

## *District Officers*

### **President**

TBA

### **Vice President**

TBA

### **Secretary**

Mable Lawrence

### **Treasurer**

Brenda Hargrave

### **Program Resources**

TBA

### **Spiritual Growth**

Bonnie Shanks

### **Social Action**

Ora Gillespie

### **Communications**

Carolyn Davis

### **Membership Nurture &**

#### **Outreach**

Reba Wooten

### **Education &**

#### **Interpretation**

Marsha Clayton

### **Nominations**

Chair - TBA

Evelyn Teel, Member



### **From the President:**

Due to drastically increased commitment of time and presence with my parents, I find it necessary to resign as president of the Montgomery-Prattville District as of December 31, 2017. I will do all I can, as time allows, to help with the transition to a new president. I did ask our nominating committee to do their best with the help of the district team to find a president, vice president and nominating committee chair and members by the end of the year. May God bless each of you in your service to Him and others.

Penny Colin

It is with sadness but also understanding that we accept Penny's resignation as Montgomery-Prattville District President. Your District team is pulling together to keep things moving along for 2018 but we need your help. Please pray about joining our team to fill the vacant positions or join us to learn how the team functions. We welcome and encourage your help.

**Montgomery-Prattville UMW District Team**

### **Upcoming Events**

Feb. 17-Millbrook First UMC - 8:30am- District Annual Day, Officer Training and Service of Remembrance

Feb. 23-24 - Foley -Conference Annual Day, Register by Feb. 9

March 24 - Wetumpka First UMC Mission Study-

June 23 - Montgomery First UMC - Mission Study

Sept. 29 - Clanton First UMC - 8:30am- District Spiritual Enrichment

Oct 19-21-Blue Lake- Conference Spiritual Enrichment

**Bonnie Shanks**



**Spiritual Growth**

**Saturday, February 17, 2018  
Millbrook First UMC  
Will host the  
District Annual Day/Training/ Memorial Service**

We will present unit awards, have training, and then will honor the wonderful women who passed away in 2017 with a service and a special lunch provide Millbrook FUMW ladies. Please plan to attend if possible.

I encourage every local UMW members to attend District and Conference events. All dates will be posted on our website and will be included in each issue of "The Messenger's Flame". The key to our success and growth as a district is COMMUNICATION.

**From Your District  
Treasurer  
Brenda Hargrave**

In 2018, we will once again participate in the "Change for Change-Candle Burning" project.

At your UMW and Circle meetings, have members contribute their loose change and send this in during the year or before November 30.

It takes \$23.02 for one minute or \$1,381.08 for one hour to keep the candle burning. Let's strive for at least one hour from our district!

We have a new combined form for submitting your unit funds to the District. Come to Officer Training at Millbrook on Feb. 17 to learn about this form as well as other new forms.

Brenda Hargrave  
District Treasurer

See the new combined  
**Treasure form**  
for submitting your  
local Unit funds to the District  
on the next page

# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

## THE REMITTANCE FORM

**FOR ALL LOCAL TREASURERS - all money must be to the District Treasurer by Nov 30th**

Local Unit:			District		
Conference	Alabama West Florida	DATE			
<b>I</b>	<b>UNDESIGNATED GIFTS</b>		<i>Your change can change a life</i>		<b>Total</b>
1. Pledge to Mission			<i>Regular Pledge</i>		\$ -
2. Special Mission Recognition (Pin)			<i>If you want SMR pin, fill out below. Minimum Cost \$40 (see bottom for all)</i>		
Recipient's Name		Sent to name & address		Value*	\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
3. Gift to Mission		#	(cards - \$5 each) list below	# cards	\$ -
	Baby		On Your Special Day		\$ -
	Birthday		Peace		\$ -
	Christmas		Thank you		\$ -
	Congratulations		Thinking of You		\$ -
	In Service of Christ				\$ -
4. Gift in Memory					
5. World Thank Offering					
<b>TOTAL UNDESIGNATED GIFTS (to be counted on 5-Star *)</b>					\$ -
<b>II</b>	<b>DESIGNATED GIFTS</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>		
6. A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial					
7. Supplementary Gifts: If other UMW Agency not listed, write in					
3001146	A Brighter Future for Children and Youth				
3001148	Assembly Offering				
3001149	Scarritt-Bennett Center				
N721222	<b>DUMAS WESLEY</b>				
U000002	UMCOR (name Project/Adv #)				
<b>SUBTOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY GIFTS:</b>					\$ -
<b>III</b>	<b>AWF UMW CONFERENCE GIVING</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>		
Per Member	Formerly Conference Specials: will be broken out by the vote of the AWFC UMW Executive Committee. Any local unit can send funds directly to old Conference Special agencies, however, the district and conference will not send for you any longer.				
\$ 10.00	<b>AWFC UMW LOVE OFFERING</b>		# Members		\$ -
<b>TOTAL DESIGNATED GIFTS (stays in Conference:</b>					\$ -
<b>IV</b>	<b>TOTAL REMITTANCE</b> Check #:		<b>TOTAL:</b>		\$ -
Treasurer:			Check #		
Phone:			Email:		
<b>Section I - requirements for 5-star *</b>			Return form with check to District Treasurer. Any funds not listed above will be returned to you to send by your unit to the Agency.		
\$40 basic pin, \$60 with sapphire, \$100 with pearl, \$200 with emerald, \$500 with ruby, \$1,000 with diamond, \$2,000 with two diamonds.					

