



## Greeting UMW Sisters

I pray that you and your family are well during this most trying time in the history of the world. I trust that you are following the safe at home guidelines and practicing social distancing. COVID-19 is influencing every facet of our lives, but I do know that prayer changes things. Let's continue to pray and care for each other and follow the information that is given to us. God will take care of the rest.

I fully realize that it is hard to do business as usual when we are so far out of our routines. We can't hold in-person meetings; can't laugh, talk and eat together. However, it is imperative that we find a way to share and communicate because we have missions depending on us.

Even though it seems that we are far apart, it is important that we stay on one accord. Therefore, the following is information, clarifications and updates that I want to share with you:

- Meetings: Bishop Graves has mandated that all in-person meetings are cancelled thru June 1<sup>st</sup>. In the meanwhile, we need to continue to conduct business. Meetings can be held in various ways using whatever means of communication that you chose. Find one that is comfortable for your membership. Stay connected
- In-Person Meetings: When the ban on in-person meetings is lifted, plan your meetings, etc around the guidelines given by your church
- Events: District events are cancelled until further notice. I am hoping that we can hold the August Mission Study and resume our fall events – more to come
- UMW Conference events are cancelled until the fall Spiritual Enrichment Retreat at Blue Lake
- SEJ will be rescheduled – the team is working hard to get it scheduled
- Annual Conference will be virtual on June 28 and 29
- Unit Calendar: Look for different ways to fulfill your scheduled fundraisers and events – be innovative
- Pledges: We are still obligated to meet our pledge. Several of our units have already sent funds to our treasurer – thank you. If your unit hasn't reported yet, please do so as soon as possible. We are past our first quarter reporting. An updated treasurer report is being prepared. I will forward the report immediately upon receipt. Our website will also be updated
- Reading Program: Now is an excellent time to read. Last year we had 91 readers. We can do more if every member commits to read at least one book or more
- Nominations: If you are interested in a position on the Mobile District Mission Team, please contact Shirley Bryan (251-487-2986). We need you!!
- Directories: Our 2020 Directories are finally printed and are in the process of being distributed. Each unit will receive a copy that can be duplicated and given to UMW Members Only

If you need additional information or need to talk with me, please feel free to call anytime.

I can't tell you how much I miss our events and seeing all of you. However, I have faith for better times. I am looking forward to a celebration in the fall that combines all of our 2020 events. Meanwhile, take care and remember our purpose and commitments. We have to press on because of all of those Women, Children and Youth depending on us.

Who are we? We are United Methodist Women – We work IN HIS SERVICE – We put FAITH HOPE and LOVE INTO ACTION.

**Barbara Coakley Carroll**

Mobile District UMW President

## District Officer Zoom



The District Team met on April 14<sup>th</sup> using Zoom to discuss current business and plan for the future. We talked about the importance of staying in touch as UMW members during the COVID-19 pandemic. We must stay united. Especially since UMW work does not stop. We have missions depending on us. District Coordinators are asked to keep in touch with your Unit Coordinators to provide training, answer questions and give updates.

While in-person events this summer have been cancelled or postponed, we are looking forward to the rest of 2020 and also planning 2021. SEJ and Annual Conference will be re-scheduled. All UMW Conference Events have been cancelled until Spiritual Enrichment Day at Blue Lake. While District Events are cancelled until further notice, hopefully, we can resume our fall events.

## Unit Presidents Zoom



### MOBILE DISTRICT MISSION TEAM 2020

President  
**Barbara Carroll**

Vice President  
**Gail Bradford**

Secretary  
**Marcie McNeal**

Treasurer  
**Sally Pehler**

Communications  
**Stephanie Jacobs**

#### Mission Coordinators

Education and Interpretation  
**Rosalind Darby**

Membership Nurture & Outreach  
**Robbie Bunkley**

Social Action  
**Karen Hazen**

Spiritual Growth  
**Ginger Sorenson**

Registrar  
**Mary Presley**

Historian  
**Shirley Bryan**

Parliamentarian  
**Sylvia McCaskill**

Committee on Nominations  
**Shirley Bryan, Chair**  
**Martha Teasley**  
**Kay Lauber**



## *Welcome*

### **New Mission Team Secretary!**

Thank you to Marcie McNeal from our St. John United Methodist Women Unit for accepting this interim position of district secretary. We will miss you Kathy Ulmer. However, we pray for your happiness as you move near family.

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## *Budget*

2021 BUDGET: The Budget must be submitted to Conference in July. It must be approved by committee before submission and voted by the body at SED

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## *Nominations*

The Nominations Committee has contacted members who have agreed to fill the positions of District UMW President, District Secretary and one position on the Class of 2023 Nominations Committee. The positions of District Communications Coordinator, Education & Interpretation Coordinator and 2 positions on the Class of 2023 Nominations Committee are still open for nominations.

We are grateful for the UMW members who accepted the nominations and look forward to talking to those who express interest in the remaining positions.

