



Greeting UMW Sisters

It is a blessing to greet you at the start of another year. I pray that all is well with you and your families and that God's blessings will continue to fill you with good health, peace and joy.

I hardly know where to start this message because last year continued to be such a good year for us. So I will start my saying THANK YOU MOBILE DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. Thank you for your dedication and hard work. Thank you for your generous spirit. Thank you for your belief and dedication to the purpose of UMW for it is that belief that enables us to serve women, children and youth in our neighborhoods and all over the world. It is that belief that creates the love and fellowship that dwells among us and allows us to reach our goals.



Second, WE MET OUR 2019 PLEDGE TO MISSIONS!! Our pledge was \$20,000.00 and we gave \$23,596.28. We met our pledge because that is who we are and that's what we do!!

A few of our members recently attended Conference Annual Day in Enterprise, Alabama. This is always an enjoyable experience but even more enjoyable when we, for the second year, won all three Conference Awards for 2019. This means that we met our goal by giving to pledge which includes the Five Channels of Giving, participating in Mission Today, attending Mission Studies and District and Conference Events.

We were able to bring the Book Worm back to Mobile because we also won the Reading Program Award(again). I am so proud of us. We increased from 60 to 91 readers this year. Be sure to visit the district and conference web-sites and Facebook pages for pictures.

I know that this year will be even better – we are getting good at this UMW thing...

Our 2020 AWF Conference Theme is "In His Service". The scripture is Timothy 3:13

Our 2020 Conference Pledge remains to be \$20,000.00

I am asking that our district focus this year will be on understanding and following our PURPOSE, being fully COMMITTED to our purpose – learning and fulfilling our duties as UMW officers and members AND COMMUNICATING – let's make use that every members is an informed member – let's watch our calendars and plan to attend all meetings, studies and events and encouraging all of our unit members to attend with us.

By all means, don't forget to INVITE EVERYONE YOU KNOW to meetings. Increasing membership is an on-going effort.

I look forward to seeing our entire membership at District Annual Day on March 21st. It will be hosted by Kingswood UMW. District Directories will be distributed. Presidents are asked to bring unit banners and we will take our annual unit pictures. It's gonna be great!!

As always, I thank you for the opportunity to serve and appreciate your encouragement and support.

We are IN HIS SERVICE – putting our FAITH HOPE AND LOVE INTO ACTION

Barbara Coakley Carroll

Mobile District UMW President

District Officer Training



District Officer Training was held on February 1st at Christ United Methodist Church. We had great attendance! We had 14 of 17 Units represented and 11 of 17 Presidents present. The new 2020 district team was introduced and officers went into breakout sessions with their district team member.

Thanks to everyone who supported and attended. Thanks to Christ United for hosting us. Thanks to the District Mission Team for your leadership and presenting our training. Thanks to Martha Teasley and team for preparing our treats. It was a great morning.

Calling u ... to Celebrate

It's not too late to REGISTER!

You can reserve a room or commute. There are only 77 members registered from AWF – WE NEED YOU TO REGISTER

<https://www.umwsej.org/registration>



The 2020 Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Event will be held on April 17-19, 2020 at the Riverview Hotel & Convention Center in Mobile. A block of rooms has been reserved until March 15, 2020. Mobile is the Host City and we need a good representation – PLEASE REGISTER! Final registration is Feb 29th. We will be offering 10 different workshops with great leaders! Meals included area box lunch and the dinner banquet on Saturday.

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Conference Annual Day



~ Photos by Laurel Akin ~

CONFERENCE AWARDS RECEIVED BY MOBILE DISTRICT: 2018-2019

<p>READING PROGRAM Based on the most readers in the districts (Book worm on display at District Office)</p> <p>2018 – 60 Readers 2019 – 91 Readers</p>	<p>SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION Based on percentages of membership in attendance district events</p>	<p>MANY COLORS, ONE SPIRIT Based on attendance at conference events</p>
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Debbie Bell – AWF Conference President
Katy Wrona – AWF Conference Vice-President – coordinated Conference Annual Day. Both are members of the MOBILE DISTRICT. Congratulations to Katy for being elected 2020 AWFC Vice-President



Dr. Bishop and Shirley Bryan of Kingswood with District Banner

A New Year

**A new year... means new beginnings!!
How are you doing?**

It is not all about you! Look to other people this year. Last year was all about me. Let's start helping, caring, sincerely trying to be better with looking at the world. What their needs are... how can I make a difference! Create some sunshine in someone's life.

