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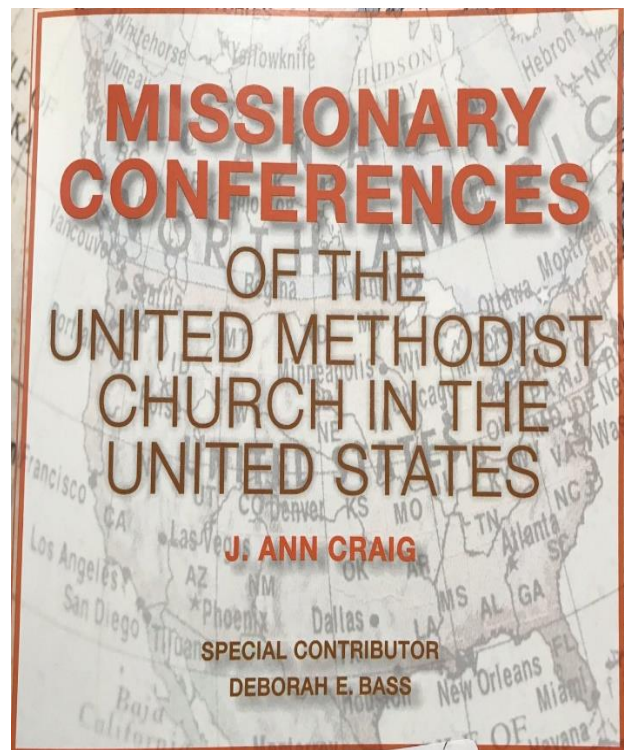
# Demopolis District Link

Time is slipping up on us and end of year will be here before we know it. We still have a lot to do. Our next district event will be the district wide **mission study** being held this Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> with registration at 9:30 at Demopolis First. We will bring a sack lunch and the host will provide chips, dessert, and drinks. We will have to spend a little time after lunch to get in our hours of mission study time.

The study tells the story of the three missionary conferences of the United Methodist Church: Alaska United Methodist Conference, Red Bird Missionary Conference, and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. You will learn about the history and how each conference is founded as well as how they add to the richness of the United Methodist connection in the United States. The study explores church history alongside U.S. history in these regions, our ability to both welcome and marginalize those we consider different from ourselves, and the ways in which the church comes together to welcome and support our sisters and brothers through creative and authentic ministry.

The aim of the study is to give an overview of the three missionary conferences in The United Methodist Church, the contexts out of which they grew and their current engagements.

Tutti Johnson, AWF UMW Spiritual Growth Coordinator, will be teaching the study. She has taught it in several of the other districts and is well versed on it. Come out and support her and your district program.



Following the mission study our next event will be our **Spiritual Day Apart** on September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Pine Hill UMC with registration at 9:30 and the program starting at 10:00. The host will provide lunch and the speaker will be Dr. LeTeasa Hicks from Mary Ellen's Hearth in Montgomery.

As the Executive Director of Mary Ellen's Hearth, she is responsible for running all facets of the organization. Dr. Hicks has over 20 years of experience as an executive leader and a proven track record for organizational leadership.

*Meet the officers being elected at Day Apart:*



**Margaret Agee** is returning as **President** for another two year term. She lives in Camden and has been married to Ken Agee for

fifty-seven years. They have two sons, Kennon, Jr and Ben, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren with a third on the way. She has served as Nominations Chair, Program Resources, Spiritual Growth, and Treasurer in the local unit and on the district level.



**Linda Carden** is returning as **Communications Coordinator** for a two year term. She and her husband, Mark moved to Pine Hill in 2016 with Mark's job at

International Paper. They have 5 sons. Linda has a BS in Nursing and worked as Director of Education for several years before taking a job as nursing instructor. She is a member of the Pine Hill UMC and UMW.



**Frankie Gaddy** is returning as **Secretary** for another two year term. Frankie is originally from Thomasville but now

resides in Camden, where she is a member of Camden UMC. She is married to Wayne Gaddy for forty-seven years and they have three children and five grandchildren.

New members of the **Nominating Committee** are Beverly Sanders of Marion, and Brenda Gordon of Grove Hill replacing Nan Dunn of Jefferson and Lou Webb of Butler whose tenure was up. Thank you ladies for your service.



**Linda Sims** is a member of the Butler First UMC and UMW. She is being elected to serve as **Education & Interpretation, and Spiritual Growth Coordinator** for two years. She is currently serving as Vice-President in the local

unit. Linda is a retired registered nurse in geriatrics. She has two sons, Scot and Jeremy, and three grand-children, Ben, Kayla, and Sarah Kate.



Carolyn Hemstreet will be elected to serve as **Vice-President** for one year to get the rotation back on Odd Year. She is married to William Hemstreet. She attends Greensboro First UMC where she serves as Secretary to the Administrative Board

and sings in the choir. Carolyn is a member of Greensboro UMW and recently finished a term of UMW President.

The AWF UMW **Spiritual Enrichment Retreat** will be held at Blue Lake Oct 19-20, 2018. Our speaker will be Connie Shelton from Mississippi. We will have three breakout sessions of which you choose one to go to – Computer/ Internet; Crocheting plastic bags for a mat; and a scavenger hunt outside weather permitting. See attached Registration Form and the requirements for each class, also the times. Start making your plans now to attend.

## *HEAR YE! HEAR YE!*

Demopolis District United Methodist Women will be hosting the **Alabama West-Florida Conference UMW Annual Day** at Demopolis First UMC **February 15-16, 2019**. You will be hearing more about this later but we will need everyone helping in some way. This will be our 150 celebration of UMW. Our theme for the year will be “**Love in Action;**” so fitting for Valentine’s week.

You have heard the story of our beginnings. On March 23, 1869, eight women gathered at Tremont Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts on a cold rainy night and organized the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society, what would become United Methodist Women. They began to raise money to send a doctor, Clara Swain, and a teacher, Isabella Thoburn, as missionaries to India to serve the women of that nation.

For the last four years March 23<sup>rd</sup> has been designated as our Day of Giving to the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign. March 23, 2019 will be our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## *UMW SEJ COMING TO MOBILE IN 2020*

Betty Helms, UMW SEJ president, is encouraging as many as possible to plan to attend the **SEJ meeting in Mobile** April 17-19, 2020 at the Renaissance Hotel.