As usual, the slate of officers will be presented and at this time we will accept nominations from the floor for all positions. All 2021 incoming and returning officers will be elected and installed at our Annual Mobile District Spiritual Enrichment Day Event in the fall. All members are encouraged to complete a Talent Bank form

In Christ

**Shirley Bryan**

Chair, Nominations Committee

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## 2020 District Conference Calendar

- 7/24-25 Mission u
- 8/1 District Mission Study at Theodore 10 am
- 8/22 President/Treasurers Workshop at Springhill 9:30 am
- 9/26 District Spiritual Enrichment Day at Theodore First 10 am
- 10/9-10 Conference Spiritual Enrichment Retreat TBA
- 11/10 Local Unit UMW Day

## Purpose

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

News: The UMW National Missions Office donated \$15,000.00 to Dumas Wesley Community Center to assist with emergency funds needed to cope with the COVID-19 virus



## Calling u ... to Celebrate

The SEJ Event will be rescheduled! Stay tuned for updates.

## Mission Work at Home

Kingswood UMW and Missions Committee served the Ladies of McKemie Place on April 19. We usually cook a meal and take it to them on the 3rd Sunday, but due to Covid 19 we delivered pizza, drinks and dessert. to leave at their door. As we were told, 25 ladies have been on quarantine there since the second week of March. Let us all be in prayer for them and the wonderful caretakers with them!

**Linda Weaver**  
Kingswood UMC



Unit Presidents & Treasurers: Due to the unavailability of materials, UMCOR will not be re-scheduled. Please send donations directly to UMCOR. This is the address to use. Please use the advance number #901515

Sager Brown  
458 Ponce De Leon  
Atlanta, Ga 30308



## *Have you completed the online National Census?*

[https://secure3.convio.net/umw/site/SPageNavigator/Census\\_2019.html](https://secure3.convio.net/umw/site/SPageNavigator/Census_2019.html)

### *Message from the Bishop*

May 6, 2020

Bishop David Graves, in conjunction with the Alabama-West Florida cabinet, is recommending the cancellation of all in-person worship and church meetings through June 1, 2020.

“We continue to assess recommendations from health officials, government leaders and medical experts about our best plan to reopen churches,” stated Bishop David Graves. “This is a sensitive topic because as United Methodists, we are passionate about in-person worship and the way it shapes our faith journey. I share your deep desire to gather again and celebrate our risen savior, but we simply cannot make that recommendation with the information we currently have.”

In the meantime, conference leadership recommends the following:

- Establish a COVID-19 task force leadership team within your local church to discuss a restart plan;
- Develop a written plan for your local church that can be communicated to your members to establish trust before reopening;
- Review the restart resources document on the conference Website to understand the necessary steps a church must take to reopen its doors;
- Assess your cleaning and personal protection supply inventory and discuss with your leadership team how to best acquire needed supplies to ensure the health and safety of your congregation when in-person worship does begin.

“Although other businesses have begun to reopen, we must realize our houses of worship differ greatly than a brief visit to a store,” said Graves. “Between the duration of worship, limited staff at many local churches and the scarcity of cleaning supplies, to name a few, it is essential that our churches take the re-opening process seriously in the coming weeks and understand the challenges before us.”

The bishop, cabinet and leadership team will continue to assess when churches may gather again and will communicate a future recommendation on May 21, 2020.

Visit [www.awfumc.org](http://www.awfumc.org) for up-to-date information.

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## *Education and Interpretation*

Hello UMW,

I hope that you all are staying safe during these trying times. We will continue to pray for our loved ones, church family and neighbors.

I know that these are tough times for people financially, and we may not be able to donate to the 5 Channels of Mission Giving as we normally do. Let's hope and pray that by fall we are able to meet again and begin to donate to the 5 Channels of Mission Giving, our Love Offering and Pledge Cards.

Since we are not able to meet with our UMW units, we can text, call or email each other to see how we are all doing.

While we are in this 'shelter in place', it may be a good time to begin or complete some of the Reading Program. While we are unable to meet in our regular UMW meetings we can catch up on our reading as part of the Mission Today Criteria. You will find the reading list on the UMW website. <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org>

1. Go over to Members and Leaders on the first line, and a drop down box will open.
2. Click on 2020 Reading Program and get a list of books that can be read. You can also get List by year and select a book from those categories. Please try not to go back more than four years.
3. There is also the reporting form if you want to keep a list of the books you have read. The categories are Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
4. Books can be ordered through smile.amazon.com., local libraries, (once they open), large bookstores(once they open) read electronically on Kindle. For ebooks free of charge check Google eBookstore, Project Gutenberg,

Did you know you can get FREE audio and digital books online with your Mobile County library card? Check out these free books that are on the UMW Reading Program this year -

### NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY

The Aging of Aquarius <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12198282>

The End of the Island <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12318773>



## SOCIAL ACTION

Loaded A Disarming History of the Second Amendment

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12248141>

Six by Ten <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12213688>

Storming the Wall <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11947969>

What Comes with the Dust

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12353031>

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

The Magnificent Story <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11879991>

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12129263>

Raising World Changers in a Changing World

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12039782>

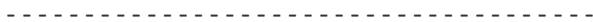
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### **Rosalind M. Darby**

Education & Interpretation

Home phone: 251-447-2144



## 31 DAYS UMW PRAYER CALENDAR FOR MOBILE DISTRICT

UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

PRAY EACH DAY OF THE MONTH AND LET US GROW TOGETHER WITH PRAYER!! AMEN!

