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## Events you don't want to miss!

### Demopolis District UMW Meetings

August 19, 2017	District Mission Study	Pine Hill UMC
Oct. 7, 2017	Spiritual Day Apart & Election of Officers	Johnson Hill UMC
Nov. 5, 2017	Local & District Officer Training	TBA

### AWF Conference Meetings

July 21-22, 2017	MISSION u	Millbrook UMC
Oct. 20-22, 2017	Spiritual Enrichment Retreat	Blue Lake
Nov. 12, 2017	UMW Sunday	Local Churches



*from the President's pen* 

Hello, ladies! I hope you have had a wonderful Mother's Day. We had a great day in our home.

I hope you are making plans to attend the Mission studies at Millbrook UMC July 21-22, and I encourage you to take two classes if that's possible. See the article written recapping the studies that will be held. Also, plan to attend our district mission study on "Climate Justice" to be held at the Pine Hill UMC on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. **Bring your sack lunch**, and we will provide the rest!

As most of you know we have been trying to get the membership keyed into the national website to get an accurate count overall of our 330 members we still lack 126 names that need to be keyed. If you have not filled out your Membership listing, please do so and send it to me as soon as possible. We will get it keyed.

Our percentage of ATTENDANCE at the district and conference meetings for UMW counts toward our overall awards at conference. Right now we have a 10.9% on "district attendance" and a 3.3% on "conference attendance" participation. These events are planned for your information and your spiritual growth. These meetings are also an opportunity for your unit to bond closer as women of faith called to mission in your community. Please consider attending. We have already mentioned the upcoming mission studies available, and we also have our Day Apart meeting coming up Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> to be held at **Johnson Hill UMC** as well as the Spiritual Enrichment Retreat to be held at Blue Lake Oct. 21-22. I hope you will consider attending at least one of these events also. You will be hearing more about these later.

I trust that in your meetings each month that you are reviewing your "Mission Today" Unit report to see what you have accomplished and what you might be short on. All of these meetings mentioned above are listed on that report. Also, be looking at and reviewing your giving; as of now we have only 2 units that have given in all 5 categories of the 5-Star unit. Don't wait until the last minute as you know the Special Mission Recognition pin has to be ordered, and it does take from 6-8 weeks sometimes to receive that back, so plan your meetings accordingly.

Give me a call or email me if there is anything I can do for you or your unit. I am here for you. God bless you for all you do for women, children, and youth.

*Margaret*



# Opportunities & Ideas

If your Unit is interested in collecting items for Camille Place in Monroeville (Chris Ziebach, Director), here is a list of their needs:

**Shampoo & Conditioner**

**Charmin Ultra Toilet Paper (only)**

**Deodorant for females**

**Lotion**

**Q-tips**

**Toothbrushes**

**Body Wash and Soap**

**Light Bulbs**

**Paper Towels**

**Garbage Bags**

**Laundry Detergent**

**Cleaning Supplies**

## **Demopolis District Women Learning, Growing, & Giving**

by Kathy Patterson

Our Sunday Lunch to raise money for missions was a huge success and well supported by our community as well as our sister church, Linden UMC! Thanks to all who bought tickets and also to those who made donations.

In April, Lenora Hamrick, from Livingston, spoke to our UMW unit about her work with Chinese students enrolled at UWA. The students have been programmed for school from an early age, and attend classes, followed by tutoring and more studying. They have had little time to “play” while growing up. Mrs. Hamrick helps them improve their conversational English by doing fun things with them. The students get together to cook, play games, work on crafts, decorate the Christmas tree, dye and hide Easter eggs, and watch movies. Lenora is encouraged that some have even asked about her faith.

Our May meeting focused on babies and their needs, both physical and emotional, and the subject of adoption, and foster care. Having sent diapers to the Sybil Smith Family Village in response to their request for needed children supplies, we gathered a variety of baby items to be given to Save-a-Life clients. A need within our community concerning a “new” baby also received our attention: we are happy to report that a member of our unit is expecting a baby on the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month, and we are all looking forward to our turn in *rocking and spoiling it!*



## What is Mission u??

**Mission u** is an annual conference event that is sponsored by the United Methodist Women and the Board of Church & Society always occurring in the summer. This summer the conference will be held July 20-21 at Millbrook United Methodist Church. Mission u offers three studies with a new Youth Study offered this summer. The studies are divided into three categories:

**Spiritual Growth:** A Covenantal Community – This study examines major covenants throughout the Bible and what they reveal about God’s character and eternal love for us. It will enhance your understanding of how God works with us, in us, and through us. Reading Program category: Spiritual Growth (M3291/\$10)

**Geographic Study:** Missionary Conferences of The United Methodist Church in the United States --The aim of the study is to give an overview of the three missionary conferences in the United Methodist Church, the contexts out of which they grew and their current engagements: The Alaska United Methodist Conference, Red Bird Missionary Conference, and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference are a hybrid of home and international missionary work. What does the future look like for these conferences? GBOGM (General Board of Global Ministries) and the missionary conferences are exploring best operational and structural options for maximizing mission and ministry going forward in these unique locations. Reading Program category: Education for Mission (M3284/\$10)

**Issue Study:** Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action – This study highlights justice, peace and integrity of creation as important dimensions of partnering in God’s mission today. Participants in this study will also learn how their own actions contribute to climate change and what they can do to positively affect the environment.

**Youth Study :** Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States –This will be offered to youth leaders so that they can return to their Youth Groups in their churches to teach this study and engage them in the history of these three conferences and hopefully it will also offer opportunities for their youth who will be interested in relationship-building and hands-on mission as a result of studying each of these conferences.

*According to Mary Beth Coudal, a representative from the United Methodist Women, “this year’s studies are especially relevant to our church and society at present. We have just finished three Mission u training events; over 300 study leaders are excited and ready to facilitate these studies at your conference. Given the need for honest discussions, we hope that Mission u can be of service by providing a sacred space for learning together, where God’s grace can enter and transform us.”*

### Scholarships:

**Don Brill Scholarship** – for clergy during the first 5 years of their ministry and have not previously attended a Mission u Event.

**Lib Claridy Scholarship** – for lay persons that have not previously attended a Mission u Event

**Nell Chance Scholarship** – for NEW United Methodist Women that have not previously attended a Mission u Event.

**Youth Scholarship** – for youth leaders that have not previously attended a Mission u Event

**Contact:** Harry Hodges, Scholarship Chairperson: [harryhodges@yahoo.com](mailto:harryhodges@yahoo.com)

**FOR REGISTRATION FORM GO TO:** <http://www.awf-umw.org/>

# Demopolis District UMW Mission Study

## Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action

August 19, 2017 @ Pine Hill UMC

Beth Bond is the Curator of Green and Sustainable Business News at Southeast Green, is the driving force of Southeast Green. As a Southerner, Bond was tired of hearing about everything "green" happening outside her native region which is what drove her to create the website.

Owning her own marketing company for over 15 years and working with sustainability groups, Beth knew the story of sustainability and green resided here in the Southeast. There was just no one place to tell the cohesive story of all the things that are happening in the Southeast. Since relaunching Southeast Green in September 2008, Bond has been establishing even broader liaisons and partners to help continue the story of green and sustainability.

Bond serves on a variety of boards and committees in the Atlanta sustainable community. In 2011 she joined the board at Georgia Interfaith Power and Light and started a second term in 2015. In 2009, Southeast Green won the Advocate of the year award from the Partnership for Sustainable Georgia. In 2010, Southface awarded her the Media Partner of the Year. In December of 2011 the Georgia Solar Energy Association awarded Beth with a Solar Advocate of the Year award. In 2014 Bond was a finalist for the Trident E3 Award presented by the Atlanta Metro Chamber of Commerce. She most recently was commissioned by the Global Board of Missions in the inaugural class of Earthkeepers and is certified to teach Climate Justice through the UMW Mission u program. Her most recent accomplishment is participating in a solarize program that yielded 700kW of solar on homes in the Decatur, Georgia area.

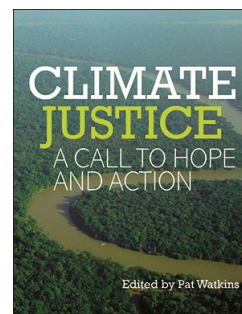
Bond spent her formative years in Mobile, Alabama. She graduated from Florida State University and then served in Bouza, Niger as a Peace Corps Volunteer. She serves on Community Council for District 3, DeKalb County. When not working to better her community she participates in her church where she serves as Vice President of her UMW Unit and is on the Nominations Committee. She is an avid tennis player and college football fan.



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*Our Presenter, Beth Bond*