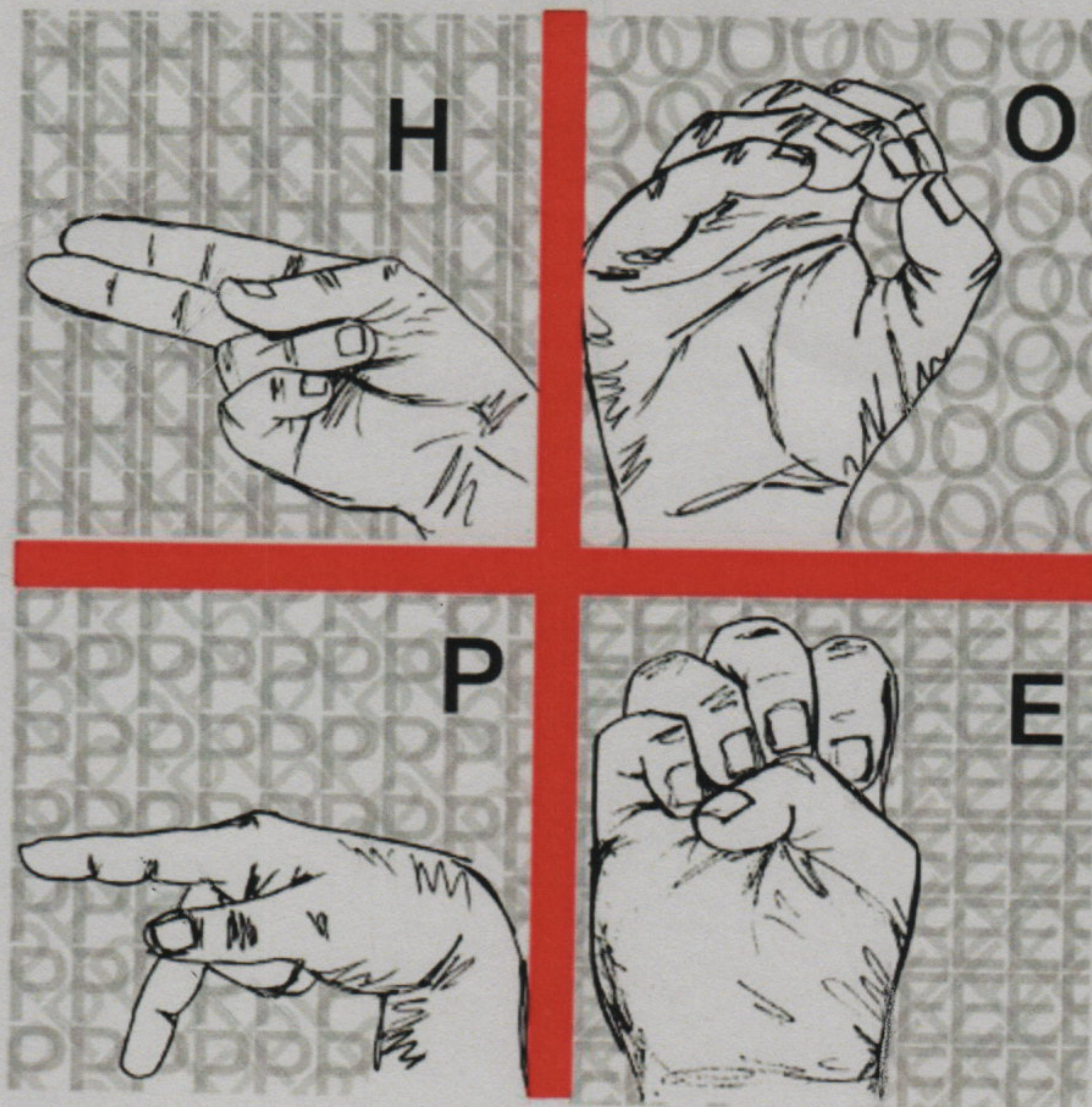


Forty-Fifth Annual Meeting
Alabama-West Florida Conference
United Methodist Women

February 23-24, 2018

*We have this **HOPE** as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever — Hebrews 6:19-20 NIV*



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United
Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Our 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.

Our Vision

Our vision sharpens and energizes the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women to remain vital in the years to come. Inspired by 1 Thessalonians 1:4, the vision describes a United Methodist Women organization that is Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

Our Annual Meeting

Conference leaders plan an annual meeting to conduct the business of the conference organization. The meeting may also include worship and other programs. *United Methodist Women Handbook 2017-2020*, page 35.

