



THE MESSENGER'S

DECEMBER 2020

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Lyndall Barlow

Education & Interpretation

TBA

Spiritual Growth

TBA

Nominations

TBA



From The President's Desk

Message from District President

Greetings, Everyone.

Our 2020 year has come to a close.

We have endured many challenges throughout the year: the devastating corona virus, much civil and political unrest, too much human loss, and an ever-changing climate. Thanks be to our God though we have almost reached the end of the year still standing with much hope and trust for a new and better time in 2021. In spite of the challenges, many of us have continued in prayer, in giving, in reading, in encouraging and supporting, and in doing the mission work we have been called to do.

It was not advisable for us to gather together, but, thanks be to our tech-savvy members and friends, we were able to hold zoom meetings, virtual mission study, church annual conference, conference elections, and Conference Spiritual Enrichment Event. The District Spiritual Enrichment was cancelled, but District elections were held.

All offices were filled for 2021. We still need members for the Committee on Nominations, however. An officer listing is included in this newsletter. We give thanks to all who volunteered and/or willingly accepted a position. Frances Parker, Nominations Chair from Locust Bluff UMW, led the installation service at a district meeting on November 21, 2020 at Millbrook First UMC. All local unit presidents were invited to attend.

(President's message continued)



Now, we look forward to 2021 with hope in our hearts. The AWFUMW theme for 2021 is “**Hope, Joy, Peace, Trust, Power**”. In that, we hold much hope for the joy and peace we trust will come through the power of Almighty God.

Plans have already been initiated for 2021. We may be still holding virtual/zoom sessions, but, through the grace of God, we will prevail. The district calendar for 2021 is also included in this newsletter. I, along with the other district officers will continue to keep you posted on various events as they unfold. Should you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions for your district team, do not hesitate to share them. We are United Methodist Women, together, never alone.

Grateful to be in your service,

Marsha Clayton, District President

District elections were held at the November district team meeting. All offices were filled for 2021. Due to medical reasons Lyndall Barlow will not be able to serve as membership Coordinator.

**Montgomery -Prattville District United Methodist
Women need a membership Coordinator and
persons to be on the nomination committee**



Brenda Hargrave
Treasurer

Winter 2020 Messenger Flame Article

As 2020 comes to a close, I would like to thank all of you for stepping up and sending in your mission funds, even when you were unable to have your usual fund raisers. We did not meet our pledge to the Conference of \$11,000 but we did send in \$8713.62 or 79.2% . Well done under trying circumstances!

Mission Pledge:	\$6,983.62
Special Mission Recognition:	625.00
Gift to Missions (cards):	100.00
Gift in Memory:	130.00
World Thank Offering:	875.00
Total for Mission Pledge:	8,713.62
Call to Prayer and Self Denial:	775.00
UMCOR:	400.00
Conference Love Offering:	895.63

Total Funds Received and sent to Conference: 10,784.25

I am looking forward to working with you in 2021 and hopefully we will be able to meet in our usual way at some time soon.

Brenda Hargrave

Montgomery/Prattville District UMW Treasurer



**Montgomery-Prattville District
Social Action Coordinator
Gloria Jean Williams**

The year 2020 has been a particularly challenging year with the COVID-19 Pandemic, climate change and racial injustice. As women of faith, we are called by God to stand up against racial injustice and to be stewards of God's creation. As we come to the end of the year 2020, please read Bishop Graves' message on racial issues. Here is the link to his message: <https://www.awfumc.org/newsdetail/14016104>



Charter for Racial Justice

in an Interdependent Global Community
Adopted by the 1980 General Conference of
The United Methodist Church
Because we believe

- 1 That God is the Creator of all people, and all are God's children in one family;
- 2 That racism is a rejection of the teachings of Jesus Christ;
- 3 That racism denies the redemption and reconciliation of Jesus Christ;
- 4 That racism robs all human beings of their wholeness and is used as a justification for social, economic, environmental, and political exploitation.
- 5 That we must declare before God and before one another that we have sinned against our sister and brothers of other races in thought, in word and in deed;
- 6 That in our common humanity in creation, all women and men are made in God's image, and all persons are equally valuable in the sight of God;
- 7 That our strength lies in our racial and cultural diversity and that we must work toward a world in which each person's value is respected and nurtured;
- 8 That our struggle for justice must be based on new attitudes, new understandings, and new relationships, and must be reflected in the laws, policies, structures and practices of both church and state.