Give to them food, clothes, blankets, umbrella, a UMW pen to write. This does make a difference. As you give whatever... Give a bible verse with it... to nurture! You have one chance at showing you care. Remember your UMW... invite! You are in the Lord's army!! God cares. You can make a difference this year! Let us all do this! Always remember to pray, listen, pray again. New beginnings... make a difference this 2020.



Mobile Alabama Skyline by Phil Floyd

Also, if you are coming to the 2020 Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial event...

WELCOME TO MOBILE, ALABAMA!!!!

Christ United Methodist Church UMW welcomes you!

love & hugs

Robbie Bunkley

Membership, Nurture & Outreach

Greetings!

Hello all, I am Sally Pehler; the new district treasurer. I am from Mobile and have a wonderful husband named John. We have a daughter, Sarah, who is a sophomore at Millsaps college (a Methodist school). She is currently doing an internship at Disney and we are trying to see her as much as possible 🍷.

I have met most of you, but look forward to meeting the rest of you soon. Please send any requests to s.pehler@comcast.net or call 251-490-4717.

Sally Pehler

District Treasurer



Annual Day

Annual Day each year is very important to our work and impact towards reaching our goals of ministry to women, youth, and children among the many needy, dis-empowered, and marginalized of the world. Many of these are in situations just because of where they were born, the color of their skin, or the lack of opportunity their families have faced for generations. On the occasion of annual day, we join to celebrate the contribution of those who have worked hard in the areas of our programs, by the rewards and certificates given at this time. An important part of this day's program is the "Celebration of the Departure to Heaven of our Faithful Sisters" who passed away in 2019. Mark your calendar and commit yourself to attending this event. A change this year is that the meeting is on SATURDAY, MARCH 21 at KINGSWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH at 10 am. Refreshments will be served by Kingswood UMW. The program will conclude before 1 pm. For other information, as needed contact me.

Gail Bradford
District Vice-President

COSROW

COSROW Event: "Glimpses into the Future"

Friday, March 6, 2020 at 4:00 PM to Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 3:00 PM
Blue Lake Camp, Andalusia, AL

Registration Form: <https://tinyurl.com/COSROW2020>

The Commission on The Status and Role of Women (COSROW) Event is held annually at Blue Lake. Dawn Wiggins Hare, the General Secretary of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women will monitor a panel of COSROW Representatives from the surrounding Conferences. Topics for discussion will be Issues for General Conference, what is happening in other SEJ conferences, how COSROW will function in AWF, Fresh ideas for growth and investigating new sources for learning together. REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 22, 2020

2020 Theme: IN HIS SERVICE

“Those who have served well gain a good standing and considerable confidence in the faith that is Jesus Christ”

TIMOTHY 3:13

2020 District Conference Calendar

- 3/ 6-7 COSROW at Blue Lake
- 3/21 District Annual Day at Kingswood UMC 9 am
- 4/17-18 SEJ Calling u – To Celebrate
- 5/2 District Mission Study at Springhill 10 am
- 5/16 UMCOR at Christ United 9:30 am
- 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



Congratulations to Robbie Bunkley for winning the Mobile District Scholarship for the SEJ held on April 17-19, 2020. We appreciate all the applicants who applied.

Spiritual Growth

I was really proud of our representation at Training Day. I feel like others in our circles are aware of the importance of supporting our district. Our next mission will be Safe Haven for McKemie Ladies at the end of April. I have also requested our Senior Shepherds group help with cleaning supplies for them.

I have requested the new director for McKemie Place to come and speak to our Seniors Shepherds to give them more information so we can get the message out. She will be speaking on March 10 at 11:00 am. at Theodore UMC.