1. CHRIST CHURCH AND UMW
2. CITRONELLE CHURCH AND UMW
3. DAUPHIN WAY CHURCH AND UMW
4. GRAND BAY CHURCH AND UMW
5. KINGSWOOD CHURCH AND UMW
6. NEW HOPE CHURCH AND UMW
7. NEW LIFE CHURCH AND UMW
8. PINE GROVE CHURCH AND UMW
9. SARALAND CHURCH AND UMW
10. SOUTH BROOKLEY CHURCH AND UMW
11. SPRING HILL AVENUE CHURCH AND UMW

## *Treasurer*

**We have a new treasurer, Sally Pehler! You can send in pledges and love offerings to Sally.**

### **Sally Pehler**

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Mobile, Al 36608

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Our 2020 DISTRICT

PLEDGE

IS \$20,000.00

We are behind in our donations. Don't let the work of UMW for women and children lag behind while people are struggling the most. If you are able to give, please do so and encourage others in your unit who can give as well.

Remember that the Love Offering is separate from your pledge and is \$10.00 per member.





12. ST. JOHN CHURCH AND UMW
13. ST. MARK CHURCH AND UMW
14. THEODORE CHURCH AND UMW
15. THEODORE FIRST CHURCH AND UMW
16. TOULMINVILLE-WARREN ST CHURCH AND UMW
17. DISTRICT AND CONFERENCE MISSION TEAMS
18. GOD TAKE AWAY THIS VIRUS AND GO BEFORE US
19. GOD BE OUR GUIDE FOR ALL NATIONS
20. UMW MEMBERS IN THE USA AND WORLD
21. ALL MISSION CHURCHES AND MMISSIONARIES
22. UNITED METHODIST PREACHERS & CHURCHES
23. KEEP ALL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SAFE DAILY
24. HEAL THE SICK AND GIVE HOPE TO ALL
25. THANK YOU, LORD, FOR ALL BLESSINGS
26. LORD, MAKE MY FAITH BE STRONGER IN YOU
27. HELP US LIVE FOR TODAY AND TRUST IN YOU
28. ALL USA TO PRAY AND TURN TO GOD
29. WE KNOW WHO HOLDS THE FUTURE...GOD!
30. SHARE A PRAYER ON THE PHONE WITH FRIENDS
31. THANK YOU, GOD FOR WALKING WITH ME TODAY

MAY THERE ALWAYS BE AN ANGEL BY YOUR SIDE!

START OVER NEXT MONTH ON DAY 1

PLEASE PRAY ON EACH DAY...SO WE CAN BE ONE WITH PRAYER.

THOUGHT, WORD AND DEED WITH GOD HELPS US TO BE BETTER PEOPLE TO BE HAPPY AND...TO HELP OTHERS!

MAY GOD BLESS THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN AND USE US IN...THE LORD'S SERVICE.

MAY WE STAY CLOSE TO GOD AND TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH EVERYONE!!!

STAY WELL AND STAY SAFE

GOD BE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

**ROBBIE BUNKLEY**

DISTRICT M.N.&O. & CHRIST UMW M.N.&O.

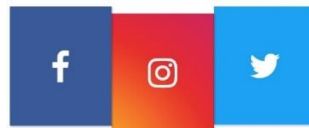
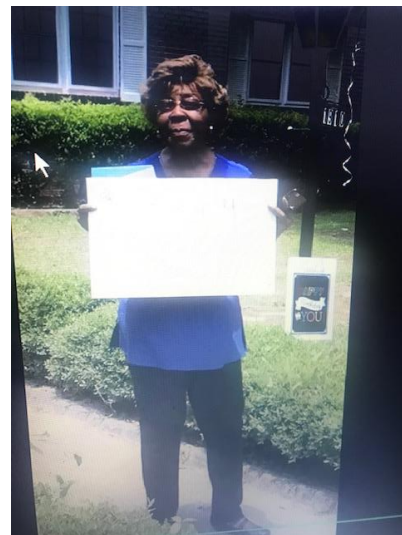
ALWAYS PRAY MY SISTERS!



We don't know when the Thrift Hut at St. John UMC will be open again because of COVID-19. However, we still are accepting donations if you would like to bring them. We are there on some Thursdays to work in the office so get in touch with me to arrange a drop off. God will see us through this!

**Carolyn Able**  
St. John UMC

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**Happy Birthday to Nettie Lang and Luci Bell who got drive-by birthday celebrations!**  
Nettie and Luci are members of the Toulminville Warren Street Unit.



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