Our Offering

Our offering today is designated to Conference Pledge to Mission. Make checks Payable to: **AWFC-UMW** and on the For line: **Annual Day 2018**.

Our Cover Art:

By Mary and Martha Mail Circle, Christ United Methodist Women, Mobile, Alabama.

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ANNE DALTON		1987 - 1989
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Today in the Prayer Calendar

Mission Focus: Cambodia.
Cambodian Women's
Livelihood projects. Providing
gifts of livestock and tools for
women to create self sustaining
livelihoods.

Happy Birthday:
Carol Bruder (DHMR)
Kara Crawford (S)

**ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
ANNUAL DAY 2018
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018**

All activities will be in The Spirit Center

4:00 PM	Check In	Registrar
5:00 PM	Gathering Music	Julia Fitzpatrick
5:30 PM	Dinner Blessing	Laurel Akin
6:30 PM	Gathering Music	Julia Fitzpatrick
7:00 PM	Program	Joan Simmons

Welcome	Kate Norris, Foley UMW President
Session Opening	Debbie Bell, President
Prayer	Nolan Donald, Pastor Foley United Methodist Church
Credentials Report	Cathy Givan, Secretary
Introduction of Speaker	Joan Simmons, Vice President
Program	Hope - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow Shannon Priddy, President National United Methodist Women



A native of Michigan, Shannon Priddy's life journey so far has taken her on multiple paths. Among them: Peace Corp volunteer in Armenia, flight attendant for Delta Airlines, a fund raiser for the Keep Indianapolis Beautiful and an active church member. At 42 she is one of the youngest members to serve as President United Methodist Women. She received a double degree in sociology and anthropology from Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri and addition anthropology studies at Harvard University.

Through her careers and life experiences Shannon has never wavered on her church and United Methodist Women commitments, serving on all levels of United Methodist Women and leadership roles in The United Methodist Church.

"It's about teamwork, making connections and building our relationship with one another and Christ. No one works alone," Shannon declares.

During her term of office United Methodist Women will mark its 150th year. That is certainly a milestone to be celebrated at Assembly 2018 but Shannon also sees it her responsibility to promote the next 150 years. She began by targeting younger women to get involved through conference and mentorships by longtime members.

We are pleased to have Shannon bring her continuing message of HOPE for the Future to Foley, Alabama and as our Annual Meeting speaker.

You may listen to Shannon's United Methodist Women's Sunday message to her congregation at

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/umwsunday

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**ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
ANNUAL DAY 2018
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018**



Today in the Prayer Calendar

Mission Focus: Community
United Methodist Center,
St. Croix, Virgin Islands

Happy Birthday:

Gertrude Dailey (DHMR)
Isaac Dunn (GMF US-2)

7:45 AM	Gathering Music	Spirit Center
8:30 AM	Processional	Call Outs by Joan Simmons, Vice President
	Opening Prayer	Darren McClellan, Baypines District Superintendent
	Dramatic Skit	Laurel Akin, Social Action
	Session Opening	Debbie Bell, President
	Message	David Graves, Alabama-West Florida UMC Bishop
	Communion	Bishop Graves and the District Superintendents

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader to people:

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Leader and people:

Glory to God. Amen.

THE PEACE

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (Continued)

All, including the pastor, exchange signs and words of God's peace.

OFFERING

As forgiven and reconciled people, Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. The pastor may lift hands and keep them raised.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,

in remembrance of me."

The pastor may raise hands.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (Continued)

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

The blood of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

Break

Business Session	Debbie Bell, President
Credentials Report	Cathy Givan, Secretary
Pledge Service	Jean Creswell, Treasurer and District Treasurers
Offertory Solo	<i>The Anchor Holds</i> , Julia Fitzpatrick
Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! AMEN.</i>
Introduction of Speaker	Joan Simmons, Vice President
Hope Is Eternal	Shannon Priddy, President National
Hymn	<i>Hymn of Promise</i> , Page 17
Noon Luncheon Blessing	Clara Ester, National Vice President
1:00 PM Memorial and Celebration of Life	Carolyn Coker, MN&O
2:00 PM Adjournment	Debbie Bell, President

Our Worship Leader, Our Song Leader and Our Pianist



Bishop David W. Graves

Bishop Graves is a native of Knoxville, Tennessee, and a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He received his Master of Divinity from Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. He was the recipient of the 2013 Holston Denman Evangelism Award. He has been an ordained pastor in the United Methodist Church for more than 28 years. He began his ministry at the Fountain City United Methodist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. He comes to Alabama-West Florida Conference from Church Street United Methodist Church in Knoxville. He was appointed to the Alabama-West Florida Conference as Resident Bishop on July 14, 2016 at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. Bishop Graves and his wife, Nancy, have been married for 35 years. They have 2 children, Casey and Gregg.