I hope I will be an asset in my new position. With God's help and your support and prayers we can accomplish our mission.

Ginger Sorensen
Spiritual Growth

Nominations

I am looking forward to working with each of you on the nomination committee. We have 6 positions to fill for 2021. President; Secretary; Education & Interpretation; also 3 positions for nominations Class of 2023.

If you or someone you know would be interested please contact me or anyone on the committee.

Shirley Bryan
Chair of Committee on Nominations
251-661-9149
jackbryan1216@att.net



Photos

This is a new year & that means that we need new pictures. Please mail/email me pictures of your UMW events, & a group picture of your members. We need all units represent in our 2020 year book.

Shirley Bryan
Historian
jackbryan1216@att.net

Social Action

Hi All, I'm Karen Hazen
I was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio; have a loving husband, two wonderful children and two awesome grandgirls. Working for years as a counselor with a shelter for abused women, I realized the trauma the children endured. The next step for me was to work with and counsel disadvantaged children and their families. I've retired but the need is as great or greater than ever.
Praise Jesus for this opportunity to work with such wonderful ladies. For this year, my vision is to work together for one or two main goals across the entire district. Why reinvent the wheel? There has been so much work already done at many levels. Sharing information and coordinating efforts seems to be the main objective. This is a work in progress. There are so many women and children that need help. Jesus' promises will see us through!!!
DISCLAIMER: Up front I'm going to tell you that I do not answer calls from telemarketers or any number I do not recognize. So if I don't have your name and number to put into my phone, just leave a message and I will get back to you.
So let's keep in touch.

Karen Hazen
Social Action

Deceased Members	2019	
	Local Unit	Name
CHRIST UNITED	Renea Burns	4/19/19
CITRONELLE	Marilyn Sue Patrick	11/28/19
DAUPHIN WAY	Alberta Hathaway	1/21/19
DAUPHIN WAY	Jane R Wiley	3/2/19
DAUPHIN WAY	Nell Faulkner Sims	5/1/19
DAUPHIN WAY	Grace Woodruff Lincks	5/11/19
DAUPHIN WAY	Mary Emma Jackson	6/11/19
DAUPHIN WAY	Dorothy Baldwin	6/21/19
DAUPHIN WAY	Gene Mobley	12/31/19
THEODORE	Annette Farmer	1/4/19
THEODORE	Caroline Carnley	12/19/20
THEODORE	Inez Henderson	11/19/20
THEODORE	Sarah Taylor	5/30/19
THEODORE FIRST	Inez Henderson	11/19/19



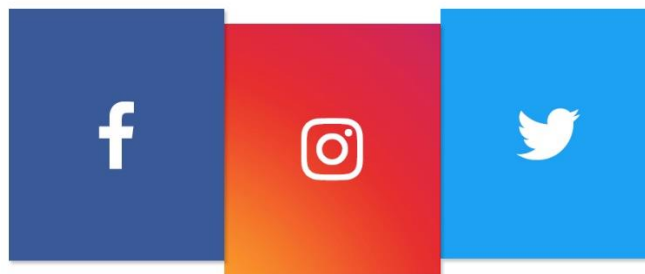
Bible Study

School-to-Prison Pipeline Bible Study



Toulminville-Warren Street United Methodist Church
March 14, 2020, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

United Methodist Women units are striving to interrupt the School to Prison Pipeline. In an effort to better serve those children, youth and women who are disproportionately affected by the mass incarceration of people of color; we will study the word of God through the School-to-Prison Pipeline Bible Study. TWSUMC UMW invites the Mobile District-wide UMW to join us in this Bible Study. We will begin with the introduction and the first lesson. We have planned to have a lesson taught each month, prayerfully at different units within the Mobile District. You may visit the website to download your Bible study materials at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/school-to-prison-pipeline-bible-study>. RSVP to Sylvia 256-527-6022 for attendance count, questions or comments. This is a District Study – please plan to attend!



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To submit information, announcements, email <mailto:mobiledistrictumw@gmail.com>.