We commit ourselves as individuals and as a community to follow Jesus Christ in word and in deed, and to struggle for the rights and the self-determination of every person and group of persons.

(See the link below for Racial Justice brochures)

http://www.umwmissionresources.org/shopping_product_list.asp?catID=13935

(See the link below for local Forms on our conference website on Charter for Racial Justice Policies Team – Page 13)

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United Methodist Women
Montgomery-Prattville District
Tentative/Draft 2021 Calendar of Events

- January 23 - District Team Meeting at Millbrook 1st UMC or Zoom, 10am
- February 20 - District Annual Day, Leadership Development, Memorial, Certificates (Projected Zoom Meeting TBA)
- March 5-6 - Conference Annual Day at Marianna 1st UMC, Marianna, FL
- March 27 - District-wide Mission Study #1 “Women of Change” with Montgomery-Opelika UMW (Place TBA)
- June 6-9 - Church Annual Conference at Frazer UMC, Montgomery
- June 19 - District-wide Mission Study #2 “Radical Discipleship” at Metropolitan UMC?????
- July???? - Mission U at Aldersgate UMC, Montgomery
- September 18 - District Spiritual Enrichment, Election of Officers at Chapel UMC, Eclectic
- October 8-9 - Conference Spiritual Enrichment, Election of Officers Blue Lake - Note: 2 days only, Friday and Saturday
- *November 6 - District Presidents and District Treasurers- Place TBA
Time: 8:30am – 3:30pm
- November 10 - Annual Reports Due
- November 14 - Local Unit UMW Recognition Day (if not planned otherwise)
- November 20 - District Mission Team Meeting, Officer Installation
Millbrook 1st UMC at 10am
- December 10 - District President’s Report due to Conference President

**United Methodist Women
Montgomery-Prattville District
Officers 2021**



Marsha Clayton
President

Metropolitan UMW - Service: 48yrs Local
President, Vice-President, Secretary,
District: E&I Coord, Prog Resources



Mable Lawrence
Secretary

Chapel UMW
Service: 20 Yrs. + Local
President, Vice-President
District: Nominations, Secretary



Reda Brooks
Vice-President

Metropolitan UMW- Service: 40 Yrs.,
Local and District President
Prog Resources – Pensacola District



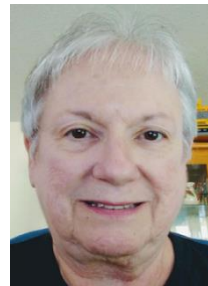
Brenda Hargrave
Treasurer

Millbrook First UMW
Service: 45 Yrs., – Local Treasurer
Secretary, Communication, Circle
Chair, District: Secretary,
Treasurer



Carolyn Davis
Communications Coordinator

Locust Bluff UMW – 40 yrs., Service
Local President, Treasurer, District
Prog. Resources, Secretary,
Nomination Committee



Jill Lowman
**Spiritual Growth
Coordinator**

Clanton First UMW – Yrs. Of
service: Local President, E&I
Social Action, Nominations



Gloria J. Williams
Coordinator of Social Action

Metropolitan UMW -20 Yrs., +
Local: President, Social Action,
District: E&I Coordinator, President



Cynthia Brown
Nominations Chair
Chapel UMW

Service: Has served on
AWFUMW Nominations



Carla Lumpkin
**Education &
Interpretation**

Coordinator Clanton First UMW- Service 26 yrs.,
Local: President Secretary, E&I Coordinator,
Global Concerns - Selma District

We would love to include your unit activities and mission projects in *The Messenger's Flame*. Please submit articles and photos, if available, to cdavis854@bellsouth.net



Carolyn Davis, Communication Coordinator

**District Newsletter Distribution Dates: Feb 10, May 10, August 10, Dec 10
(Deadline Dates for articles: Feb 5, May 5, August 5, December 5)**

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Mable Lawrence, District Secretary

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www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

AWF-UMW: www.awf-umw.org

Montgomery-Prattville District:

www.awf-umw.org

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.