

**ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**



***"Let us not love with words or speech but
with actions and in truth"***

1 John 3:18

2019 Spiritual Enrichment Retreat

Friday - Saturday - Sunday

October 11-13, 2019

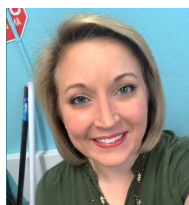
Blue Lake United Methodist Assembly

Our Leader:

The Rev. Reba Wiley is a native of South Carolina and received her Master of Divinity from Emory. She met her husband, the late Rev. Steve Wiley, on her first day at Candler and they were married the next August before beginning their second year there. Both Reba and Steve served their entire ministry in the Alabama-West Florida Conference, at one time sharing an 8-point Charge in the Demopolis District. Reba served a total of 39 years as a pastor and also as the Demopolis District Superintendent for 7 years. She retired from full time ministry and began a busy new career in Communities of Transformation, where she began the conference's first rural COT in Pine Hill. She is also a member of the Pine Hill Charge UMW.



Our Song Leader:



My name is Sarah Fell. I graduated in 2015 from Huntingdon College with a Bachelor of Arts in Choral Music Education (P-12). I teach elementary music at Bear Exploration Center in Montgomery, AL. I have been a member of the United Methodist church my whole life. I currently attend First United

Methodist Church – Montgomery, where I am the Director of Children's Music as well as an active member of the Cathedral Choir.

Our Pianist:



Peggy Kundo is currently a member of St. Andrew UMC in Panama City, FL. She was recently elected as the Marianna-Panama City UMW District President. She graciously offered to play the piano during our Spiritual Enrichment Retreat.

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Mission Resources Info Table - Linwood Gathering Area

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The Prayer Room ~ Room 116

is open during all retreat hours. You are encouraged to pray for our Faith to be strengthened by each word and activity of the weekend.

2019 Spiritual Enrichment Retreat

The retreat includes a short business session
Saturday Morning 9 am, October 12.

Friday, October 11

3:00 pm	Check In	Solarium
4:00 pm to Sun. 8:30 am	Prayer Walk	Entire campus
5:15 pm	Devotions	Chapel Lakeside
5:30 pm	Dinner	Dining Hall
7:00 pm	Gathering & Program Rev. Reba Wiley	Chapel
8:30 pm	Website Training Debbie Bell	Lounge
9:30 pm	Evening Fellowship	Solarium & Lounge

Saturday, October 12

7:15 am	Devotions:	Chapel Lakeside
7:30 am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:30 am	Business Session	Chapel
Call to Order		Debbie Bell
Opening Prayer		Laurel Akin
Committee on Nominations		Zan Jones
Election		Debbie Bell
Installation of Elected Officers		Cathy Givan
Changes to Standing Rules		Betty Helms
Proposed Budget		Jean Creswell
Adjournment		Debbie Bell
10:30 am	Gathering & Program Rev. Reba Wiley	Chapel
Noon	Lunch	Dining Hall
1:00 pm	Focus Groups	
1:00 pm - 2:45 pm	Crafts (Wooden Crosses)	Atrium
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Linden Carden	
1:00 pm - 2:45 pm	Armchair Yoga	Assembly
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Susan Hill	Room
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Crocheting Crosses	Room
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Jay Locker	#250
5:15 pm	Devotions:	Chapel Lakeside

Saturday, October 12 (continued)

5:15 pm	Devotion	Chapel Lakeside
5:30 pm	Dinner	Dining Hall
7:00 pm	Gathering & Program Rev. Reba Wiley	Chapel
9:30 pm	Evening Fellowship	Solarium & Lounge

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Spiritual Enrichment Retreat Offering 2019

Our offering is designated to our conference Pledge to Mission and will be received Sunday morning.

If you will not be staying for the closing service, a box to receive your offering will be found in the Chapel.

Checks should be made payable to AWF-UMW.

Sunday, October 13

7:15 am	Devotions	Chapel Lakeside
7:30 am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:30 am	Gathering & Program Rev. Reba Wiley	Chapel
10:30 am	Offering & Communion Rev. Reba Wiley	Chapel

Adjourned after Communion

Report of the Committee on Nominations

Office	Nominee	District
Vice-President	Katy Wrona	Mobile
Treasurer	Jean Creswell	Demopolis
Membership Nurture & Outreach	Kristine Jones	Mont-Prattville
Spiritual Growth	Tutti Johnson	Demopolis
Nominations, Chair	Peggy Cunningham	Baypines
Com. on Nominations	Desiree Clarke	Mobile

The above report submitted by
Zan Jones, Chair, Committee on Nominations and
Members, Cheryl Mothershed, Peggy Cunningham,
Shirley Hodges and Nettie Lang.

To the newly elected officers,

May the following scriptures guide your interpretation of

The 2020 Theme “In His Service”

✝ “Those who have served well gain a good standing and
considerable confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.”

