

VISION

Pensacola District United Methodist Women

Summer 2020

2020 UPCOMING UMW EVENTS

Pensacola District UMW Events

September 26 — Mission Study - Mark, Radical Discipleship, Community Life UMC Gulf Breeze, Speaker—Tutti Johnson

October 24 — Spiritual Day Apart – Location to be announced

Pensacola District UMW Team Meetings

September 18, October 16 and December 4

Alabama-West Florida Conference UMW Events

October 9-10 – Spiritual Enrichment Retreat, Blue Lake

November – (Recommended) UMW Day celebrations

November 7 – District Presidents & Treasurers ONLY—Location to be announced

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope this finds everyone doing Great! I was sitting in my lazyboy and reflecting on the goodness of God. I hope you have taken time to reflect on what God has done for you.

America needs to get back to God! UMW members are praying women, so many miracles have happened when we join our voices in praise and prayer. I would love to see a revival like no other hit America and also our brothers and sisters around the world.

So... "we should wake up, shake up, get up, straighten up, look up, pray up, preach up, measure up and stay up. But, never give up, dry up, freeze up blow up, crack up, split up, put up or give up. Until we are stirred up, lined up, fired up, built up, lit up, dressed up, stirred up, and ready to go up!" (Author unknown)

Whew! Are you ready to step up? I pray no one gets left behind. As your UMW District president

and all of the members of this team, we are moving into a new revival. Let's get fired up!

Presidents of circles call your members and let them know you love them and ask them what they can do for UMW. When we return to our meetings I want to hear **Positive Actions**. We are not the tired old UMW – we are women of God on Fire!

I love ya'll and I know the hand of God has touched each of you. Praise Him, love Him and Serve Him.

By the time this reaches everyone, I will have had my reconstructive surgery on June 19. God has this and I am not worried. God is faithful all the time. I ask everyone to keep me in your prayers during my recovery. I want to come out fighting at the end of this journey...and I will with God's help and your prayers.

Please pray for our great nation, salvation for America and our families. God bless America. We are one nation under God. Happy 4th. Be safe. Know that your District Team is working hard for you. If you have any prayer requests please let one of our District Team members know. Looking forward to seeing everyone. God Bless you all.

Sharon Hogan



HAPPENINGS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

Pensacola First UMW. The ladies of First Church enjoyed the popular fundraiser event, Saturday Morning with Friends on March 7th. Guest speaker, Leslie Anne Tarabella entertained the 200 plus guests with her hilarious Southern stories until all were gasping for air.



Everyone enjoyed the southern continental breakfast (grits, of course), auction, parade of prizes and local artist's greeting cards. Money raised was presented to Family Food Box and Youth Programs.

Trinity UMW. At Trinity we have had two luncheon get-togethers for those who could attend. It was so we could actually visit face-to-face to get "reacquainted" and to celebrate former unit leader Merle Carter's birthday. In January, we celebrated UMW Sunday and awarded a Special Mission Recognition pin.



NEWS FROM YOUR DISTRICT TEAM

Judi Dickens, Treasurer. Happy Summer to all of you. I hope you have been able to find some good in all that is happening right now. Thank you to each of the units for trying to keep up under these unusual circumstances. We are working toward our goal for the year 2020 which is \$22,500.00. The pledges I have received so far total \$7,796.93. I know many of you have not been meeting as we are all social distancing so I truly appreciate that we have been able to bring in over a third of our pledge so far. Keep up the good work. I look forward to the time when we can all gather together again.

Peggy Patrick, Membership Nurture and Outreach.

At this time I hope you have been in touch with someone who can join the UMW. We need younger members. With younger girls we are looking into a babysitter during meetings. I hope at this time you are reading your books so we can win that Worm back from Mobile. Do you have a woman in mind who has gone above and beyond in UMW? We need nominees for the Nell Chance award to be submitted to Conference by July 1. For instructions, go to the <https://www.awf-umw.org> homepage. Looking forward to seeing you all very soon.

Margaret Larson, Education and Interpretation.

I would like to encourage all of you to take part in the Reading Program. In this time of unrest due to Covid19 and racial justice we need to educate ourselves on important issues. Although we cannot meet as usual we still need to send our pledges in and become Mission Today units. Mission u has been canceled but the study books are still available. We are hoping to have a district mission study in September. Think outside the box in how we can still meet and share. Maybe in the sanctuary where there is more room or outside. It is important to keep UMW meetings happening.

Donna Ward-Welch, Social Action. I pray everything is going good for everyone. I hope your summer is restful. Contact your members, stay in touch. Have a safe distancing lunch. Discuss what you want to see happen in the fall of 2021. I need your ideas, please. Here are some educational opportunities that will keep you informed:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news>

Linda Wentworth, Nominations. Hello Everyone. I hope you are doing fine. I would like for you to be thinking about the officers for 2021. We will be looking for a new treasurer and communications and possible other offices. Talk to your units and let me know if you are interested.

