

THE LINK

Demopolis District Newsletter

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Points from the President's Pen by Margaret Agee

It is that time of the year that we start reviewing what we have done through-out the year in activities and giving, keeping in mind November 28 is Thanksgiving and we have set the **deadline for reporting and sending monies as of November 20**. This will allow the district officers time to get their reports in to the conference and those officers on to national. Some have asked

that I send a 'Report Card' of their giving at this time of the year and I have sent that to you to review. Let me know if there is anything in error. As of July we only had four 5-Star Units where usually almost all are 5-Star.

Our Mission Today Unit report was sent for you to review and time to plan to attend or participate in some activities. The Bronze Award only takes 8 items completed and that would include at least 4 starred items from the first page and 4 more from either/or both pages. Let's see if all units can become at least a Bronze. (Would love to see Silver which only takes 2 more items than Bronze). Gold is a little harder to attain but can be done. We always have several. All of the forms for all the officers are in the material given to the presidents at the Training session at St. Paul or if you were not there it was mailed to you or picked up by someone from your unit.

"Our upcoming Mission Study, 'What About Our Money,' will be held at Grove Hill UMC on August 10. Bring a sandwich and join us!"

-Margaret Agee

Our upcoming Mission Study, "What About Our Money" will be held at Grove Hill UMC on August 10th with Registration at 8:30 and the meeting beginning at 9:00. Our upcoming Spiritual Day Apart will be held at Butler First UMC on October 26, 2019. We have Lisa Pierce of Alabama Rural Ministry coming to speak to us. She will update us on the Lee County Tornado clean up as well as telling us about the things ARM does in their rural ministry and their camping program. Perhaps your unit has donated to this program or you have had a youngster benefit from the program. Come and hear all about it!

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Shown at the district Annual Day at St. Paul's United Methodist Church are Demopolis UMW members Jane Watson, Daphne Glaser, Kayte Melton, and Lucinda Mason.



Points from the President's Pen (continued)

We also have our AWF Conference UMW Spiritual Enrichment Retreat at Blue Lake Camp on October 11-13, 2019. This is always a fun time to get to meet other ladies from the other districts across the conference. We usually have a speaker and a couple of break-out sessions where we have hands on participation in projects or learn of other things we can do. You do need to be pre-registered as they need a count to give to Blue Lake staff so they will know how many to prepare for the meeting. Those forms should be enclosed in this edition of the LINK, our district newsletter.

The District has Scholarship Funds that will help with finances to attend the Spiritual Enrichment Retreat in October at Blue Lake. If this is your first time to attend, and/or you are less than 39 years of age, or a newly retired lady, you can apply. Contact Margaret Agee at 334-455-4280, for form—deadline being Sept. 30 for conference form to register. Therefore, we will need the district scholarship form back by Sept. 15. Time is growing short.

I cannot close without reminding you of the Southeastern Jurisdictional (SEJ) meeting being held in Mobile, AL. on April 17-19, 2020. This is the first time ever to meet in our conference.

Demopolis UMW

On June 22 eight members of the Demopolis UMW went to Greensboro to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of Horseshoe Farm. Pictured eating lunch with the group are Carolyn Bell, Mary Beth Freeman, Becky Jordan, Kayte Melton, Eleanor Park, Martha Sampson, Jane Wallace, and Vickie Wilson.



Members also toured some of the facilities.



Read more about Project Horseshoe Farm and their mission on page 4.

SALT

Respite for Dementia Patients and Caregivers

SALT is a respite program for those living with mild to moderate dementia and for their caregivers. One year ago several individuals came together to form an interdenominational respite program to meet the social, emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of these adults. The SALT program officially began on March 8, 2018, and continues to meet every Thursday at the First United Methodist Church (Demopolis, AL) from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. SALT's days are filled with ever-changing activities, including exercise, adaptive games, arts and crafts, music, group singing, and participation in several community projects.



Catherine Meador, Kayte Melton, and the Easter Bunny at SALT.



Members of Demopolis UMW Peppie Cowart and Mary Lou Rogers participating in game at SALT.

Members of Demopolis UMW Catherine Meador & Jane Watson participating in game at SALT.



Matthew 5:13 You are the salt of the Earth. But if the salt loses it saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.



Project Horseshoe Farm is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization based in Greensboro, AL. Since its founding in 2007, Horseshoe Farm has grown to become a multi-faceted service and leadership development organization.