✝ 1 Timothy 3:13 (CEB)

ELECTION PROCEDURES

Extracted from Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Women Standing Rules.

IV. Elections and Meetings.

The voting Body of the Annual Meeting of the conference organization shall be composed of the following:

- One representative from each Local Unit,
- Conference Executive Committee,
- Bishop,
- District Executive Committees,
- District Superintendents,
- Directors of UMW residing within the conference,
- Officers of the Jurisdiction residing within the conference.

The Election and Voting process is as follows:

The Executive Mission Team will be nominated, elected and installed as United Methodist Women officers. They will need your support to lead and organize our AWF-UMW membership for the Purpose of mission for women, children, and youth.

We will receive the Committee on Nominations (CON) Slate of Officers report for the next term from the CON Chair. As President, I will explain and conduct the election process before the membership present. We will proceed with the election and end with the installation of those voted into positions. Only those AWF-UMW delegates attending notated in our Standing Rules will Vote. There are no absentee votes; your participation is very important and we will need your attention to this election process.

Debbie Bell, President
Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Women

STANDING RULES

Upon review of the Alabama West Florida Conference of United Methodist Women Standing Rules, the committee determined that clarification was needed for the term of this position. Please note the recommended addition is printed in BOLD.

The Committee on Standing Rules is recommending the following changes:

I. Appointed Leaders, Art. II, pg. 101

5. Representative to the Conference Board of Laity

6. The Web Master

II. Duties of Appointed Leaders, Art. II, pg. 101

4. The representatives appointed by the president to other boards and agencies shall represent United Methodist Women. They will attend all their meetings and give a written report to the president the actions of that board or agency.

5. The Board of Laity representative shall represent United Methodist Women and will attend the meetings. She shall give a written report to the president the actions of the Board of Laity.

6. The duty of the Web Master is to maintain the official Alabama-West Florida conference United Methodist Women's website at <https://www.awf-umw.org>.

II. Duties of Appointed Leaders, Art. II, pg. 101

g. One district president

i. business session during the Spiritual Enrichment Retreat.

VI. NOMINEES TO NATIONAL METHODIST WOMEN

e. National will select a representative from the list in the event a director is not elected from this conference at the Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting. The person selected by National will represent the conference on the Program Advisory Group for one term (4 years).

VII. FUNDS

a. **No more than 40%** of the conference/**districts** mission giving shall be used for the administration and membership development expenses of the conference, and **1%** of the annual pledge shall be sent to the Southeastern Jurisdiction fund for administration and membership development and a remittance to the districts for administration and membership development. A remittance to the districts for administration and membership development, \$300.00 from each district's administration and membership development funds shall be designated for representation by districts beyond the conference to Assembly and/or Jurisdiction.

b. The only monies a district may hold at years' end are **as follows:**

d. In the first quarter of the year, district treasurers shall subtract the \$750 start-up monies from their request for funds from the A&MD **budget.**

Proposed Budget for 2020

2020 District Budgets

1. Bay Pines	2,245
2. Demopolis	1,855
3. Dothan	2,045
4. Marianna/Panama City	1,650
5. Mobile	3,685
6. Montgomery-Opelika	1,410
7. Montgomery-Prattville	1,635
8. Pensacola	3,860

TOTAL DISTRICT BUDGETS	18,385
2020 CONFERENCE BUDGET	25,252
TOTAL	43,637

2020 District Pledges

1. Bay Pines	14,000
2. Demopolis	15,000
3. Dothan	14,000
4. Marianna/Panama City	11,000
5. Mobile	20,000
6. Montgomery-Opelika	8,000
7. Montgomery-Prattville	11,000
8. Pensacola	22,500

TOTAL DISTRICT PLEDGE 2020	118,200
CONFERENCE PLEDGE	100,470
(85% of District Pledges)	

Submitted by Jean R. Creswell, Conference Treasurer
Adopted by the Finance Committee and
Approved by the Executive Mission Team July 13, 2019.

Calendar 2020

January 17-18 (Friday & Saturday)

AWF-UMW Conference Executive Mission Team meeting,
Marianna First UMC.

February 6-8 (Friday through Sunday)

National United Methodist Women Leadership
Development Days, St. Louis, MO.

February 14-15 (Friday & Saturday)

AWF-UMW Conference Annual Day at Enterprise First
UMC, Enterprise, Alabama. Memorial Service for members
deceased January 1, 2019—December 31, 2019.

July 10-11 (Friday & Saturday)

AWF-UMW Conference Executive Mission Team meeting
at Gadsden Street UMC, Pensacola, FL. District
Treasurers attend.

July 24-25 (Friday & Saturday)

AWF Cooperative Mission u at Aldersgate UMC,
Montgomery, AL.

