



# ALERT

Alabama-West Florida Conference United Methodist Women

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### It's going to be an exciting year for the Alabama-West Florida Conference Women!

Look out Ladies, 2011 is upon us and the calendar is full of spiritual and growth opportunities for United Methodist Women.

It all starts in February, with the Tapestry event. This is a two-day opportunity to visit quaint St. Joe, FL with other United Methodist Women. St. Joe is a small town located on the Gulf of Mexico. The program is filled with fun, good food and fellowship. Many of the focus groups are hands-on and this is sure to be an exciting, well-remembered program. There are more details on pages 5 and 6.

On March 25-27, we will be at Blue Lake for the Spiritual Enrichment Retreat. If you have never been to Blue Lake, you need to come this weekend. GOD seems to surround Blue Lake, and you can really feel His presence when there. We have a lot planned for these days and you

can learn more about this on pages 7 and 8.

It will be time for spiritual growth and development from July 21-23 at the Cooperative School of Christian Mission at Blue Lake. This will be a HUGH event for the conference, and we have great study leaders lined up to teach very informative studies. The next addition of the Alert will cover this in detail.

Finally, we end the year on Oct 21 with the Leadership Training event for all district officers followed on Saturday Oct. 22nd with our Annual Meeting. Leadership training provides opportunities for district officers to learn more about their responsibilities as leaders, and on Saturday we will celebrate our accomplishments for the year as well as discussing issues affecting United Methodist Women.

### Our Purpose:

The organized unit of the 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.

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# From the Desk of the President

## **2011-2012 CONFERENCE GOAL: "Inform, Equip, and Empower Our Membership to Fulfill the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women"**



I look forward to serving in ministry with each of you as we strive to fulfill the purpose of United Methodist Women in 2011. Through United Methodist Women, you will develop many new friendships, increase your knowledge of missions, and grow closer to God and

experience joy in service.

You, in the local units, make MISSION POSSIBLE through United Methodist Women. The journey of the mission dollar begins with you. When we combine the resources of all of our local units, great things are accomplished as we respond to God's call to take care of the less fortunate, especially women, children, and youth.

As a member of United Methodist Women you can become S.A.P. Savvy by getting involved and being a part of a growing, supportive community and contribute to its continual growth when you:

### **S-UPPORT**

Develop spiritually by prayer and Bible study. Support financially with a Pledge to Mission and other donations. Intellectually through education about mission and mission projects.

### **A-CT**

Get involved in both charity and justice issues. Be intentional about the use of the world's resources. Strengthen the supportive community by joining UMW Online.

### **P-ARTICIPATE**

Learn about the changing needs in mission. Develop a relationship with missionaries. Partner with our institutions or projects at home and around the world.

I challenge each of you as we begin this year as a member of United Methodist Women to be a S.A.P. Savvy woman in mission! By becoming S.A.P. Savvy you will be informed, equipped and empowered which are the 2011-12 goals for our conference.

This year we have many ways to get involved. Tapestry (Feb 26-27) starts off the calendar and offers a chance to meet local women, visit a lovely location and learn more about UMW and our relationship to GOD.

The Spiritual Growth Retreat (March 25-27) is a wonderful opportunity for us to get away for a few days, enjoy the beauty of God's creation at Blue Lake, and to spend quality time in developing our relationship with God. We always receive a blessing from attending the retreat. You will read more about this year's retreat in Martha Spiva's article. I look forward to seeing you at both events.

In A-CT I mention joining UMW Online. To register for UMW Online go to:  
<http://umwonline.net/>

1. Enter a valid email address.
2. If you already have an account with UMW Online, the system will prompt you for a password. If you don't know your password, one can be emailed to you.
3. If you don't have an account, you will be taken to the registration page.
4. On completion of registration, you are ready to create your profile and make connections with UMW friends

YOU make mission possible as your FAITH in God and HOPE in God's promises result in many ACTIONS OF LOVE. I thank God for all of you and the way you answer God's call.

