

VISION

Pensacola District United Methodist Women

Winter 2020

Merry Christmas to all!

*May you have the spirit of Christmas
which is peace,*

*the gladness of Christmas which is
hope,*

the heart of Christmas which is love.

2021 Calendar of District Events

These are tentative dates. We will contact you with any changes. Please consider opening your church for hosting one of these meetings.

February 6th — Officer Training (Units East of the Pensacola Bay Bridge)

February 13th — Officer Training (Units West of the Pensacola Bay Bridge)

March 27th — Annual Day

May 15th — Tentative Mission Study

September 25th — Fun and Fellowship

October 23rd — Spiritual Enrichment Retreat

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

Please consider joining your team by accepting one of the vacant positions.

Greetings!

I hope each of ya'll had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Did you remember to give God all the thanks? I am so thankful for so much! Mostly, glad Jesus is my Savior! Most of us have gone through a wild 2020. These were just a few bumps in the road. We are being tested. Will you let a few bumps make you a stronger Christian woman or a grumpy Christian? I want to hear, "thank you Jesus for my bumps in the road!"

So put up those Christmas decorations and celebrate that Jesus is born!! Smile, be kind and call a friend!

Your district team has been working on 2021. We have some great ideas and a wonderful year ahead! Stay tuned!

Have a Blessed Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

See ya'll next year, *Sharon Hogan*, President



Thankful Hearts

I spent the day after Thanksgiving working on my treasurers' reports for 2020. It was overwhelming to see that our Pensacola District UMW has come so close to the goal of \$22,500, I am so grateful for your generous hearts. It has been a tough year for everyone but you have not forgotten those who have needs beyond this pandemic. It has been a pleasure to serve as your treasurer and I pray that we can all meet together again soon.

Prayers for each of you as we move forward to a New Year with hope and faith.

Judi Dickens, Treasurer

NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT



Warrington UMW

Becky Hiller

Three Interesting UMW Reading Program Books

1. *A Cage Without Bars* by Anne Dublin. 2020 Reading Program, Social Action—This is a story of a Jewish family living in Spain in 1492. A story that most of us have never heard. Spain declared the “Edict of Expulsion.” By the end July every Jew must be gone from Spain. Any Jews that did not leave would be put to death if they did not become Christians. How did two Jewish children end up off the coast of West Africa? This is a novel that is sometimes heartbreaking and emotional. Who will be kind, who will be cruel? A book everyone should read.

2. *Threading My Prayer Rug* by Sabeeha Rehman. 2019, Education for Missions—One woman’s journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim. Refreshing to read how even a good Muslim can become complacent about her religion. Moving to NY City, babies, husband becoming a doctor who has time to pray five times a day. How to become an American Muslim. A funny, informative, great book.

3. *When Others Shuddered* by Anne Dublin. 2020, Education for Missions—The title means: when others want to turn and walk away these women walked straight into bars, brothels, squalor, unsavory neighborhoods to spread God’s love. Eight women who wanted to help others and make their lives count.

If you would like to borrow any of these books, you may check them out from my church library in Warrington. Becky Hiller 850-453-2581

Trinity UMW members are thankful!

Edna Sherrow

Our ladies met for the first time since March when we collected our Prayer and Self-Denial offering. November 14, we observed World Thank Offering. Each of us sharing a personal thank you—Love, Family, Jesus, Grace, Medical Care, My UMW Sisters in Christ...



Please join us and add a personal thank you of your own.

Community Life UMW

Our Community Life UMW members were left with a void in fundraising by not being able to make our yearly casseroles and have yearly Yard Sale due to COVID 19. We decided to have some craft days to make Christmas decorations and ornaments for the families of our church. We had four “craft days” at our president’s home and came up with some novel ideas. For two



Sundays we displayed our creations and made around \$850 for Missions. Luckily for us both Sundays were sunny so we were fine outside under a tent.

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