1 Thessalonians 1:3, NCV

Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church

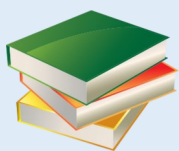
*Bettye Corcoran
Loretta DeMars*

Milton First United Methodist Church

*Shorty Smidt
Diane Dionne*

Pensacola First United Methodist Church

*Ann Weekley
Burda Schallhorn
DiAnne Williams*



**The Reading Program
is rewarding**

Let’s all keep reading and learning.

Go to <https://UWFaith.org>

Select **Menu**, Select **Resources**,
scroll down to **Reading Program**
Select **Learn More**

Closing prayer—

Loving Father, Your Word tells us that faith without works is dead. Help us to accept that we have power to put our faith to work to transform the world as we make disciples for Jesus Christ. We pray in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.