Betty Helms

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## MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH

The 2010 Annual Meeting of United Methodist Women was one of excitement and discovery! It was a thrill to meet one of our younger United Methodist Women. Did you know we have in the Bay Pines District a young girl's circle? Their ages range from seven to ten years. We presented a Special Mission Recognition Pin to McClland Campbell. McClland is seven years old and is a member of the Angel Circle (which was formed on March 3, 2003) of the Robertsdale United Methodist Church. Girls in the second grade and older are invited to be members of this circle.

The Montgomery Prattville District has a young teen circle ages 13-19 who are members of the Snowdown United Methodist Church and in the Marianna Panama City District, St. Andrews United Methodist Church has a young group -- The Rehab Circle consists of 8<sup>th</sup> graders and above.

Interested? Want to organize a young teen circle in your unit? There are lots of ways to engage teens in mission. Below are a few suggestions:

- <> Write cards to missionaries to ask them about their projects!
- <> Participate in ongoing service projects like health kits - understanding where they go/who it reaches.
- <> Participate in or start a youth program at School of Christian Mission.
- <> Create fun and different ways to raise money for mission (bake sale/walk-a-thon/reading a book of the Bible per month, etc.

There are three important resources anyone interested in forming teen circles needs:

1. **Criteria and Guidelines for Adult Women Sponsors:** a complete guide to identifying, selecting and equipping adult women to serve as sponsors of district units, circles and subgroups. Each district unit, circle or subgroup is required to have an adult woman sponsor.
2. **Let's Get Together Organizing Kit:** A step-by-step guide to organize a district unit, circle or subgroup teens and college/university women. Each step describes what you need to do, who is involved, and where to turn for support and resources.
3. **What's the Purpose?:** Six sessions, with reproducible handouts, activities, worship and ideas for expanded sessions and a retreat format, this booklet reviews the Purpose of United Methodist Women.

Finally there are Women's Division Start-up Grants available. Teen circles must have designated adult sponsors and demonstrate clear goals and plans for promoting the Purpose of United Methodist Women through spiritual growth, mission education and action, etc. Please contact me and I will help in obtaining an application if you are interested in one of these start-up grants.

**Georgette Griffith** <[griffithgeo@att.net](mailto:griffithgeo@att.net)>



### Barb's Notes

I am so excited to be your new Communications Coordinator. I have changed the look of the newsletter and hope you like it. My goal is for this newsletter to be easily readable, well-organized and informative. I want to report news items of interest to the local UMW units, as well as district and conference members. I want to include articles written and directed to all members. Finally, I will use photographs and articles to make the newsletter more enjoyable. To do this I would love to hear your suggestions and get the stories of activities going on in your District that will help others. Unfortunately, not all articles sent to me can be published. Email your comments or articles to me at [bjhenning@embarqmail.com](mailto:bjhenning@embarqmail.com).



# Treasurer Report



**Third Quarterly Report**  
**September 30, 2010**  
**UMW Mission Giving**

Pledge to Mission	\$25,143.59
Special Mission Recognition	4,956.00
Gift to Mission	1,510.10
Gift In Memory	1,440.00
World Thank Offering	2,020.99
A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial	3,794.96
A Brighter Future for Children/Youth	53.00
Assembly Offering	30.50
Scarritt-Bennett Center	23.00
Crusade Scholarship	23.00
Magazine Fund	30.00
UMCOR	295.00
Dumas Wesley	1,477.05
Hispanic Ministries	971.88
Mobile Inner City	1,183.37
Nellie Burge Community Center	1,473.38
Noah's Ark	973.37
SKIP	965.13
Blue Lake United Methodist Assembly	2,519.72
A&MD Fund	2,183.73
Assembly Jurisdiction Love Offering	190.70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$51,258.47</b>