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Julia Fitzpatrick

Julia Fitzpatrick received her bachelor's degree in Music Therapy from De Paul University in Chicago in 1982 and her master's degree in Worship Studies from the Institute for Worship Studies in 2015. For more than fifty years Julia has been involved in music ministries in multiple churches around the country. Her greatest joy has been in leading children's choirs and children in worship. It has been her honor to provide music for military and community events, weddings, funerals, special services and symphony performances, for Alzheimer's groups, nursing and retirement homes, and special events. She has been a member of choirs around the country and presently in the Northwest Florida State Symphony Chorale. She has been married to her husband, Daniel, for nearly 40 years.

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Judy Hust

Judy Hust was born in Mt. Washington, Kentucky. She attended Kentucky Wesleyan College and graduated from Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee. She was employed by the Women's Division in Rural Church and Community work at Methodist Mountain Missions in Jackson, Kentucky before moving to Alabama-West Florida Conference in 1961 where she worked at Mobile County Rural Center. She has often played piano for United Methodist Women's gatherings. She has been involved in United Methodist Women for years serving in several capacities in district leadership and serving four years as conference vice president. She has played in many churches around the conference and is very active in Wesley Heirs. Judy is now retired after teaching school for over twenty years.

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CELEBRATING THE PAST YEAR

ANNUAL DAY 2017

Our first Annual Day to be held at the beginning of the year was February 10-11, 2017 at Blue Lake with Bishop David Graves as guest speaker. The Bishop also served communion. Our processional saw changing the banners from the 2016 presidents to 2017 presidents. Awards included: Reading Program award presented to Pensacola District; Mission Recognition and the "Many Colors, One Spirit" banner awards were presented to Mobile District.

On Friday evening our speaker was Chris Ziebach, founder of Camille Place. The facility is located at an undisclosed location for protection of the children. The organization is committed to Christ and the call to rescue innocent children who have been sold into slavery—a painful reality, but one we must be educated on. Read more about Camille Place at <http://www.camilleplace.com/about-us>.

COOPERATIVE MISSION u 2017 Report

The 2017 Cooperative Mission u Event was held July 21-22, 2017 at First United Methodist Church in Millbrook, Alabama.

The studies and leaders:

- Geographic - Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States and the leaders were: Joyce Genz from the Alabama/West Florida Conference and Kathie Harris from The Red Bird Missionary Conference.
- Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action and the leader was: Debbie Bracewell from the Alabama/West Florida Conference.
- Spiritual Growth Study: Living as a Covenant Community and the study leaders were: Clara Ester from the Alabama/West Florida Conference and Carol Toney from the North Alabama Conference.

There were 76 participants. Due to low registration Living as a Covenant Community study was combined into one class led by Clara Ester.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RETREAT 2017 Report

Rev. Dr. Mary Ann Gantt led the fall retreat, *All God's Children Gotta Have Faith*, at Blue Lake, October 2017.

Focus group included:

- Essentials Oils of the Bible with Debbie Bracewell
- Painting Your Faith with Paddi Cain
- Writing Your Faith Story with Martha Spiva

A brief business session was included due to the change to a calendar year. The proposed budge totaling \$121,450 was adopted and changes to the Standing Rules were adopted as presented in the program booklet.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2018

MENTORING FOR THE FUTURE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Beginning immediately following Annual Meeting 2018 every member in Alabama-West Florida Conference United Methodist is challenged to seek out a young woman and intentionally involve that person in some activity of United Methodist Women.

Involvement may include but not be limited to:

- Giving technical help to UMW members - that is - help with smart phone and computers
- Reading a book from the Reading Program together with a UMW member.
- Driving mission team members to meetings - even if you don't need a driver.
- Proofreading newsletters and other documents prior to publication.
- Etc., etc., etc.

