

I am writing as all of you are busy preparing Thanksgiving Dinners and celebrations with family and friends. I pray that you are well and enjoying the holiday season.

Our year is swiftly ending. It was a rewarding year for Pensacola District. Thank you for your support, attendance and returning the reports that were due on November 30th. We held five district meetings in various churches. The host churches went above and beyond expectation. Thank you for being hostesses in 2017: St. Paul/Pensacola, Gulf Breeze, Warrington, Myrtle Grove and Cokesbury.

As we plan for our 2018 programs, we are still awaiting on a place to hold Mission Study – “Living as a Covenant Community” with

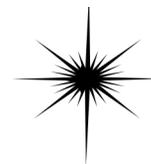
Study Leader, Clara Ester on April 21st and Spiritual Day Apart, October 6th. If you are wishing to host a meeting, please contact me by email: pat.gardens13@gmail.com, or phone: 850-450-8677. I was invited to attend meetings at four local units in 2017, and was able to attend three of them.

In closing, I'd like to thank the Pensacola District Mission Team (Executive Board) for all the work they performed to make 2017 a success. Remember they are a resource for you, if you have questions or need assistance.

Blessings and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

In HIS Service,
Pat Dodge
Pensacola District, UMW President

Merry Christmas





MISSION TEAM 2018

United Methodist Women
Pensacola District

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Nominations
Pat Clark

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Dr. Timothy R. Trent



Program Resources



Ladies, I have really enjoyed being your Program Resource person for the last few years. It was great seeing all the wonderful books that are available for us to read. I would have never read most of the books without the UMW reading list. I would never have read the book "Sold", I consider that one of the best books in the last few years.

I will continue to bring the lending library to the District meetings. Sandy Allen will be helping you and selling books at the next meeting. Books can also be purchased through www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/store or Toll free 1-800-305-9857. We want to continue to be well informed, smart, and the best read women.

This year we can read about Native Americans, Islam Life, kidnapped in Somalia, North Korea, 50 women every Christian should know, how religion has changed, Immigrant Families, Indigenous Peoples, Racism, Children's Faith, Alzheimer's, Wellness, Schools, Wounded Souls and we can even color.

Keep on reading,
Becky Hiller



Hello Pensacola District UMW Community. As you all know, Judi Dickens will be the secretary in 2018. It is also that time of year when we ask for your local UMW Officer's list for 2018 to be sent to me. I need you to send me their position, full

name, entire address (with the zip code), phone number (cell or land line) and email by 30 November. I also want all of you to know that it has been my privilege to serve you. I learned a lot as well as I enjoyed it for the most part. It was difficult for me when my husband was so sick; however, God is good and Lonnie is much better.

My email is: allenSondrak@gmail.com (yes, my name really is Sondra)

If you could please do this for me I can get the officer's into the excel program and then get to the job of putting the Directory together for you on time. Judi and I would like to have a smooth transition in changing our job positions.

Thank you,
Sondra Allen
Outgoing Secretary, Pensacola District UMW



Calendar of United Methodist Women

Pensacola District
Alabama-West Florida Conference

District Dates 2018

JAN 6, APR 14, AUG 4, SEP 29, DEC 1—District Team Meeting—GSUMC
JAN 13 —District Annual Day — Trinity UMC—Speaker: Rev. Pam Avery
FEB 17—District Leadership Training—Bellevue UMC
APR 21—Mission Study—”Living as a Covenant Community”—TBD
AUG 11—Mission Study—”Missionary Conferences”—Gadsden St UMC
OCT 6—Spiritual Day Apart—TBD

Alabama-West Florida UMW Conference Dates 2018

JAN 20 —COSROW @ Blue Lake
FEB 23-24 —Conference Annual Day — Foley UMC, AL
MAY 18-20 — Assembly @ Columbus, Ohio
JUL 13-14 —Executive Committee — Blue Lake — (Presidents & Treasurers)
JUL 20 & 21—Mission u — St Luke UMC, Pensacola, FL (Nine Mile Road)
OCT 19-21—Spiritual Enrichment Retreat—Blue Lake

Directory Changes

Judi Dickens
dickensjudy@yahoo.com

This is my last year as Vice President and Sharon Hogan will be taking over. Don't forget Annual Day on January 13, 2018 at Trinity UMC in Fort Walton Beach with registration at 8:30 am

Louise G. O'Bannon
Outgoing, Pensacola, District Vice President



Thank you all for being faithful to UMW Missions. We have exceeded our Pledge of \$25,000.00 thanks to generous giving this year. I encourage all treasurers to come to District Training on February 17, 2018. There is a new form that will replace all the other forms. It is very important that we all use the new form and understand it.