## DISTRICT PLEDGES for 2011

Bay Pines District	\$12,200.00
Demopolis District	12,000.00
Dothan District	21,500.00
Marianna/Panama City District	12,000.00
Mobile District	20,000.00
Montgomery/Opelika District	14,000.00
Montgomery/Prattville District	10,000.00
Pensacola District	<u>25,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$126,700.00</b>
<b>Alabama/West Florida Conference Pledge \$126,700</b>	

## 2010 PENNIES FOR MISSIONS

1st Place	Marianna/Panama City	\$4,444.63
2nd Place	Bay Pines	3,911.92
3rd Place	Dothan	2,744.20
4th Place	Mobile	1,950.35
5th Place	Montgomery/Prattville	1,470.17
6th Place	Demopolis	1,081.88
7th Place	Pensacola	582.73
8th Place	Montgomery/Opelika	<u>360.00</u>
<b>Grand Total of</b>		<b>\$16,545.88</b>

Bay Pines came from number 8 to 2. They had one Church in that District that had a friendly competition between the Alabama and Auburn football fans and raised about \$2,000. The Auburn fans won. This year was less than last year's \$23,381.

## THANK YOU/I LOVE YOU RIBBONS PROJECT



The United Methodist Women of the Alabama West Florida Conference are offering this year a new way to tell someone THANK YOU or I LOVE YOU. Why not give them a Special Mission Recognition Ribbon for everyone to see that they are appreciated and/or loved? The price range is \$1 to \$15 for each ribbon. The color of the ribbon determines the costs. Red: \$1—Orange: \$2—Yellow: \$5—Green: \$10 - Blue: \$15. Show your love and appreciation to that special person by adorning them with a spectacular display of rainbow colors.

We will be selling these ribbons at each district and conference event. You may also contact your district treasurer to place your order. Each of us has many people that have touched our lives and this is a special way to say thank you and I love you. Now we have an opportunity to let them know how very special they are to us. **BUY RIBBONS! AND MORE RIBBONS!**

All monies from the sale of the ribbons will be going to Mission Giving. This is a conference wide project in lieu of the Pennies for Mission Project.

**MAKE ALL OUR EVENTS A COLORFUL RAINBOW OF THANK YOU AND I LOVE YOU RIBBONS BY SHOWERING THE SPECIAL PEOPLE IIN OUR LIVES WITH A MULTITUDE OR COLORFUL THANK YOU AND I LOVE YOU IN ABUNDANCE!**



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2010 FIVE STAR UNITS



### MOBILE

Chickasaw  
Christ  
Citronelle  
Dauphin Way  
Fulton Heights  
Kingswood  
Pine Grove  
St. Mark  
Theodore  
Toulminville-  
Warren

### MONTGOMERY/OPELIKA

Aldersgate-Montgomery  
Auburn  
Bowen  
Brundidge  
Opelika 1st AM Group  
Opelika 1st PM Group  
Murphy Chapel  
Trinity-Opelika

### BAYPINE

Andalusia First  
Bay Minette  
Excel  
Frisco City  
Gulf Shores  
Marlow  
Monroeville  
Robertsdale  
Rosington  
Sparta Hill

### MARIANNA/ PANAMA CITY

Blountstown  
DeFuniak Springs  
Graceville  
Marianna First  
Panama City First  
Port St. Joe  
St Andrews  
Wewahitchka

### DEMOPOLIS

Butler First  
Camden  
Centerville/Brent  
Demopolis First  
Greensboro  
Jefferson  
Livingston  
Mounderville

### DOTHAN

Abbeville  
Ashford  
Center  
Covenant  
Denton Road  
Dothan First  
Elba First  
Grimes  
Hartford  
Headland  
Liberty  
Newton  
Ozark First  
Pinckard  
Piney Grove-Samson  
Pleasant Hill  
Skipperville  
Slocomb