October 9-10 (Friday & Saturday)

AWF-UMW Spiritual Enrichment Retreat at Blue Lake
Assembly Grounds in Andalusia, AL.
2021 Election and Officer Installation.

November 7 (Saturday)

AWF-UMW Conference Executive Mission Team meeting
with District Treasurers and Presidents. Location to be
announced.

November - Recommended UMW Day celebrations per
Local Unit. Be Invitational!

Newsletter Deadlines 10th day of February, May, July, November

2017–2020 Priority Issues

Climate Justice

Maternal and Child Health

Criminalization of Communities of Color

Economic Inequality

Special Thanks

Blue Lake	Director & Staff
Devotions	Spiritual Growth Leaders
Focus Group Leaders:	
Crafts (Wooden Crosses)	Linden Carden
Armchair Yoga	Susan Hill
Crocheting Crosses	Jay Locker
Photographers	All With A Camera
Pianist	Peggy Kundo
Prayer Room	Tutti Johnson
Program Book	Kim Doss
Refreshments	District
Song Leader	Sarah Fell
Spiritual Leader	Rev. Reba Wiley
Decorations	Committee on Program Members

Recipients of The Nell Chance Award

2010	Sarah Campbell
2011	Abigail Tuten
2012	Chelsea Alexis Bauer & Kelly Elizabeth Stuart
2013	Jan Hulbert
2014	Mary Presley
2015	Virginia Lindley
2016	None
2017	Lucia Pepper
2018	Bobbie Lou Samac

Alabama-West Florida UMW Mission Team 2019

President	Debbie Bell
Vice President	Joan Simmons
Secretary	Cathy Givan
Treasurer	Jean Creswell
Communications Coordinator	Michele Smith
Program Resources	Sally Ozan
Spiritual Growth	Tutti Johnson
Education& Interpretation	Joyce Genz
Social Action	Ora Gillespie
Committee on Nominations Chair	Zan Jones
Nominations Member	Nettie Lang
Nominations Member	Cheryl Mothershed
Nominations Member	Shirley Hodges
Nominations Member	Peggy Cunningham
National Vice President	Clara Ester
SEJ President	Betty Helms
Bishop	David Graves

Appointed

Racial Justice	Zan Jones
Registrar	Jean Creswell
Mission u Dean	Margaret Larson
Parliamentarian and Bylaws	Betty Helms
Website Manager	Anne Capps

Agency Board Members

Board of Laity	June Headrick
Dumas Wesley Community Center	Barbara Carroll
Communities of Transformation	Ora Gillespie

Notes and Autographs

Tipping Our Dining Staff

Tips collected throughout the year are equally divided among the Kitchen/Dining staff.

United Methodist Women

celebrating our 150th anniversary in 2019 by strengthening and passing on our mission inheritance.

Legacy Fund.

There are many ways to contribute to the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign, so please decide the best way for you to make your charitable gift. You may send your contribution or plan a monthly commitment, or speak with us if you have questions or need additional information.

United Methodist Women Development Office
475 Riverside Drive, 15th floor, New York, NY 10115
212-870-3734; e-mail: legacy150@unitedmethodistwomen.org
Give online: unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund



Announcing the 1869 Society!

"I named United Methodist Women as the beneficiary of my 403(b) from work. I specifically named the Legacy Fund because I know my gift will benefit women who will grow in faith and gain leadership skills for their own lives. My legacy gift is meaningful to me and that means it is meaningful to United Methodist Women."



- Shannon Priddy.

To learn more about the 1869 Society, visit:

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150/give#plan or contact the United Methodist Women Development Office at 212-870-3705.



Southeastern Jurisdiction Meeting United Methodist Women

April 17 – April 19, 2020

**The Renaissance Riverview
Plaza Hotel, Mobile, Alabama.**

Register Now at:

**[https://www.umwsej.org/
registration](https://www.umwsej.org/registration)**

Our Purpose

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Living the Vision

We provide opportunities and resources to grow spiritually, become more deeply rooted in Christ and put faith into action.

We are organized for growth, with flexible structures leading to effective witness and action.

We equip women and girls around the world to be leaders in communities, agencies, workplaces, governments and churches.

We work for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems.

We provide educational experiences that lead to personal change in order to transform the world.

Our Logo



The cross and flame are ancient symbols of the church and appear on The United Methodist Church emblem. The cross reminds us to follow in the steps of Jesus in our lives. The flame originates from Pentecost and resonates—even today - in Paul's words to Timothy:

thy: "I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God which is within you." - 2 Timothy 1:6

As United Methodist Women, we give our gift of God with others through mission.

Our emblem reminds us of our **PURPOSE** of growing in our understanding of and willingness to participate in the global ministries of the church. The overall fluid and free flowing shape of the emblem suggests change and mobility. Our foremothers were advocates for change; change and growth continue to be at the heart of United Methodist Women's sisterhood and mission.