## **Treasurer report Cont.'**

### **2017 Montgomery/Prattville Remittance-Conference Specials Financial Report**

Balance on Hand 1/1/2017	6.38
Offerings	577.00
From A&MD Account	240.00
From Local Units	1,8217.09
Total Receipts	19040.47

Disbursements	
Pledge to Missions	8,350.85
Spec. Mission Rec. Pins	720.00
Gift to Missions	175.00
Gift in Memory	240.00
World Thank	1,632.25
Prayer & Self Denial	1,616.80
UMCOR	120.00
Legacy 150	450.00
Extra Mary Ellen's Hearth	200.00
Brighter Future Fund	20.00
Magazine Fund	5.00
Conference Specials	5,073.57

Total Disbursements	- 18603.47
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Balance on Hand 12/31/2017	\$437.00*
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\*These funds received after cutoff date of 12/10/17. Sent to Conference treasurer on 1/5/18.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda S Hargrave  
District Treasurer

Marsha Clayton



Education and Interpretation  
Coordinator

Each year, United Methodist Women members prepare for faithful living and action by studying mission studies. Mission studies are offered each year - a **geographical, topical, and spiritual growth** study.

These studies motivate, inform, and enrich our commitment to global ministry.

Save the date for the Montgomery-Prattville District Mission Studies

**Saturday, March 24, 2018**

**Mission Study:**

Wetumpka First UMC

306 W. Tuskeena St.

Wetumpka Alabama 36092

**Saturday, June 23, 2018**

**Mission Study:**

Montgomery First UMC

2416 West Cloverdale Park

Montgomery AL 36106

**From Reba Wooten  
Membership Nurture & Outreach**



Membership Nurture and Outreach serves as a means of increasing membership in United Methodist Women and providing support to present members. I would encourage each of you to play a part in doing this.

We are a community of women who reach out, support and serve women, children, and youth both locally, and throughout the world. It is amazing when we acknowledge the impact we have had. As we have just looked at our own membership roll, I would encourage you to increase your membership by at least one. If you had deceased members, you may want to try to increase your membership by that number.

We need to communicate often and become a part of a supportive group. You may want to become more active in District and Conference events as you make new friends and grow in awareness of activities of other groups.

Promote United Methodist Women at every opportunity: keep the pastor informed, provide meeting information in the bulletin and newsletter and by all means pray for your members.

I hope you have a productive and safe new year. I am available if needed.

Reba Wooten

**From  
Ora Gillespie  
Social Action**

United Methodist Women is kicking off January with the Red Zone Campaign. **"Standing in the Red Zone"** is the theme of United Methodist Women's 2018 Intercept Human Trafficking action.

This year's effort will mark the end of United Methodist Women's anti-human trafficking initiative, as the organization shifts its efforts and resources to its previously announced mission priorities of climate justice. January Legacy call to justice will include racial justice and women's rights.

Resources for "Standing in the Red Zone" are available online at  
[www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/intercept](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/intercept).

Like any big sporting event, the Super Bowl can lead to increased demand for trafficking in persons for labor and sexual exploitation. This Super Bowl Sunday, help us stop modern-day slavery. Let's intercept the traffickers and reverse the momentum.

