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The Connection

DOTHAN DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of each other that Jesus Christ had, so that, with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5-6

2021
Dothan District
Mission Team

President
TBD

Vice President
TBD

Secretary
TBD

Treasurer
Carolyn McInnis

Program Resources
TBD

Spiritual Growth
Jane Dyer Brown

**Membership Nurture
& Outreach**
TBD

Social Action
TBD

**Education &
Interpretation**
TBD

Communications
Carolyn McInnis

Nominations
TBD

United Methodist Women Faith - Hope - Love in Action

Faith Talks

I encourage you to use www.unitedmethodistwomen.org as part of your daily spiritual growth. Go to Member & Leaders and then *Faith Talks*, which is a United Methodist Women podcast. *Faith Talks* are monthly conversations with United Methodist Women hosted by Jennifer Farmer, Spotlight PR.

Each conversation explores themes and resources that empower us to put faith, hope and love into action. They are about an hour long. You can stop listening and finish them later if the hour is too long. Several I've enjoyed are *Faith Talks*: "Grieving Those We've Lost"; *Faith Talks*: "Preventing Gun Violence"; and *Faith Talks*: "Soul Care". Reach out to the website and enjoy the resources available for each of us.

***Faith Talks*: "UMW Future (New Wineskins Campaign)"**

I wanted to share about *Faith Talks* before I shared this one. It was held last month and featured a panel of UMW board and national leaders and CEO Harriett Jane Olson. Along with information about the future, the "New Wineskins Campaign" was discussed. This session was done to prepare members for exciting changes on the horizon that will energize women to turn their love into action for women, children, and youth for another 150 years.

This month's *Faith Talks* is *Faith Talks*: "Native American Heritage Month". This podcast will honor the rich ancestry and traditions of the Indigenous Peoples of American and discuss the tremendous debt our nation owes the Native American community. The guests for this edition will include Rev. Carol Lakota and other leaders of the Native American International Caucus, an advocacy group within and outside of the United Methodist Church.

Jane Brown, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

United Methodist Women: Social Action

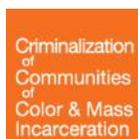
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

United Methodist Women presented the two Social Action Campaigns for the 2021-24 quadrennium, which are connected to our two issue priorities. Our issue priorities are Climate Justice and Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration.

On the website there are many different resources to help you learn more about these topics. Many of these resources are available for you to download. There are campaign posters, the booklet “Why Should I Get Involved in Social Issues?” and the handout “Why United Methodist Women Engage in Social Action” that can be used as a Bible study in local unit programs or other workshops. You can also sign up for e-mail Action Alerts. If you follow the link to the “Why United Methodist Women Engage in Social Action: Member Resources” webpage, you will find many more resources for further learning and action.

United Methodist Women national office staff are ready to support you as you move forward with one or more campaigns in your conference. Please keep us informed on how your local, district or conference units are engaging with any of the campaigns. Contact the campaign managers below:

- Emily Jones: Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline, ejones@unitedmethodistwomen.org
- Elizabeth Lee: Just Energy for All, elee@unitedmethodistwomen.org



2021 Dothan
District Pledge to
Mission
\$12,000.00

TREASURER & COMMUNICATIONS

2021 Dothan
District Pledge to
Mission Received
\$7,027.25 (59%)

Thank you for continuing to support United Methodist Women with your generous donations. We are now at 59% of our annual district pledge. Beginning in January 2022, we will be part of a merged district with the Marianna/Panama City district. Our money will be combined with theirs when it is sent in to the conference. This merger will allow us to continue to meet and have leadership on the district level.

I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to be your district treasurer for the last four years and your district communications coordinator for the last six years. Eight years ago, I started compiling the district directory and became more involved with UMW on the district level. I had no idea where performing that one task would lead me! It has allowed me to meet people and form friendships across the district and conference. It also taught me so much about the different organizations that depend on United Methodist Women for financial support. We support groups in the United States and around the world, and lives are truly changed because of the money you give.

Thank you for the Pearl Special Recognition Pin. It is beautiful, and it has been an honor to serve the Dothan District United Methodist Women. I am looking forward to seeing each of you next year at our new district meetings!

Blessings,

Carolyn McInnis

Dothan District Treasurer & Communications Coordinator

Spiritual
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Thank you for the lovely Special Mission Recognition pin with a pearl. I am so appreciative and have enjoyed serving as the Spiritual Growth Coordinator for the past 3 years.

