

CIRCUIT WRITER

JUNE
2023

COMING EVENTS

**JULY 4:
INDEPENDENCE DAY!**

**AUGUST 10: ALERT
EMAILED**

**JULY 15: AWF-UWF
CONFERENCE,
EXECUTIVE MISSION
TEAM MEETING, 1ST
UMC ENTERPRISE**

**JULY 11: MISSION u
REGISTRATION
DEADLINE**

**JULY 22: MISSION u,
ALDERSGATE UMC,
MONTGOMERY**

**OCTOBER 6 & 7:
AWF-UWF
CONFERENCE
SPIRITUAL
ENRICHMENT
RETREAT,
BLUE LAKE**

**OCTOBER 28:
DOTHAN, MARIANNA,
PANAMA CITY FALL
ANNUAL MEETING,
GRACEVILLE UMC**

**APRIL 19-21, 2024
SOUTHEASTERN
JURISDICTION
QUADRENNIAL
MEETING
CHATTANOOGA, TN**

**Deb Ketzell
President**



My family was a military family. My father was in the Navy some 20 plus years. We moved not as often as some military families, but we did have several moves during my childhood. One thing that my parents always made sure of was that we made connections and found a church home for our family to be a part of every move. My father served as an usher and a member of the board of trustees. My mother was always a part of the women's organization, taught Sunday School, helped with VBS and helped her church and community start a clothing pantry. They always connected with persons of faith wherever they were and reached out to help those in need. Those connections stayed with them up until their deaths.

I say these words to you, despite a hurricane, that despite a pandemic and even despite a time of disaffiliation, we have connections. Connections of sharing the love of Christ in mission through United Women in Faith through local units, through districts, through conferences, jurisdictions, and Assembly.

We as a district of United Women in Faith want to make sure that you feel connected with our district events and local unit activities. We are expanding our newsletter information to touch base with our sisters in other parts of our Alabama - West Florida Conference. We are hoping that you will try to keep in touch with other churches in our district that may not have a United Women in Faith group to invite them to your UWF events or circle meetings. We want the conference to know that we are a strong district of UWF, ready to be of service to others.

Stay connected. stay strong and keep the faith!

Deb Ketzell, President, UWF, PC/Marianna/Dothan Districts
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**From the Secretary's Pen
Elizabeth Bell**

The Fall Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023. Our host church will be Graceville UMC. The activities scheduled are the election of officers for 2024, pledge service for 2024 pledges and a special guest speaker for Spiritual Growth or Social Action. Information and further details to follow in this newsletter.

In January we will start the New Year, 2024, meeting. Details to follow on location and activities.

Our annual Moss Hill Service of Remembrance and Potluck will take place on the grounds on April 27, 2024. As always, everyone is invited to bring their favorite dish to share!

If your church/unit would be interested in hosting for any of these 2024 activities, please contact President Deb Ketzell or Vice President Kathy McQuagge.



*Tidbits from the Treasurer
Bonnie Brant*

Hello United Women in Faith,

Our Conference’s Annual Day meeting in March was very inspiring! The Christian mission work that the UWF does for women and children in our world is so important. And our giving is what makes it possible; giving by dedicated groups of women just like us.

*Pledges	\$3601.00	5-star requirement
*SMR PINS	\$40.00	5-star requirement
*Gift to Mission Cards	\$75.00	5-star requirement
*Gift in Memory	\$140.00	5-star requirement
*World Thank Offering	\$0.00	5-star requirement
Total Pledge Giving	\$3856.00	
Prayer and Self-Denial	\$732.00	
Conference Love Offering	\$1140.00	

Although our District Pledge is \$18,000.00 for this year, we are off to a good start – something we can certainly build on. As you see, none of our units achieved 5-star status yet. Yours can be first! Please get your giving to me by the end of November to be eligible for this honor. Here’s how:

To send in Mission and Conference Donations:

1. Donations can be sent throughout the year. Please use the proper Remittance Form when you send in donations.
2. Please continue to make **checks payable to “UMW”**.
3. My mailing address is:
Bonnie Brant
316 Blue Sage Road
Panama City Beach, FL 32413

Again, thank you for being willing to serve.

Bonnie Brant
Marianna, Panama City, Dothan District, UWF Treasurer
Text or call: 478-262-5600
E-mail: bonniebrant@live.com

United Women in Faith Information

Financial Gifts Change Lives

We support programs in the United States and around the world that improve life for women, children and youth and their communities.

As the trusted steward of generous donations, we give to partner churches, ecumenical and grassroots projects through a granting process overseen by a member-chosen, 25-member Board of Directors composed of United Women in Faith members.

