

## Demopolis District Newsletter

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### *Points from the President's Pen* by Margaret Agee

Ladies, have you reviewed where you are in your activities during the year? We need to be making our plans to attend the Alabama West-Florida Conference United Methodist Women's Spiritual Enrichment Retreat

to be held at Blue Lake on October 11-13, 2019. Our speaker will be the Rev. Reba Wiley, returning from retirement to serve as pastor of the Pine Hill United Methodist Church after Rev. Dawn

Bond's retirement. A copy of the Registration Form is enclosed.

Please make copies for others who

plan to attend. You decide how many days you can attend and how many meals you will eat. The planning committee does need to know so they can plan with Blue Lake and the facilitators of the different groups can plan for the correct number in their classes. The deadline for registering without a late charge fee is September 30<sup>th</sup> so get those forms and payments in today. Get it in the mail to Jean Creswell postmarked by the 30<sup>th</sup>.

*"A copy of the registration form is attached. Please make copies for others who plan to attend."*

*-Margaret Agee*

*UMW President*

We will be having our district's Spiritual Day Apart at Butler First UMC in Butler, Alabama on October 26<sup>th</sup> with registration at 9:30 and the program beginning at 10:00. Our speaker will be Lisa Pierce who heads up the cleanup and rebuilding and repairing the damage done by the Lee County tornado that destroyed so much. She will update us on that work and the needs they are still trying to meet. Butler UMW will provide lunch and we will take a donation at the door to help with the expense of that meal.

We have held our mission study on "What About Our Money" taught by Betty Helms, our SEJ President, and hosted by the Grove Hill UMW. Thank you so much ladies for a job well done. And many thanks to those who attended.

## *Points from the President's Pen (continued)*

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We will be looking for local units who will be willing to host our Annual Day in February, our mission study – topic not yet decided, and the Day Apart in the fall of the year. Please be checking your church calendar and see if this would be something your unit could do.

The Nominating Committee has presented us with a list of nominees for our odd year officers' election. We will be voting at our Day Apart meeting and also installing officers. You will find this list on a separate page of the LINK. If you know of an accountant or bookkeeper who would be willing to serve as Treasurer please submit their name and give us a chance to check it out for submission before the meeting.



*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 and the global ministries of the church.*

# United Methodist Women

## Alabama West Florida Conference

The Demopolis District Nominations Committee of the United Methodist Women's organization has met and below is the official recommendations for district officers to be presented this year at our Fall voting and if elected, will take office January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2020. We are only electing those officers going off in the **ODD** year election cycle. Those officers are:

**Vice President:** Carolyn Hemstreet, Greensboro First UMW unit

**Treasurer :** **VACANT**

**Membership Nurture & Outreach unit and Social Action Coordinator:** Sondra Childs, Zion UMW, Marion, AL

**Program Resources moving to Communications Coordinator with Communications in agreement:** Linda Carden, Pine Hill UMW unit

**Nominations Chair:** Eleanor Park, Demopolis First UMW unit

**Nominations Committee Member:** Paul Bonner, Pine Hill Charge UMW unit



## Spiritual Enrichment Retreat

October 11-13, 2019  
Blue Lake Camp - Anadulsia, AL

Come join us at our annual spiritual retreat at Blue Lake. Hosted by the Alabama West Florida United Methodist Women, you will relax in a beautiful tranquil lakeside setting while enjoying fellowship with other women of all ages, listening to a gifted speaker (the Rev. Reba Wiley), and participate in creative focus groups that include making wooden crosses, crocheting plastic crosses and learning to do arm-chair yoga. All women of all ages are welcome and you do not have to be a member of a United Methodist Women's unit or a Methodist church to attend. Come one day or stay the entire weekend.

**Last day to register before late fees is 9/30/19**

See registration forms below or download from the website at [www.awf-umw.org](http://www.awf-umw.org)

***"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and truth" 1 John 3:18***






"Let us not love with words or speech  
but with actions and in truth."  
1 John 3:18 NIV