Recognition - beyond membership growth: Awards will be presented at Annual Meeting to those two people who have become **friends** based on short paragraphs provided by both the mentor and the mentee (disciple) telling the story of their friendship. Details for submission of these stories will be announced in the next issue of ALERT but you may begin mentoring now.

COOPERATIVE MISSION

Friday, July 20 through Saturday, July 21, 2018

St. Luke United Methodist Church, Pensacola, Florida

GEOGRAPHIC STUDY: Missionary Conferences of The United Methodist Church in the United States. Leader: Joyce Genz

ISSUE STUDY: What About Our Money? A Faith Response. Leaders: Angie Woodward and Betty Helms

SPIRITUAL GROWTH STUDY: Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living. Leaders: Jim DuFriend and Gail Baughman

Dean: Margaret Larson; Associate Dean: Laurel Akin; Secretary/Registrar: Tutti Johnson; Nominations Chair: Susan Hunt and Business Manager: Betty Helms.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RETREAT

Friday, October 19, Saturday, October 20 and Sunday, October 21, 2018

Blue Lake United Methodist Assembly, Andalusia, Alabama.

Theme: **HOPE** Leader: To be announced

Registration forms will be in ALERT the AWF United Methodist Women newsletter.

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REPORTS OF THE MISSION COORDINATORS

EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION

The Conference Education and Interpretation Coordinator is responsible for promoting mission studies presented at Mission u and for encouraging Mission Today participation and use of the Mission Today Reporting Form. Membership on the Mission u Planning Team and on the Conference Board of Global Ministries is expected. Being a member of both these groups has created more awareness and growth in knowledge of these areas. In turn, the E and I Coordinator has been able to inform the CBGM of mission studies available and report work being done by United Methodist Women.

Training sessions with officers at the district and local levels occurred earlier in the year. This provided valuable feedback to conference officers, and modifications to the training workbook were made. District E and I Coordinators felt free to ask for clarification of job responsibilities. The officers have been able to add clarity to training sessions as a result of using a more universal training tool, the Workbook.

A total of 146 Local Units in the 8 districts, 506 members attended studies on A Covenantal Community, Climate Justice, Human Sexuality, Missionary Conferences and Latin America. This is a decrease in our members attending the studies being presented from 2016.

During 2017, the Education and Interpretation Coordinator, with the conference treasurer, helped interpret awareness of the Pledge to Mission and the journey of the mission dollar. This area of responsibility has been identified by the national office and was included in training sessions with district and local officers.

May we all work hard to improve lives for women, children and youth in this conference and around the globe!

Shirley Hodges

Please see Mission Today Units Report on Page 11.

MEMBERSHIP NURTURE & OUTREACH

Lucia Pepper, Pensacola District, is the recipient of the 2017 Nell Chance Award. The winning entry letter, to be shared from the platform during the Membership Nurture & Outreach report time, tells



us about the remarkable accomplishments of this 100-year-old woman who exemplifies the attributes of United Methodist Women.

The 2017 summary of the eight districts in the Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Women the MN&O report captured several notable challenges for our membership.

The Memorial and Celebration of Life will capture ninety-one members that have gone to Glory; the "lost for other reasons" includes the deceased members, but also captures the members who've had to move into other locations that might include a nursing home, another state closer to children for health reasons and even "just didn't want to be a UMW Local Unit or member anymore."

There is an area that needs our focused attention, right now. The report states we had 222 new members and many times we've asked ourselves "how do we get new members interested?" We must challenge ourselves with this question, "How can we make these new members feel more welcome and understand our Purpose?"

In the coming year, we will encourage and highlight a mentoring program to connect with young women and invite and involve in new and creative programs - Reading Program book-club, UMCOR workshops, baking & cooking for a UMW bake or soup sale and even asking for their help with technology like the computer or cell phone.

Invite and Involve.

Please see Mission Today Units Report on Page 11 and Opportunities for 2018 on Page 8.

REPORTS OF THE MISSION COORDINATORS

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Looking back to 2017 I see The Hand God in it all.

We were blessed many times with the Community of Women praying for one another, laughing, studying and being swept off our feet surrounded by love.

- We prayed for one another
- We sang praise songs together
- We had Prayer Partners
- We created beautiful memories...some in paint...some in Spirit
- We studied God's Word - searching His Words on FAITH
- We found that FAITH ROCKS
- We learned we are never alone
- Together we can move mountains.
- We celebrated the work of those who have gone before us and those in our midst.

It has been a joy to have served with my Sisters in Christ.