United Women in Faith does not fund projects and programs that:

- Don't benefit women, children, or youth
- Don't comply with our UMC Social Principles
- Are administered by discriminatory organizations

AWF UWFaith 2022 Pledge to Mission

FUNDING OUR MISSION - OUR PLEDGE--United Women in Faith members prayerfully make pledges to their local organization. Their Mission Giving contributes to local mission, spiritual formation, programs for membership development and outreach in the community. The pledge journeys from the LOCAL to the DISTRICT and then to the CONFERENCE United Women in Faith. The pledged amount designated for mission is sent to the national body and budgeted for ministries with women, children, and youth in the United States and all around the world. Women are involved in mission at each step of the way.

United Women in Faith mission giving is in compliance with The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church 2016, Paragraph 256, Section 5, Article 6.

Click [HERE](#) and read pages 3-10 **THE HANDBOOK 2021-2024 - Funding the Mission**

Your mission dollars are needed now. Women, children, and youth are counting on us.

Mission u 2023



LIVING THE GOOD NEWS

Reflecting God's Love

This study gives fresh eyes to the Lord's Prayer. Often learned by rote, the Lord's Prayer is a rich guide for how we can live out God's kin-dom in our lives. Participants dive deep into the meaning of each line over the course of the study. Registration deadline is July 11, 2023.

July 22, 2023 Aldersgate UMC, Montgomery, 6610 Vaughn Road, Montgomery, AL 36116

[Registration Form \(PDF, Attached\)](#)

[Register Online](#)



*Communications Coordinator
Kathy Hardy*

Nominations for 2024

This summer and early fall the district team of officers will be looking to fill positions for the district mission team. The following offices will be elected this fall in 2023 (odd year) to begin in 2024:

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Coordination for Membership, Nurture and Outreach
- Coordination for Spiritual Growth
- Chair of Nominations
- Nominations Committee

We have vacancies that we need to fill:

- Coordinator for Social Action
- Coordinator for Education and Interpretation

If you wish to nominate someone, or wish to offer yourself as an officer, please fill out the following Talent Bank for and/or contact President Deb Ketzel or other members of the United Women in Faith District mission team officers.

TALENT BANK FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

Local Unit Information: _____

Special Talent and Skills: Should have computer skills and be able to use Excel (Treasurer)

and Word (Secretary) _____

Office Interested In: _____

Please return this information by email to Deb Ketzel at ketzel2@outlook.com.
Thank you for your help.

**2023 Alabama West Florida Cooperative Mission u Event Registration Form
JULY 22, 2023 - Registration Deadline: July 10, 2023**

Aldersgate United Methodist Church – 6610 Vaughn Rd. –Montgomery, AL

Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord’s Prayer

Mail this completed form with full payment to Betty Helms, Registrar – 3043 Headland Ave, Dothan, AL 36303 – email: betty@fumcdothan.org Cell: 334-790-8962. Make checks payable to Mission u. For online registration and credit card payment use the link: <https://www.awf-umw.org/>. Direct all questions to the registrar. When possible, an email confirmation will be sent to the registrant.

NAME _____ DISTRICT _____
ADDRESS _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Please check all that apply: Female Male Clergy Lay CEU Credit
 National Director Jurisdiction Officer District Officer Conference Officer Scholarship Recipient

FEES: Class fees cover: Study Book + mailing exp. **NOTE: A \$10 Registration fee is required.**

PLEASE NOTE: Registrations received after the July 10 deadline the study book will be mailed but, may not be received in time for Mission u.

_____ Registration fee, Lunch & Study book) \$50
_____ Registration fee – Lunch (NO STUDY BOOK)..... \$30
_____ Optional Offering..... _____
TOTAL SUBMITTED..... ..\$_____

◆ I will be attending the Study. Please select below which class you will be attending.

ADULT _____ YOUTH _____ CHILDREN _____

Saturday Schedule:

- 8:30 a.m. WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENT**
- 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon: Class Time**
- 12 Noon – 1 p.m. Lunch Break**
- 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Class time**
- 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. Closing Plenary**



Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting

WHERE: Chattanooga, Tennessee

WHEN: April 19-21, 2024

Registration opens September 2023

Early Registration: \$210 (thru December 2023)
Late Registration: \$240 (after December 2023)

THE TABLE IS OPEN TO EVERYONE - NO NEED TO BELONG TO
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH, SO BRING A FRIEND!



MISSION GIVING

SAVE YOUR DOLLAR BILLS.....

with a "J" on them for "Jesus" and "Jurisdiction"
AND "G" for "God".



For additional information, go to our website at: www.sejuwf.org