### MONTGOMERY/PRAITVILLE

Capitol Heights  
Chapel  
Church Street-Selma  
Dalraida  
Fort Deposit  
Georgiana First  
Greenville First  
Locust Bluff  
McKenzie  
Whitfield Memorial

Metropolitan  
Millbrook First  
Montgomery First  
Mount Pisgah  
Robinson Springs  
Trinity  
Union  
Verbena  
West High  
Wetumpka First

### PENSACOLA

Cokesbury  
Crestview  
Destin  
Ensley  
Ft. Walton Beach 1st  
Gadsden Street  
Mary Ester

Myrtle Grove  
Gulf Breeze  
Pensacola 1st  
St. Andrews  
St. Paul  
Trinity

Pine Hill Charge  
Springfield  
Thomasville  
Wesley Chapel  
Zion

### MARIANNA/PANAMA CITY DISTRICT WALKS AWAY AGAIN IN 2010 WITH THE MANY COLORS – ONE SPIRIT BANNER!

This award is presented to the district that has the most attendance to each conference event during the year. Attendance is counted on a percentage basis. It is very evident Marianna/Panama City has discovered the secret as to how to continually achieve this award. This is the 3rd year in a row for them to take the prize.

Not only did they win that award, they also won the Special Mission Recognition Award for the second year in a row. This award is given to the district that has the best attendance to their district events. To top it off they collected more pennies for mission again this year than any other district. It seems they have cornered the market in ways to involve the members of their district. Come on ladies, we need to give them a challenge. I know you can do it. The New Year is beginning and they will have a head start as they are hosting the Tapestry Retreat this year, which means we really need to make plans to attend this first event of the year. Make plans now—send in your registration today!





# TAPESTRY



The Alabama-West Florida Conference welcomes all United Methodist Women to the 2011 Tapestry program. Our theme is Weaving the Threads of Faith, and it will be presented at the First Methodist Church on 1001 Constitution Drive, in Port St Joe, FL on February 25 and 26, 2011. The Registration is attached. The cost is \$40 for both days and \$25 for either only Friday or only Saturday.

## Hotel Accommodations :

Group Code: UMW Tapestry 2011

Rates held until Jan 15, 2011

The Port Inn - 1-866-825-7175

\$79.99 – \$119.99

Mainstay Suites-1-850-229-6246

Single Queen Suite \$79.99 / Double Queen Suites \$109.99

**You are responsible for making  
your hotel reservation.**

## Tapestry Speaker - Susan Emrich



As Chief Operating Officer of Melvin Engineering, Susan's responsibilities include Human Resources, General Administration, Information Technology, Marketing. She keeps the I-10 corridor busy between her home in Madison, her main office in Tallahassee, and the home office in Marianna. In addition Susan has been part of the Character First Community outreach initiative in Northwest Florida since it began in 2001. To date, she has participated in training more than 8,000 teachers, business leaders, and community activists throughout the United States in how to implement the core curriculum of ethics and integrity into the classroom, business, and home. Her focus with the Character Council continues to be training, marketing, and special events.

Her varied background includes general administration, historic restoration and preservation, and small business ownership. She has served on numerous boards, committees, and regional initiatives for economic development in North Florida. A long-time Methodist, she is a former Sunday School teacher, Disciple I leader, and has served on various committees including Staff Parish Relations and Finance.

Susan and her husband, Harold, are members of Madison First United Methodist Church. For rest and relaxation, they enjoy boating, day-tripping, and their newest venture – traveling and camping in their motorhome. Everything, however, is made better when their two daughters and their families; especially their two handsome grandsons - join them.



## Weaving the Threads of Faith—Focus Groups

## Follow Me to Tapestry in Port St. Joe

### Room 1

Grieving (Trena Webb)

Empowering help on coping with loss, grieving and bereavement.