I leave you in good hands as Tutti Johnson picks up where I left off as Spiritual Growth Coordinator. Make friends with her, call upon her as needed and keep her lifted in your prayers.

Always Your Servant,

Nancy Shealy

Resources for Spiritual Growth:

- Prayer Calendar Moments
- Call to Prayer and Self-Denial
- Bible Studies • Mission u studies
- Missionary Witnesses
- Reading Program books
- Assembly 2018
- Fall Retreat

Please visit
The Prayer Room
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and leave your
prayer requests there.

SOCIAL ACTION

Members of the Alabama-West Florida Conference United Methodist Women have continued to be in active service to our communities, our country, and around the world.

They have prepared and delivered meals to shut-ins, church members, and neighbors, served at shelters and food pantries, delivered meals through the Meals on Wheels Program, and helped with backpack ministries for low income students--some that help provide school supplies and some that provide food for weekends when children don't have meals at school.

Members of the Baypines District made pillowcase dresses for children in Latin American countries, and have compiled scores of Health, Sanitary, and School Kits. Several members participated in the *Path to Peace* movement, a multi-racial organization in south Baldwin County, which is working toward racial reconciliation and peace and have participated in a multiracial Bible study with the same goal.

Members of the Marianna-Panama City District took an active role in a bi-partisan effort to have voting rights restored to convicted felons who have paid their debts to society.

Units in the Montgomery-Opelika District held programs on human trafficking and many districts and local units participated the campaign to raise awareness of the issue through photos to "Box 'Em Up."

Members have subscribed, received, and responded to the Action Network Alerts, discussed social issues inside and outside of their meetings, watched news programs and read books on politics, human trafficking, criminal justice, poverty, etc.

They have participated in the reading program to aid them in understanding the social issues of our times, walked in the MLK Day March and the Women's March, contacted their legislators and voted.

Through our membership in Alabama Arise, the AWF United Methodist Women, as well as many individual members, have participated in efforts to improve the lives of those living in poverty by lobbying the Alabama State Legislature on several issues. These including removing the sales tax on groceries, payday loan reforms, and more.

These are just a few of the ways that the Alabama-West Florida Conference of United Methodist Women work to put faith, hope and love into action. We continue to work on the issues of climate justice, maternal and child health, and racial justice, with emphasis on mass incarceration and criminalization of communities of color.

Laurel Akin

2017 MISSION TODAY UNITS

	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Participants	# Units	%
Baypines	0	4	2	0	6	32%
Demopolis	0	1	5	5	11	73%
Dothan	0	3	3	2	8	42%
Marianna/Panama City	1	7	5	1	14	82%
Mobile	1	6	5	1	13	62%
Montgomery-Opelika	1	4	1	0	6	46%
Montgomery-Prattville	1	5	2	1	9	39%
Pensacola	1	5	6	0	12	63%
TOTALS	5	35	29	10	79	54%

2017 MISSION STUDIES

Baypines	34	Covenant Community	34
Demopolis	29	Climate Justice	29
Dothan	31	Covenant Community	2
		Human Sexuality	13
		Missionary Conferences	16
Marianna/Panama City	127	Climate Justice	49
		Covenant Community	56
		Latin America	22
Mobile	102	Climate Justice	49
		Human Sexuality	53
Montgomery-Opelika	6	Latin America	6
Montgomery-Prattville	51	Climate Justice	23
		Human Sexuality	28
Pensacola	126	Climate Justice	57
		Human Sexuality	69
TOTALS	506		506

AWF United Methodist Women do not share personal information online

We believe personal online information should be limited. Safety precautions online must contain the wisdom of self-protection and security of our counterparts as we work together for good for all.

When you share your whereabouts to the social media world, you are putting yourself at risk. Many people on social networks are not aware that a tweet or status update may also expose their current location. When you share your location, this is risky because it advises any potential thieves that you may not be home.

In like manner, when someone visits our website and sees there is a meeting scheduled at Blue Lake or First Church, etc., and your address has been shared in a newsletter, that lets any potential thieves know you may not be at home. The best method of being accessible to

your counterparts and mission team members is to always ask them to find your contact information in the conference and/or district directories.

We use a special method of protecting your e-mail address on AWF-UMW.org. While officer names are listed beneath areas of responsibility on the webpages, clicking that link sends e-mail to awfumw@aol.com, received by Website Manager and forwarded as appropriate. We know you are a busy person do not need to be distracted by unnecessary and unwanted e-mail contacts.