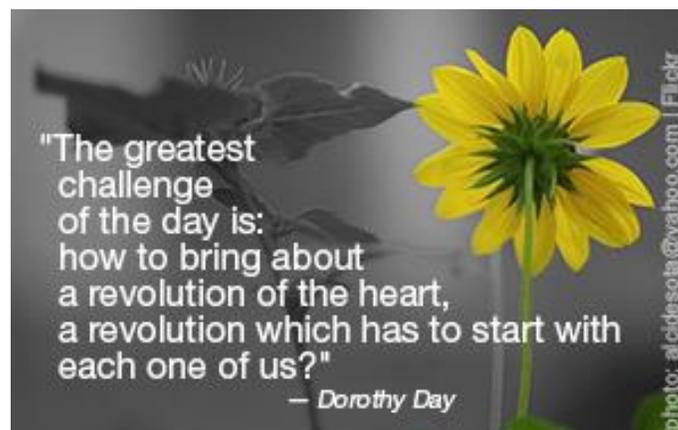
I hope each person who attended our Dothan District Spiritual Day in August learned some new things that are happening in Alabama. I know that we have been praying for each United Methodist Women Mission Goal. We must look for ways to reach those mission goals.

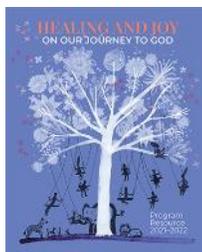
I often reflect on Romans 12:4-5 and remember its message. Community is life-giving and essential to following Christ. Scripture says that is because we are better together than we are alone. Let us pray for each other, each other's church and city/town/community as we pray for the United Methodist Church and our nation. Thank you for allowing me to serve Dothan District UMW.

Jane Dyer Brown

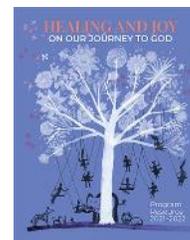
Dothan District Spiritual Growth Coordinator

“Spiritual growth is an act of engagement. It is not static or stagnant; it moves, is pushed against, molded and shaped in our hands and in our hearts! The revolution in the world begins with a revolution within us.
Are you ready for the journey?”





Healing and Joy on Our Journey to God Program Resources 2021-2022



The 2021–2022 Program Resource will focus on finding healing and joy in many areas of our lives, guided by those in the scriptures who felt a similar need to find healing and joy in the midst of transition and hardship.

Given the events of the last year, our first three months will focus on finding God’s healing and joy in the midst of grief and loss—whether that’s throwing big parties to celebrate returning to church like Nehemiah did or quietly connecting with our ancestors’ strength. The second quarter will delve into our mission commitments such as ending the school-to-prison pipeline and climate justice through our attention to just energy for all. The third quarter will explore finding healing and joy in our meaning-making and search for personal growth, while the final quarter will focus on finding healing and joy as we move into the future, and consider how we will share the gospel of United Methodist Women’s spiritual and justice work and discomfort ourselves with change to make great new things with God possible.

New This Year: This past year we have learned that we, the United Methodist Women, can be much more creative than we knew, so each session (now helpfully organized into four quarters by season) will have options for in-person or online gathering; devotions; and questions that are appropriate for personal study, sharing with one neighbor or friend, or for discussion in large groups. Ideas on how to “Take the Next Most Faithful Step” close each program, suggesting ways you can put the ideas discussed here into action right now.

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/program-resource-healing-joy>

United Methodist Women Finance

United Methodist Women is trusted with pledges and donations from individual members and local member organizations, as well as mission partners and anonymous donors who have a heart for mission. The national office is committed to good stewardship of our members' generous support.

Please visit <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/finance> to view the 2020 Annual Report, Financial Statements, and Grants Disclosure and <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/what-we-fund/mission-giving/where-the-money-goes> to see the list of people, resources, and institutions supported by your mission giving.

United Methodist Women: Faith • Hope • Love in Action

We are women with a 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."

REPORTING DUE DATES

Local Officer to District Officer

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Treasurer's Report Unit Treasurer	By November 30 Carolyn McInnis, District Treasurer
*Name of Deceased Members Unit Secretary	By November 30 ** Jane Dyer Brown, Spiritual Growth
*Local New Unit Report Unit Secretary	By November 30 TBD, Membership Nurture & Outreach
*Social Action Report Unit Social Action Coordinator	By November 30 TBD, Social Action
*Reading Program Reports Unit Program Resource	By November 30 TBD, Program Resources
*Mission Study Participants Unit Education & Interpretation	By November 30 TBD, Education & Interpretation
Consolidated President's Report Unit President	By November 30 TBD, President***
New Officer Lists Unit Secretary	By November 30 TBD, District Secretary

***Included in the Consolidated President's Report**

**** Please report any December deaths by January 10**

***** Please send Consolidated President's Report to Carolyn McInnis**

2021 District and Conference UMW Dates

February 20 — Dothan District Annual Day, 9:30, Zoom

March 5-6 — Conference Annual Day, Virtual, Register at www.awf-umw.org

July 22-24 — Mission u, Virtual, Register at www.awf-umw.org

August 14 — Dothan District Spiritual Day, Zoom

October 8-9 — Conference Spiritual Enrichment Retreat (SER), Blue Lake