

VISION

Pensacola District United Methodist Women

Winter 2021

2022 Calendar of District Events

We will contact each Unit with details and any changes.

January 22—Officer Training Day

March 26—Annual Day

May 14—Mission Study

September 24—Mission Study

October 22—Spiritual Day Apart

Team Meetings—Jan 14, Mar 18, May 6, Sept 16, Oct 14 and Dec 2



Never Forgotten—

By Jan. 10, 2022, please send the names of members who died in 2021 to Peggy Patrick, 133 Navarro Rd, Cantonment 32533 or littleone1948@yahoo.com.

We will celebrate their lives at District Annual Day.

2022 District UMW Officers

President — Judi Dickens

Vice President — Joan Simmons

Treasurer — Margaret Larson

Secretary — Connie Vance

Spiritual Growth — Pat Clark

Membership Nurture & Outreach —
Peggy Patrick

Open positions: Social Action, Education and Interpretation/Reading Program and Communications Coordinator

Please search your heart and let us know if one of the open positions is calling you.

Vice President's Message

As we say goodbye to 2021 we anticipate 2022 to be one of speaking without masks and meeting in person at our District studies.

If you're like me you are rushing around buying and wrapping gifts, baking and cooking.

Find a quiet place to sit down be calm and read the real Christmas story and think about what Christmas really is, the birth of our Savior.

Read Matthew 1: 18-25. Dwell on God's word about the babe who was born on this glorious day. This is the real reason we celebrate Christmas.

Nothing will replace my experience in Israel. I stood in the birth place of our Lord, a cave like 'barn.'

I prayed and worshipped in the Garden of Gethsemane and walked in the footsteps of Jesus. Solemnly bowed in prayer at Jesus's tomb. An experience I've never had before or will have again.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas with family and friends as you celebrate our Savior's birth.

Joan Simmons



Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the City of David a savior which is Christ the Lord.

District UMW Fall Fellowship

We gathered at Community Life UMC on September 25, for a wonderful talk, *New Life in a Covid Culture*, given by Reverend Pamela Avery, Associate Pastor, Gulf Breeze UMC. Following the talk Sharon Hogan with her team of crafters provided wooden pumpkins and directed us in painting and decorating them.



District UMW Spiritual Day Apart

Saturday, October 23 was a beautiful day with our District Superintendent Reverend Jean Tippit as our guest speaker. She gave a presentation on prayer and recommended the book *how to pray a simple guide for normal people* by Pete Greig. After the program many enjoyed visiting and purchasing books and Christmas gifts in the Gulf Breeze UMC Book Place.



Community Life UMC Christmas Celebration Luncheon

MOPS (Mothers of Pre-schoolers) teamed up with UMW to host the Christmas Celebration Luncheon this year on December 9. The church made a beautiful background with lights for Santa as the children had their pictures taken with Santa. Also, a lot of WOMEN had a photo taken. Judi Dicken's husband Mike was Santa. Kat Siler was the speaker, giving a talk entitled ***Discovering Christmas***. Kat is the Adult Discipleship Director at CLC. The food, as always, was great.

Gulf Breeze UMW Christmas Tea

Gulf Breeze UMW hosted its first Christmas tea December 3, in the beautiful reception hall of the church.

The birth of Jesus was celebrated by the 110 women and Pastor Dan Morris. UMW member Rita Rone wrote about the three Biblical women of Christmas --Mary, Elizabeth, and Anna. JR Ruth was narrator and the women's stories were given by Rita Rone, Carol Osborn, and Hettye Pacyga.



Rita Rone

The beautiful place settings for the tea, table decorations, and food were provided by church member Rhonda Merrill with the assistance of many UMW ladies. It was a wonderful time to hit the "Pause" button as we remember the real reason behind our celebration of Christmas. Music was provided by Pastor Dan and his wife Sharmon.

Comments were "do it again next year!"



Our Emblem

"... I now remind you to stir into flame the gift of God which is within you..."

(II Timothy 1:6, New English Bible)



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