Vera Moore, Website Manager

<http://www.awf-umw.org>

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

2017 Financial Statement

MISSION GIVING (PLEDGE) 2017	Pledge	Paid by Districts	Balance	% Paid
Baypines	12,200	15,679	-3,479	128.5%
Demopolis	13,000	15,757	-2,757	121.2%
Dothan	18,500	15,771	2,729	85.2%
Marianna/Panama City	12,800	13,541	-741	105.8%
Mobile	20,000	22,625	-2,625	113.1%
Montgomery-Opelika	12,500	9,048	3,452	72.4%
Montgomery-Prattville	12,200	11,118	1,082	91.1%
Pensacola	25,000	25,766	-766	103.1%
Events - Offering		1,984	-1,984	
TOTALS FROM DISTRICTS	126,200	131,290	-5,090	104.0%
Paid to Date to National		107,327		
Totals Held back for A&MD		23,963		
BEGINNING BALANCE CHECKING 1/1/17				20,713
INCOME				
Pledge from District via Local			131,290	
Restricted to National			13,800	
Conference Specials			26,143	
Events, A&MD CS, Sales			23,040	
Non-Budgeted Items			9,435	
TOTAL INCOME				203,708
EXPENSES				
Conference Budget			43,731	
District Budget			10,656	
Sent to Agencies			26,143	
Sent to National			121,128	
Not Budgeted			7,291	
TOTAL EXPENSES				-208,949
TRANSFERS to/from SAVINGS				-3,582
ENDING CK BALANCE 12/31/17				11,890
SAVINGS / CD (Restricted)	Beginning	Interest	Transfers	Ending
	55,230	418	3,582	59,231
TOTAL Checking and Savings				71,121

2018 BUDGET AND PLEDGE TO MISSION

TOTAL BUDGET 2018 (District & Conference)	40,637
Baypines	12,200
Demopolis	12,000
Dothan	14,750
Marianna/Panama City	12,800
Mobile	20,000
Montgomery-Opelika	12,500
Montgomery-Prattville	12,200
Pensacola	25,000
TOTAL PLEDGE TO MISSION 2018	121,450

Prepared by Jean R. Creswell, AWF UMW Treasurer 12/31/2017

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Baypines
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SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION
Baypines
Demopolis
Dothan
Marianna/Panama City
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Montgomery-Opelika
Montgomery-Prattville
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MANY COLORS, ONE SPIRIT
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United Methodist Women in the Red Bird Missionary Conference

The women of the Red Bird Missionary Conference continue southeast Kentucky's legacy of mission.

by Katie Harris

The history of United Methodist Women and their predecessors looks large in the history of Red Bird, because from the very beginning the work of mission and ministry in the mountains and meadows resulted from the prayerful vision of women of the general church.

Around 1918, requests came from Kentucky to the Evangelical Church to start work in southeastern Kentucky. Permission was granted, and to finance the work, the Evangelical women established the Faith Fund "with the faith

United Methodist Women members from the Red Bird Missionary Conference at the Kentucky and Red Bird Missionary Conference

From the General Secretary
Taking Risks Helps Us Grow

by Harriet Jane Olson

United Methodist Women members are totally committed to turning our faith in God through Jesus Christ into action. The more we know ourselves to be loved and called by God, the more enthused we are in expressing God's love for others. Therefore, we have been working on behalf of women, children and youth—in our neighborhoods, our countries and around the world—for going on 100 years.