They have developed an innovative network of programs to support and improve the health and quality of life of adults in our community. They also support children in the community through a comprehensive K-12 after school program.

Finally, they offer pioneering community-based leadership development programs, including an intensive one-year fellowship for top recent college graduates interested in the intersection of leadership, community, and service in healthcare education.

If you are interested in volunteering or contributing, or if you know someone who could benefit from HSF services, please contact them at (205) 710-6372.



* Photo and Logo from Project Horseshoe Farm website

[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 and the global ministries of the church.

PINE HILL LADIES VISIT DUMAS WESLEY

By Margaret Agee

These Pine Hill ladies delivered a load of goods collected by the local unit for Dumas Wesley in Mobile. Our host was very gracious in showing us around the campus and explaining their curriculum to our group along with another group. She took us to the gym where they have the summer and after school program going on. We were also taken to the Senior Center Community room where local seniors were playing cards and dominoes. Some were even knitting and crocheting. Some were eating snacks as it was mid to late morning. She explained “Partnership” programs they have and the rooms they meet in such as the language partnership where an instructor comes in to teach English to Spanish speaking people. Their programs cover about every aspect of life itself and they are very appreciative of all we do for them.

They were very proud of the accomplishments of the only man and daughter who has since moved out on their own after he got a job. He lost his previous job and lost his home so they were living on the street. His story was written up in the Response magazine earlier this year.



You all need to plan a trip, scheduling with them, so they can have someone available to show you around and explain where your gifts go. I promise you will be very impressed and glad to help in any way you can.

Donations: When you make a donation, large or small, you are changing lives.

Checks can be mailed to:
Dumas Wesley Community Center
P.O. Box 7325
Mobile, AL 36670

You can also donate online through PayPal.

Upcoming Events

August 10	District Meeting, Mission Study by Betty Helms
Oct 11-13	AWF Conference Spiritual Enrichment at Blue Lake
October 26	Spiritual Day Apart
November 20	Local forms due to district office

Butler UMW News

The Butler UMW has been meeting monthly. Our unit hosted the March birthday party for Willow Trace Nursing Center in Butler, AL. Eight residents were honored. On April 15, the Butler UMW provided an evening meal for the Wesley Foundation at the University of West Alabama in Livingston, AL.



The Butler UMW maintains a small library of books from the reading program list for members who are participating in the reading program. The ladies have demonstrated Love-in-Action through monetary contributions made to the Lee County Tornado Relief Fund, the Child Advocacy Center in Jackson, and the Calvary Food Bank in Butler. Bandages and scissors were purchased for Annual Conference.


Please pray for one of our active members, Connie James, who has been diagnosed with and is receiving treatments for pancreatic cancer.



"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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SPEAKER	 <p>The Rev. Reba Wiley 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>
SAT. FOCUS GROUPS	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 - <i>Breaks will be called but not listed</i>	BLUE LAKE LOCATION
Friday 10/11/19	3:00 P.M. CHECK-IN Registration	Oakwood Solarium
Fri & Sat	5:15 DEVOTIONAL TIME	Lakeside or Chapel
Fri & Sat	5:30 P.M. DINNER	Dining Hall
Friday	7:00 P.M. PROGRAM - Speaker	Chapel
Friday	8:30 P.M. FOCUS GROUP - everyone: UMW Census and other online information	TV Room by Cafeteria
Fri & Sat	7:00 DEVOTIONAL TIME	Lakeside or Chapel
Saturday 10/12/19	7:30 A.M. CHECK-IN Registration	Oakwood Solarium
Sat. & Sun.	7:30 A.M. BREAKFAST	Dining Hall
Saturday 10/12/19	9:00 A.M. PROGRAM - Business Session, Election Conference Officers/Installation	Chapel
Saturday	10:30 A.M. PROGRAM - Speaker and Offering to Pledge to Missions	Chapel
Saturday	7:00 P.M. PROGRAM - Speaker	Chapel
Sat. & Sun.	12 Noon LUNCH	Dining Hall
Saturday	1:00-4:30 P.M. FOCUS GROUPS - sign up @ Registration - limited space in each	Choose 2 of 3 listed above
Sunday 10/13/19	8:30 A.M. PROGRAM 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:

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.

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Your Consent Signature	Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Witness Signature	Date