### Room 2

Journal Writing (Martha Spiva)

Learn how you can enhance your faith journey by combining prayer meditations, the Emotional Freedom Technique & Journaling

### Room 3

Quilting (Peggy Pelt and Linda Hornsby)

Learn to make two squares with Love - donate one to make a church banner

### Room 4

Floral arranging (Mary Alice Minnick)

Learn to take church floral arrangement and make new ones for sick homebound and nursing homes

### Room 5

Stress relief (Tammy Jackson)

Give your worries to God and let Him handle it

### Room 6

Computers (Judy Williams)

Let's go surfin' now...on the web and much more

**Pick first and second choice**



### Directions to the Church:

From Pensacola: Take US98 to 1011 to Constitution Drive, Port St Joe, FL or I10 to 231 to 98

From Montgomery: Take US 231 South then turn East on US 98 to 1011 to Constitution Drive, Port St Joe, FL





# 2011 Alabama/West Florida UMW Spiritual Enrichment Retreat March 25-27, 2011 Blue Lake



## **Your Spiritual Journey**

Speaker Cathy Byrd

Song Leader-Cheryl Mothershed

Pianist-Elizabeth Bell

Theme Song "Hymn of Promise"

Signer-Whitney Hobson

I hope that you had a blessed Christmas season and are renewed and ready to continue your UMW mission activities. Mark your calendar for this year's Spiritual Enrichment Retreat "Your Spiritual Journey" at Blue Lake on March 25-27. A tentative agenda is enclosed along with the registration and health form. These forms will also be available on our UMW website at:

<http://www.gbgm-umc.org/awfconfumw/>

This event is one of the highlights of the year. I first met our speaker Cathy Byrd when she led a UMW women's retreat several years ago. She inspired and challenged me to consider how the ups and downs of my life are related to God's purpose. During her sessions at SER, Cathy will show how Jesus grew in His earthly journey. She will explore His teachings from the Beatitudes as a process of becoming more like Christ and how our experiences play in making us the people God intended us to be. A liturgy of turning loose will be included in the Saturday evening program. On Sunday we will celebrate the joy of being transformed by the Holy Spirit. There will be time for reflection and fellowship. The Focus Groups offer a variety of topics related to the theme. You can visit the SERRV shop and Program Resource Room during free time to shop and purchase UMW materials. I look forward to seeing you there at this very special time apart for spiritual renewal.

Martha Spiva

## **Tentative Agenda**

Friday, March 25

Registration and Refreshments 4:00-6:00 PM (CST)

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Gathering Chapel

7:45 Session I--Cathy Byrd "Stages of Faith"

8:45 Fellowship Lounge

Saturday, March 26

7:30 Morning Devotions Chapel/Lakeside

7:45 Breakfast

8:30 Gathering Chapel

Session II Cathy Byrd "How We Enter the Kingdom of God"

11:00-12:00 Personal Reflection Time

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Choir Practice Chapel

### **Focus Groups**

Faith Sharing Through Storytelling

Faith Journey Potholes

Creating Your Spiritual Autobiography

Intergenerational Possibilities

Making Spiritual Memories

Christian Yoga

5:45 Vespers Chapel/Lakeside

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Gathering Chapel

7:30 Session III Cathy Byrd "Turning Loose Things that Encumber"

9:00 Fellowship Lounge

Sunday, March 27

7:15 Morning Devotions Chapel/Lakeside

7:30 Breakfast

8:30 Gathering

9:30 Session IV Cathy Byrd "Going Forth with Joy"

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00 Conference Memorial Service

Holy Communion

12:00 Lunch

Adjourn



## Spiritual Enrichment Speaker

Cathy Byrd is the Program Manager for Women and Families Ministry at the Panama City Rescue Mission in Panama City, FL. In addition to providing case management for families in emergency shelter, she oversees the operation of the 21 bed long term residential addiction recovery program known as Bethel Village. Bethel Village is a very structured addiction recovery program based on instruction in Christian discipleship. The program includes completion of a Christian 12 step program, as well as other Christian studies, 36 hours a week of work therapy, and demonstration of one's ability to live successfully in a group environment and embrace Christian character and behavior development.