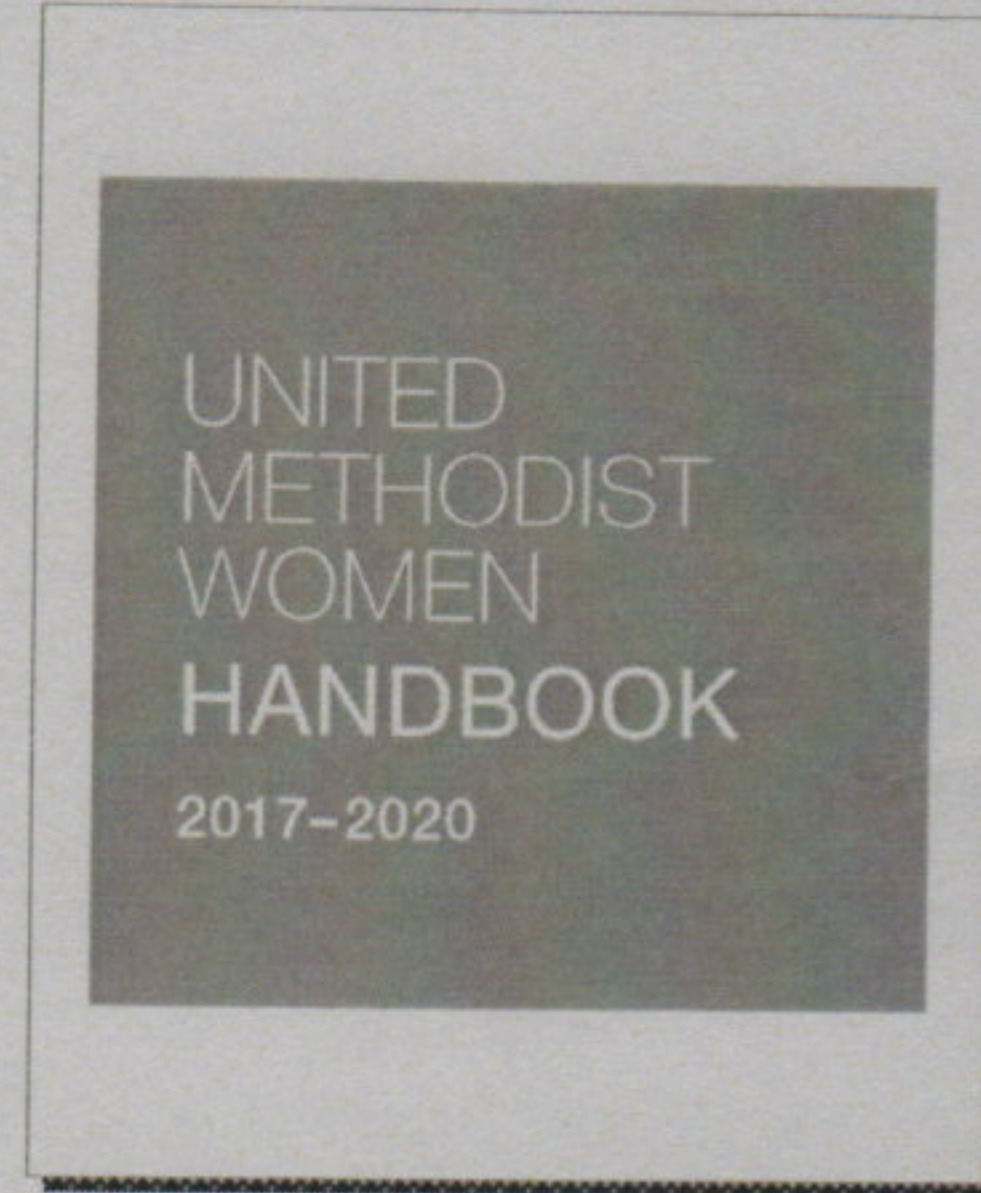
As we tell this story, it is tempting to leave out the stories of "failures." We shouldn't! We know that there were mission initiatives that closed for lack of support, either

Harriet Jane Olson could not eliminate risk. In fact, action comes with risk, so risk is not optional for United Methodist Women! We are not casual about risk—we plan diligently, prepared to address all the hurdles that we know, but we also keep on addressing needs and injustices that affect women, children and

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HANDBOOK

2017-2020



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PRAYER CALENDAR



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<http://bit.ly/2i08O6k>

PROGRAM BOOK



Every group needs a copy.

Selected programs online:

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/program-book

LEGACY FUND

We are making history. Consider your legacy.



Ask any UMW Officer or see:

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150

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ASSEMBLY 2018

"The Power of Bold" will be the theme of the 19th quadrennial Assembly of United Methodist Women in Columbus, Ohio, May 18-20, 2018. This Assembly is particularly momentous in that it marks both the official celebration of the organization's 150th anniversary and a return to the location of the first Assembly in 1942. Throughout the action-filled weekend, participants will revisit the journey of Mary, who boldly risked safety and security to answer yes to God's call to service, and likewise affirm their own commitment to mission with women, children and youth as United Methodist Women in the 21st century.

PRAYER ROOM

You are invited to visit the Prayer Room

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and leave your prayer requested there.

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ALL WHO CAME

ALL WHO SENT GREETINGS

ALL WHO PLANT SEEDS OF **HOPE**

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➔ From 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM

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