

VISION

Pensacola District United Methodist Women

Summer 2021

2021 Calendar of District Events

If dates need to be adjusted, we will contact each Unit. Please consider opening your church for hosting one of the fall meetings.

May 15th — Mission Study, *Finding Peace in an Anxious World* by Debbie Bracewell. Community Life UMC and Zoom

September 25th — Fun and Fellowship

October 23rd — Spiritual Enrichment Retreat

President's Message

Hello! I hope this finds everyone doing wonderfully. If you are still not getting out and about, I urge you to go sit on your porch or in the backyard and enjoy a good book from our Reading Program. Lots of new things are coming in the next few months.

Have you called and checked on at least five UMW ladies this week? In our UMW Purpose statement it states that we are to be a "Supportive Fellowship." Call at least five UMW ladies this week and check up on them. You both need it!

Pray for all the UMW leaders.
See ya'll May 15!

Love and lots of blessings!

Sharon Hogan

"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11



**Debbie Bracewell,
Study Leader,
President of
Alabama- West
Florida Conference
UMW**

MISSION STUDY:

Finding Peace in an Anxious World

May 15th 2021 — 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

**Community Life UMC, Gulf Breeze, FL
and Zoom**

Debbie Bracewell's professional experience includes the position of high school English teacher, cheer coach, cheer judge, executive director of National Council for Spirit Safety and Education, editor of online cheer magazine, former president of the Recovery Organization of Coffee County and public speaking. She currently is an after-school tutor and a volunteer for church and community.

Debbie has been a member of the Enterprise United Methodist Church Circle since 2004. She was the Dothan District president and has served as Membership, Nurture and Outreach Chair and Communications Chair. She has been teaching mission studies at the conference and district level since 2014. She is currently President of the Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Women.

Debbie has a degree in Secondary English Education from Troy State, a Master's degree in Strategic Communication from Troy University. Debbie is a widow with two sons, two stepsons and 10 grandchildren. In her spare time she enjoys gardening and traveling.



ANNUAL DAY PROGRAM

MARCH 27, 2021

Annual Day this year was a new experience for us. Our first ZOOM meeting! Thanks to Mr. Chuck at Myrtle Grove who made it happen.

Also thanks to Mike Dickens who was there as a needed hand in the Zoom presentation.



Debbie Bell installed our officers for 2021.

Peggy Patrick, our MN & O, had a beautiful memorial service. She made lamented red birds with the name of each member who died in 2020 and placed them on the tree as Sharon read each name. The individual units could take their red birds as we left.

Debbie Bell's presentation, *The Opposite*, was outstanding. Rely on Hope, Joy, Peace, Trust, and Power found throughout the teaching from Jesus Christ in the Gospels.



We presented Debbie a beautiful wooden cross made by Sharon. All attending signed their names on the back.



2021 District UMW Officers

President — Sharon Hogan
Vice President — Joan Simmons
Treasurer — Margaret Larson
Spiritual Growth — Pat Clark
Secretary — Judi Dickens
Social Action — Donna Ward-Welch
Membership Nurture & Outreach —
Peggy Patrick
Communications Coordinator — Vacant
Education and Interpretation/Reading
Program — Vacant

News From our Secretary

Welcome back to live meetings! At Annual Day, the gathering was small, 27 ladies, but it was wonderful to be together again. We had 10 members join the meeting through Zoom so a total of 37 ladies enjoyed the program and the service of remembrance. Your district team is working hard to keep things moving forward and to keep everyone safe by providing pre-packaged snacks, wearing masks and readily available hand sanitizer. We hope to see more and more ladies joining us as we continue to move on from the isolation of the past year. Looking forward to seeing you in the near future.

Judi Dickens

Reading Program—Good News

Lots of updates on the reading program from Andris Salter (Operations Office of UMW).

- FaithTalks Podcasts count in Spiritual Growth.
- Three movies count: *Just Mercy*, *The Hate U Give* and *Pushout*. Meet with UMW sisters and watch together. Have popcorn and sodas!
- The Mission u studies count as Bonus Books!
- Books for 2015-2022 count.

This is awesome news! Can't wait to see ya'll at the movies!

Sharon Hogan

United Methodist Women 2021-2022 Reading Program Book Titles. May download from <http://www.umwmissionresources.org/>