Cathy began her work at Panama City Rescue Mission as a volunteer, presenting devotionals to mission guests. While completing her master's degree, she worked part time for the Homeless and Hunger Coalition, administering a Department of Labor grant doing vocational counseling with homeless clients of the mission. She began full time work as the Women and Families manager in November 2008. She continues her part time role as Director of Adult Christian Education at Lynn Haven UMC in the Panama City area, which she has held since 2003. She helped start the Celebrate Recovery group in Panama City and facilitated a support group for women with depression for six years.

Cathy's husband of 38 years, Bill, is retired and looks after their three cats and pug dog, Tiger. They have two married children and are the grandparents of five.

Cathy received her Bachelor of Science degree from Auburn University and has a Master's Degree in counseling from Troy University. She is currently enrolled at Asbury Theological Seminary as part of her candidacy for ordination as a deacon in the Alabama-West Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church and is committed to spiritual formation and discipleship training of adults, especially those who find themselves in crisis or life transition stages.



Cheryl Mothershed will be the Spiritual Enrichment Music Director. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bay Minette. There she serves as the Director of Children's Ministry. Cheryl is also the Baypines District President. She also directs two hand bell choirs. Cheryl has served at many Churches throughout Baldwin county as Music Director. Cheryl lives in Bay Minette with her Mother and dog Agnes.



Elizabeth Bell will be playing the piano for the Spiritual Enrichment Retreat. She is a member of Marianna First United Methodist Church and a retired elementary teacher who enjoys singing and playing the piano. She sings in the Sanctuary Choir and is a member of the Songsters, a group of retired persons in the church who sing for fun and entertain residents of local retirement centers. She is President of her local unit of United Methodist Women, pianist for a women's Sunday School class, and a substitute Sunday School teacher for adults, and a Lay Delegate to Annual Conference.



# Reading Program Book List for 2011

## EDUCATION FOR MISSION

*Disfigured- A Saudi Woman's Story of Triumph*

*Following God's Call - Individual Volunteers in Mission*

*Getting to the Heart of Interfaith-The Eye-Opening, Hope-Filled Friendship of a Pastor, a Rabbi & a Sheikh*

*Like Breath and Water - Praying with Africa - A Bonus Book Counts as two books in EFM*

*My Sister the Father*



## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

*Half the Sky - Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*

*nuChristian - Finding Faith in a New Generation*

*The Perfect Board*

*This Child Will Be Great - Memoir of a Remarkable Life by Africa's first Woman President*

*The Wolf Shall Dwell with the Lamb - A Spirituality for Leadership in a Multicultural Community*

## NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY

*Inheriting the Trade - A Northern Family Confronts Its Legacy as the Largest Slave-Trading Dynasty in U.S. History*

*The Latehomecomer - A Hmong Family Memoir*

*Same Kind of Different as Me - A modern-day slave, an international art dealer, and the unlikely woman who bound them together.*

*Warrior Princess - Fighting for Life with Courage and Hope*

*Weaving a Just Future for Children - An Advocacy Guide*

## SOCIAL ACTION

*Claiming Earth as Common Ground - The Ecological Crisis through the Lens of Faith*

*Connected Wisdom - Living Stories about Living Systems - A Bonus Book Counts as one book in SA and one book in EFM*

*The Heart of Racial Justice - How Soul Change Leads to Social Change*

*Not Just a One Night Stand - Ministry with the Homeless*

*Resist! - Christian Dissent for the 21st Century - A Bonus Book*

*The True Cost of Low Prices - The Violence of Globalization*

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

*Being a Christian in the Wesleyan Tradition - Belonging, Believing, Living, Growing*

*Contemplative Crochet - A Hands-On Guide for Interlocking Faith & Craft*

*If You Know Who You Are, You'll Know What To Do - Living with Integrity*

*Just Choose Happiness - A Guide to Joyous Living*

*The Noticer - Sometimes, all a person needs is a little perspective*

*Touch - Pressing Against the Wounds of a Broken World*

More information available:

<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/resources/articles/item/index.cfm?id=252>



## Official United Methodist Women Logo & Slogan



The emblem of United Methodist Women, the cross and the flame, symbolizes our organization. The cross and flame are ancient symbols of the church and appear on the United Methodist Church emblem. Both symbols remind us of the opportunities and obligations of discipleship. The overall shape of the emblem is also symbolic. Fluid and free flowing, the shape suggests change and mobility. The women who came before us were at the forefront of movement for change. Always aware of the times, we move

with ever changing circumstances rather than feeling overwhelmed by them. We are a group of Christian women with many gifts who are unified by one Spirit. We participate in God's mission in all areas of life. Shelby Ewing, Communications Director for the United Methodist Women's Division, asks that we be careful to use this new logo whenever and wherever possible. One important factor in its use is that we not distort, change its color, or otherwise alter its appearance. When using the slogan in any United Methodist Women publication, poster, banner, etc., we are asked to use it exactly as it appears on the logo.

Source: UMW Leadership Training Event



### *Alert*

#### ARE YOU A SUBSCRIBER?

(Note: Local unit presidents, as well as district and conference officers receive the *Alert free*)

You, too, can become informed of Alabama-West Florida Conference United Methodist Women events and/or activities, by subscribing to the *Alert* today.

Send your name and address to Barbara Henning, 2055 Henning Lane, Marianna FL 32448. Enclose a \$3.00 check, made payable to Alabama-West Florida Conference United Methodist Women. You may receive a copy of the *Alert free by email*. Email [bjhenning@embarqmail.com](mailto:bjhenning@embarqmail.com) with your request and you will be added to our email list. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Alert mail members**, this is the last edition from your 2010 payment— to get the next edition payment for 2011 is due.

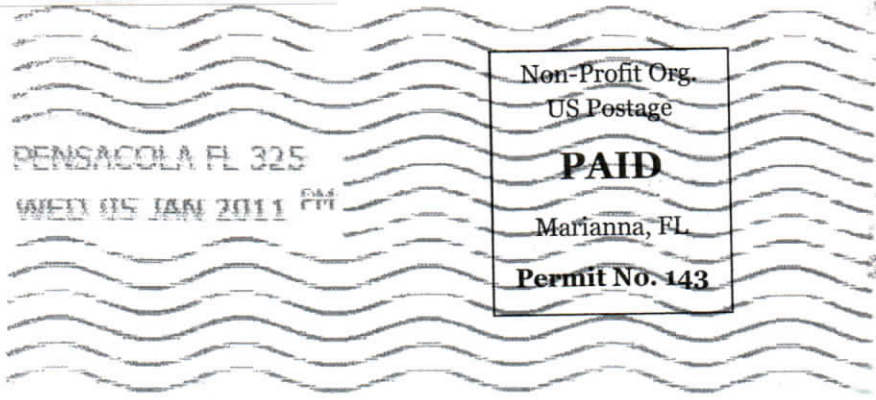
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***"The Earth is the Lord's."***

*My goal is the Lord Himself, not joy nor peace, nor even blessing, but Himself, my God. In all the earth there is none but thee, my Lord, there is none but thee.*

<b>2011 Calendar of Events</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Jan 7-8	AL/WFL Conference Mission Team Meeting Blue Lake
Feb 25-26	Tapestry Port St. Joe FL
Mar 25-27	Spiritual Enrichment Retreat Blue Lake
July 8-9	AL/WFL Conference Mission Team Meeting Blue Lake
July 21- 23	Cooperative School of Christian Missions Blue Lake
October 5-6	Executive Committee & Nominations Meeting Blue Lake
Oct 21	Leadership Training Event Blue Lake
Oct 22	Annual Conference Blue Lake

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