SECTION

- A **HEALTH FORM** - if you've already sent one for Annual Day - don't send another one unless something medical has changed. This form allows us to help you in an emergency situation while at the event.
- B **NAME - ADDRESS:** please print as neatly as possible especially email addresses in case the Registrar needs to ask you a question.  
**FIRST TIME:** if 1st time at one of the AWF SER events, please check so we can recognize you.
- C **DISTRICT / CONFERENCE OFFICERS ONLY** section. Only fill out if you currently hold a position. Please make sure you state the position & district.
- D **LODGING:**  
Please note the number of nights you plan on spending in the 1st column of the Lodging section.  
The cost listed for the night is per night, so if you are staying 2 nights, multiple to cost by 2.  
For instance, if rooming with someone for 2 nights in Linwood, the total cost for that line if \$71.  
We will make every effort we can to grant your request for a specific type of room, but they are limited and it is on a first come first serve basis.  
If you select a double room without listing a roommate, one will be assigned to you.  
If you are commuting - please indicate on the Commuter line.
- E **MEALS:**  
Because we have to let the Blue Lake staff know how many meals to prepare, we need you to enter the number of meals you are eating. There are 5 total meals, starting with Friday supper and ending with Sunday breakfast. Please indicate exactly which meals you are eating and carry over the total for that meal to the cost column.
- F-1 Subtotal: add together E1 through E6 - all meal Plus Lodging Section D
- F-2 **DISTRICT & CONFERENCE OFFICERS:** You are allowed \$55 for 1 24-hour period that covers lodging & meals. Please enter a **negative** amount on this line of no more than \$110.
- F-3 Subtotal: add together Line F-1 plus F-2
- F-4 If your registration form is postmarked after Oct. 10th, a \$10 late fee must be paid.
- F-5 Everyone, whether a commuter, staying one day or all days, has to pay the \$15 registration fee.
- F-6 If your **payment** isn't the correct amount, the registrar will try to email the problem, but it is helpful if you try to fill out the form correctly. All unpaid amounts will be expected to be paid either prior to the event or at registration when you arrive. **If you need help calculating, please call or email the registrar prior to mailing your FOCUS GROUPS:** Friday night is for everyone. Saturday you can choose and participate in 2 of the 3 offered. Class size is limited, so the first ones to register get first priority.
- G **VOTING DELIGATES:** Each **Local Unit** has ONE (1) vote, Delegate designated, each **District officer** 1-vote, / **Conference officer** 1-vote / **SEJ and or National officer** 1-vote / **resident Bishop** 1-vote.  
ONLY delegates in attendance will Vote and will be designated by a colored ribbon which they will pick up at registration. We may designate seating for voting delegates during the election session AND each delegate must signify their vote by designated "ballot" (raising hand or standing or whatever is determined)  
If a Local Unit is only represented by a district officer that is ONLY one vote as a district officer.  
If a Local Unit is only represented by a conference officer that is ONLY one vote as a conference officer.
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<b>SPEAKER</b>	 <p>The <b>Rev. Reba Wiley</b> is a native of South Carolina and received her Master of Divinity from Emory. She met her husband, the late Rev. Steve Wiley, on her first day at Candler and they were married the next August before beginning their second year there. Both Reba and Steve served their entire ministry in the Alabama-West Florida Conference, at one time sharing an 8-point Charge in the Demopolis District. Reba served a total of 39 years as a pastor and also as the Demopolis District Superintendent for 7 years. She retired from full time ministry, but is the new pastor at the Pine Hill Charge UMC (Pine Hill, Arlington and Kimbrough) and has is also busy with Communities of Transformation, where she began the conference's first rural COT in Pine Hill. She is also a member of the Pine Hill Charge UMW.</p>
<b>SAT. FOCUS GROUPS</b>	1. Crafts (wooden crosses) lead by Linden Carden 2. Armchair Yoga lead by Susan Hill 3. Crocheting crosses with plastic bags (Plam) lead by Jay Lockert (bring your own hooks D or E, Basic crochet skills required: chain, and double stitch). Bags provided.

DATE	SCHEDULE - Breaks will be called but not listed	BLUE LAKE LOCATION
Friday 10/11/19	3:00 P.M. <b>CHECK-IN Registration</b>	Oakwood Solarium
Fri & Sat	5:15 <b>DEVOTIONAL TIME</b>	Lakeside or Chapel
Fri & Sat	5:30 P.M. <b>DINNER</b>	Dining Hall
Friday	7:00 P.M. <b>PROGRAM</b> - Speaker	Chapel
Friday	8:30 P.M. <b>FOCUS GROUP</b> - everyone: UMW Census and other online information	TV Room by Cafeteria
Fri & Sat	7:00 <b>DEVOTIONAL TIME</b>	Lakeside or Chapel
Saturday 10/12/19	7:30 A.M. <b>CHECK-IN Registration</b>	Oakwood Solarium
Sat. & Sun.	7:30 A.M. <b>BREAKFAST</b>	Dining Hall
Saturday 10/12/19	9:00 A.M. <b>PROGRAM</b> - Business Session, Election Conference Officers/Installation	Chapel
Saturday	10:30 A.M. <b>PROGRAM</b> - Speaker and Offering to Pledge to Missions	Chapel
Saturday	7:00 P.M. <b>PROGRAM</b> - Speaker	Chapel
Sat. & Sun.	12 Noon <b>LUNCH</b>	Dining Hall
Saturday	1:00-4:30 P.M. <b>FOCUS GROUPS</b> - sign up @ Registration - limited space in each	Choose 2 of 3 listed above
Sunday 10/13/19	8:30 A.M. <b>PROGRAM</b> with Communion (no lunch afterwards)	Chapel

ALABAMA WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE  
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN HEALTH FORM

For the Calendar Year 2019

Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment Form

<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
Name		DOB	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Home Phone	Work #	Cell #	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
Physician's Name		Phone #	
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
Health Insurance Company		Policy #	Group #
Allergies to medications:		<input type="text"/>	
Other Allergies (food, animals)		<input type="text"/>	
Conditions that treating personnel might need to be aware of:			
<input type="text"/>			
In the event emergency medical aid/treatment is required due to illness or injury during my stay at a UMW event, I authorize ALWF UMW to contact:			
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Name	Relation	Phone #	Alt. Phone #
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Name	Relation	Phone #	Alt. Phone #

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE BELOW PLANS

☐ **Consent Plan**  
In the event emergency medical aid/treatment is required due to illness or injury during my stay at a UMW event, I authorize ALWF UMW to:  
1. Secure and retain medical treatment and transportation if needed.  
2. Release my health information to the authorized individual or agency involved in the medical emergency treatment.  
3. I hold harmless the AL-WFL Conference United Methodist Women, the ALWF Conference, The United Methodist Church and/or the owners of the facility for which the event is taking place for any act or failure to act during a medical emergency.

☐ **Non-Consent Plan**  
I DO NOT give my consent for emergency medical treatment/aid in the cases of illness or injury. In the event emergency treatment/aid is required, I wish the following procedures to take place:  
I hold harmless the AL-WFL Conference United Methodist Women, the ALWF Conference, The United Methodist Church and/or the owners of the facility for which the event is taking place for any act or failure to act during a medical emergency.

<hr/> Your Consent Signature	<hr/> Date
<hr/> Witness Signature	<hr/> Date