Show Yourself Local Red Zones: Be BOLD in Red!

- Stand together all dressed in Red
- Wear red choir robes, red hats and shoes, or gather a room full of redheads
- Hold something red—flowers, cups, stop signs,
- Dance in a red room
- Sit on red furniture
- Stand on a red carpet
- Raise red banners, wave red fans or flags
- Record a video of your unit as participants in the *Red Sand Art* project: an activist artwork created to raise awareness of modern-day slavery. Participants are invited to fill sidewalk cracks with red sand. Learn more here: [redsandproject.org/about](http://redsandproject.org/about)

**Social Action Coordinator**  
**Montgomery-Prattville District**  
**Ora Gillespie**  
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## Social Action Cont

Montgomery First United Methodist Women  
will have  
**Lt Randy Pollard**  
of the Montgomery Sheriff's Department  
speak about human trafficking  
Mon Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30  
Epworth Room (back of the sanctuary building)  
Guests are welcome.  
Send a check for \$8 made out to FUMC UMW to  
Bonnie Shanks  
6972 Woodley Road Montgomery, AL 36116.  
Must receive check by April 3<sup>th</sup>.

## STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Human trafficking impacts over 20 million people, with 70 percent of all detected trafficking incidents involving women and children. [More about WHY we still need to be in the Red Zone against human trafficking!](#)

### United Methodist Women Members Stand in the Red Zone

In football, the area between the 20-yard line and the goal of the defensive team is known as the Red Zone. When a team on offense has the ball in the Red Zone, that team is often about to score; fans take notice and pay close attention to what is happening on the field.

**In the fight to end human trafficking, United Methodist Women is in the Red Zone, poised to score points that Intercept Human Trafficking.**

## The Reading Program 2018

[www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram)

The Reading Program encourages members to think critically about current issues through an annual selection of member-reviewed books. It offers an excellent opportunity to deepen your spirituality and to broaden your understanding of our mission work.

### The Reading Program Leads to Action!

For 140 years, United Methodist Women have been involved in mission that includes prayer, study and action. The Reading Program is a study opportunity, but it should also lead to action. The purpose of the program is to encourage United Methodist Women members to:

- Expand understanding of and participation in God's mission.
- Increase sensitivity to all human beings—their needs, interests and concerns.
- Encourage critical thinking about issues facing humanity today.
- Grow in understanding of Scripture as it relates to Christian faith in contemporary life.
- Enhance self-knowledge and act from that knowledge.
- Strengthen involvement in local and global Christian mission.

### Local UMW members can choose from 1 of 5 reading plans:

#### Plan I: 5 Books Per Year

One book from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.

Selections can be from the 2011-2016 reading lists if not included in previous reports (including youth titles).

Regular reading of [response](#) magazine.

#### Plan II: 10 Books Per Year

Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.

Selections can be from the 2011-2016 reading lists if not included in previous reports (including youth titles).

Regular reading of [response](#) and [New World Outlook](#) magazines.

#### Plan III: 15 Books Per Year

Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.

PLUS 5 additional books from any category.

Selections can be from the 2011-2016 reading lists if not included in previous reports (including youth and children's titles).

Regular reading of [response](#) and [New World Outlook](#) magazines.

#### Plan IV: 20 Books Per Year

Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.

PLUS 10 additional books from any category.

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Clanton First UMC  
207 8th Street North  
Clanton Alabama 35045

### United Methodist Women Events for 2018

<b>Feb 23-24</b>	Conference Annual Day at Foley UMC
<b>Mar 23</b>	United Methodist Women Annual Giving Day
<b>July 20-21</b>	Mission u Event at St. Luke's UMC In Pensacola, FL
<b>Oct 19-21</b>	Spiritual Enrichment Retreat at Blue Lake

**We would love to include your unit activities and mission projects in *The Messenger's Flame*. Please submit articles and photos, if available, to [Cdavis854@bellsouth.net](mailto:Cdavis854@bellsouth.net)**



Carolyn Davis, Communication Coordinator



Mable Lawrence, District Secretary

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National United Methodist Women:  
[unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org)

Alabama-West Florida Conference UMW:  
[www.awf-umw.org](http://www.awf-umw.org)

Montgomery-Prattville District:  
[www.awf-umw.org/montgomeryprattville.html](http://www.awf-umw.org/montgomeryprattville.html)

## **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.*