Margaret Larson
Pensacola District Treasurer
bluelakemaggie@gmail.com

Spiritual Day Apart Pensacola District



Spiritual Enrichment AWFUMW-Blue Lake



Pensacola District UMW

ANNUAL DAY



January 13, 2018

Trinity UMC, Fort Walton Beach

Speaker: Rev. Pam Avery

Doors open at 8:00am, Registration at 8:30, Program at 9:00

A Continental breakfast by Trinity UMC
No Charge to Attend

**Please send reservations for
your Units and Circles to:**

Cheryl Davenport

Email:

Kids_dynamics@hotmail.com

850-863-3588

- 2018 District Officers will be installed.
- Memorial service for those UMW Sisters that have gone to live with our Lord. Make sure names from your unit have been submitted.

Snack foods for
Kids Weekend
Backpacks will be
collected. Thank you
for helping with our
mission.

Fruit snacks, fruit juices, gran-
ola bars, cereal bars, ap-
plesauce cups, oatmeal, pud-
ding cups, crackers, micro-
waveable packets of macaroni
and cheese, microwavable chef
-boy-ar-dee pastas



Cokesbury UMW hosted the Pensacola District Spiritual Day Apart on September 16 at the Summit Campus. Reverend Gail Baughman, pastor of Gadsden Street UMC spoke to more than 70 women. These are a few ladies who gave of their time and talents for such a successful event. Due to an outpouring of donated food items, the **Holm Elementary Food Project** will continue to provide weekend food packages for 60 children who might otherwise go hungry. Thank you all so much.



Trinity United Methodist Women's Decades Dance Party/Spaghetti Supper with Dan Mossman as "Elvis" Fundraiser on Sept. 30th, 2017 was met with an outstanding response. Over 100 tickets were sold, "Elvis" received rave reviews and proceeds of \$1200 + goes to Missions for Women and Children. Thanks and Blessings to all who donated supplies, time and energy to making this event a success. Blessings, Cheryl Davenport, TUMW Pres.

A NEW YEAR — A NEW UNIT

Community Life UMC will have a new UMW unit.



Esther Circle began in February 2010 as part of Gulf Breeze UMW who assisted the growth and learning of Esther Circle to the point where they can now establish a unit and move forward in their new church.

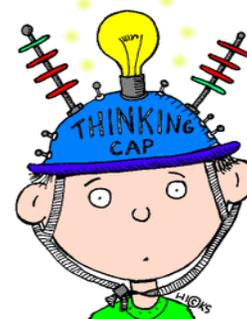
Many thanks to the ladies of GBUMW for their love, patience, help and getting us on a well established path.

President: Judi Dickens
 Vice President: Pamela Adams
 Treasurer: Pat Clark
 Secretary: Ronda Smith and Carol Bloomer



Sometimes the best part of a road trip is the friends and food you meet along the way! It is always a necessary stop at **Gator's** to have old fashion home-cooking on the way to Blue Lake.

This space is waiting for you and your unit or circle to send me a write-up and picture. Let us know what you are doing.





Annie McKinnon Carter is shown here with her service dog, **Pilot**. Because Annie has severe to profound hearing lost, Paws with a Cause has provided her with a replacement service dog after Bubbles retired. Annie has had a service dog since age eighteen and Bubbles was her constant companion until this year. Bubbles retired in January at the age of fifteen years old and Pilot was waiting in the wings to take over.

Pilot is a black lab and golden retriever mix and trained by Paws with a Cause in Wayland, Michigan. This is a non-profit organization that trains service dogs for people with disabilities to enable them to be more independent. Pilot has been trained to alert Annie to sounds in her environment that she struggles to hear. Some of these sounds are: alarm clocks, doorbells, door knocks, her name called, sirens, fire alarms and others.

Pilot and Bubbles got to play and get to know each other for a few months before Bubbles crossed the Rainbow Bridge in April. Annie is sure Bubbles knows she is well taken care of and that Pilot can do the job.

Because service dogs go with you everywhere, Pilot goes to work with Annie at Blue Angel Elementary School. He is part of the school family.

Wesleyan Service Guild Circle , All that Jazz Ladies Night Out was a success in many ways. Money earned for missions, no two paintings alike, origami made easy, along with pampering, door prizes, and food. Next scheduled night out is in March 2018 and “Let it Shine”.



Cokesbury UMW
Call to Prayer & Self Denial Program

Linda Powell delivered the program regarding how it is our responsibility to **forget self** and care for women and children locally and globally who need our help. Linda and Sue Blalock prepared the materials and set up Asbury Place for our afternoon. We are grateful for the ladies who participated and realize the need and impact.





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Communications Coordinator, Patricia Cain—paddicain@gmail.com—