Changes in 2020

Hello UMW members, there has been some changes in positions this year. The Program Resource Coordinator position has now been merged with the Education and Interpretation, with me, Rosalind M. Darby fulfilling both of these positions. My home church is First United Methodist Church in Theodore. Any books or materials that you will need for the year will have to be ordered by each individual unit. You may go to this website <http://www.umwmissionresources.org> and order your Prayer Calendars, Program Books, etc. The Response Magazine can be ordered online or direct. The District Office has reading program books from 2015 to 2020 and you can check them out for three weeks only. Books for the 2020

Reading Program can be found online at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>. An online source is Amazon, and if you use their website, please use <http://www.amazon.com/smile> because Amazon will donate 0.5% to UMW.

We are always concentrating on committing ourselves to the 5 Channels of Mission Giving. Through Mission Giving the UMW members help empower and improve the lives of women, youth and children in the United States and around the world. Please complete your Census and Pledge cards for 2020. We have some Mission studies coming up this year and I look forward to seeing you there. We also have the SEJ coming up April 17-19, 2020 at the Renaissance Riverview Hotel. You can still register.

Rosalind M. Darby
Education/Interpretation & Program Resource Coordinator

St. John Happenings

St. John UMC hosts a monthly "Thrift Hut" on the first Saturday of the month. Our next Thrift Hut Sale will be March 7, 2020 from 8am - 2pm. The Thrift Hut serves families in need as well as providing great sales for everyone. There are always free items such as: Jeans, School Uniforms, Bag of Books, Coats, and Blankets. The St. John UMW donates a lot of their time to organize and help with the sale. They do accept donations except furniture and large appliances. To donate, call or text Carolyn at 251-367-6276. Place for sale is: St. John UMC 6215 Overlook Rd Mobile, AL 36618 (the Thrift Hut is directly behind the church).

Upcoming Events!

March 21
District Annual Day
Kingswood UMC
9 am Brunch & Refreshments
10 am Program

May 2
District Mission Study
Springhill Ave
10:00 am
Anniversary Study
Women United for Change
Presenter: Debbie Bracewell

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.

2019 DISTRICT PLEDGE:
\$20,000.00 – We met our PLEDGE in the amount of \$23, 596.28

2020 DISTRICT PLEDGE
IS \$20,000.00



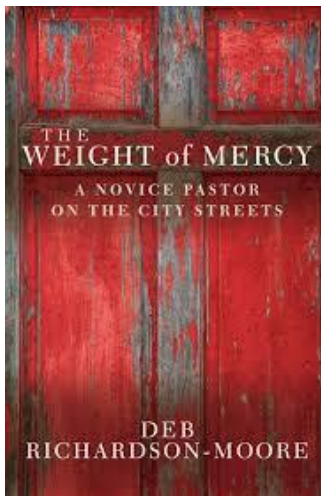
St. John is also getting ready for their Easter Sunrise Service at Municipal Park on Ziegler Blvd. at 7 am. Bring a chair and blanket, a flower artificial or real to decorate the Cross. Services will be at the Pavilion of the Park. Also, every 4th Sunday we have Game Night where we play Old Fashion Board Games, everyone brings a light snack.

Thank you

Thanks to Kathy Ulmer for accepting the District Secretary for the completion of Linda Ferguson's term. Linda moved out of town. We miss you Linda and we thank you for your service

Book Club

Lighthouse Readers – Special Guest Dr. Debora Bishop, District Superintendent - Mobile District
March 3rd 3:30 pm



We will be discussing the book, “The Weight of Mercy: a novice Pastor on the City Streets” by Deb Richardson-Moore. Deb was a journalist in the Deep South. Then she was retrained as a Baptist pastor, and accepted a post at the Triune Mercy Center, a run-down inner-city church where the homeless gathered. It shattered everything she thought she knew about homelessness, poverty, addiction, Christianity. Gradually she learned whom she could trust – and whom she couldn't. Sometimes Jesus had the face of a prostitute, sometimes a drug addict, sometimes an AIDS sufferer. All were fiercely welcomed into this bewildering church family. Full of color and incident, Deb's true story is a testament to messy grace and the presence of the Spirit in the hard places of the world.

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