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# The Informer

Mobile District United Methodist Women Newsletter Feb 2017

## A Message from the President

United Methodist Women Sisters:

We have reached the end of our first quarter, and needless to say, it has been “different”. It’s just April and we have already held Conference and District Annual Days, a Mission Study and started working on the next quarter.

I trust that your unit has gotten off to a good start. By now Pledge Cards should be signed, membership rolls set, calendar programs are being implemented and hopefully you have made your first quarterly pledge transfer to our district treasurer.

Thank you for your timely participation in the 150 Legacy Fund and National Census. Our Annual Day was successful and informative thanks to our 15 of 21 units in attendance. Congratulations to units receiving awards. See photos on our website.

The next quarter events are the UMCOR workshop at Christ UMC, Mission u at Millbrook UMC and Mission Study at Theodore UMC. Please visit the district and conference sites for details and registration forms. I encourage members to attend and ALL OFFICERS to set leadership examples by attending these exciting activities - WE GROW BY LEARNIG!! Also, be reminded that early registration for the 2018 ASSEMBLY “The Power of Bold” starts September 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Mobile District Mission Team has started planning sessions for next year. If you would like to serve in an officer position or your unit would consider hosting District Training, Annual or Spiritual Enrichment Day or a Mission Study, please let us know as soon as possible.

The Mission Team will begin visits to church services around the district. We will notify presidents and communication coordinators of the dates, OR you can let us know when you want us to come. All UMW sisters are invited to come with us.

**KEEP PUTTING FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE INTO  
ACTION – THAT’S WHAT WE DO!!**

IN SERVICE  
*Barbara*

**BARBARA CARROLL, MOBILE DISTRICT UMW PRESIDENT**



### UMW Calendar

#### District Dates

May 20 – UMCOR Workshop – Christ  
 August – District Mission Study - Theodore  
 Sept 16 – District Spiritual Enrichment Day – Kingswood (election of District Officers)

#### Conference Dates

July 21-22 Mission u - Millbrook  
 Oct 20-22 - Spiritual Enrichment Retreat, Blue Lake

#### Other Dates

June 4-7 – AWF Annual Conference – Frazer  
 “Imagine By Faith, It Can Happen”  
 May 18-20 2018 UMW Assembly – Columbus, OH  
 “Power of Bold”  
 Nov – UMW Sunday in local churches

### 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.

### LADIES HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO THROW YOUR COMPUTER OUT THE WINDOW?

That is me today!

They are working on the cable down the street and my connection shuts off every so often. So please bear with me.

I wish to tell all the Unit Treasurers how much I appreciate all the work you put into your jobs.

Without you I would be up a creek without a paddle. So Thank You very much. Together we can climb mountains.

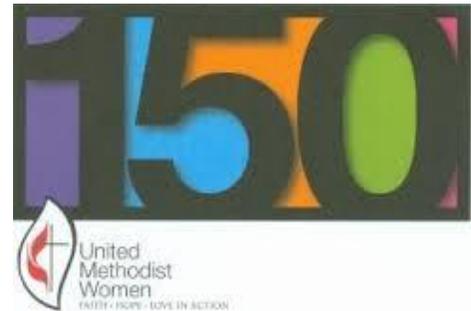
I want to remind you that all Legacy Money goes directly to The Legacy Fund. This way the Unit gets credit for their donation.

I hope to see many of you at our next District meeting. I hope to meet some of you that I have not had the pleasure of meeting.

I am always available for you. If I dont know the answer we will find it.

Kathy Ulmer  
 District Treasurer  
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 251-545-6438

Results received from the National UMW Office indicate that \$258,272 was received during the UMW Legacy Fund Day of Giving. Thank you, Mobile District, for your participation!



### Directory Changes

Please make the following changes to your District UMW Directory

Pine Grove - VP Maxine Winters - she no longer has e-mail

Theodore First - Secretary Dominique House - change e-mail address to [bbroughton0717@bishop.edu](mailto:bbroughton0717@bishop.edu)

T'ville-Warren - President Sylvia McCaskill - address is correct in District Mission Team list, but incorrect on T'ville-Warren page - should be 4612 Michael

T'ville-Warren - E&I - Pamela Moore – change phone # to 251-463-5624

All local UMW please review your directory. If you did not receive a hard copy it is available at the District office and on the website. If you see an error or your officers are different please notify me via my email, [michelesmith2002@hotmail.com](mailto:michelesmith2002@hotmail.com). The directory is a constant work in progress. Thank you!

Michele Smith  
 District secretary 2017-18

## About Websites

Often we hear, “Too much information” when referring to the Internet. This is true in some cases but the main thing is knowing how to maneuver through the weeds to find blossoms. There are tools to help you with this.

On the Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Women’s website we try to keep the items sorted by the main interests. That is, the main webpage, [www.awf-umw.org](http://www.awf-umw.org) contains items and events which are AWF UMW. There you will find things like Mission u 2017 because that is a conference event. By the way, this is my favorite of three annual UMW meetings. I see Annual Day as mainly business, Retreat is spiritual and Mission u (formerly School of Mission) is learning combined with fun and I urge you to attend.

The subpages of the main site are the district pages [www.awf-umw.org/mobile.html](http://www.awf-umw.org/mobile.html) notice the /mobile indicating Mobile District. On these pages, we advertise upcoming events and record history of our district. It is also helpful to visit the other district pages to see what they are doing.

The national United Methodist Women’s website [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org) contains information which is common to all conferences. A favorite memory is 1982 Assembly in Philadelphia. Assembly provides opportunities to share experiences with women from all conferences. You’ll find announcements about Assembly 2018 on the national website. I urge you to go, experience new things and make new lifelong friends.

It is best when looking for information to go to the right place. While you may find how to make UMCOR kits on various web pages, you will get the most current and accurate information from [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org). Frequently kit requirements are updated and sub groups may fail to make the changes to their websites.

Search is a very good tool. I love Google for a general search. For example, I am on the committee on nominations and want to know my responsibilities, I enter ‘nominations united Methodist women’ in a Google search and the top two results give me links to exactly what I need.

Please don’t become discouraged in using websites. I love getting e-mails and will do my best to send you a direct link to what you need. I love hearing from those of you who give your time to the mission through United Methodist Women and don’t want you to waste your time searching too long. I’m always available to help and I thank you for the opportunity to remain in mission by being your “keeper of the AWF UMW web pages.”

Vera Moore  
Web Queen, Mobile District and AWF UMW

**FAITH — “. . . of greater worth than gold . . .**  
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*These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith — of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire — may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. — 1*

Peter 1: 7 NIV



On January 8th, 2017, nine UMW women and three girls from Saraland United Methodist Church joined together to make blankets for Project Linus. Project Linus provides blankets to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer “blanketeers.” The ladies created fleece, knit, and crochet blankets for infants to teenagers. The head of the Mobile Chapter of Project Linus, Pam Pully was our featured guest and will deliver the blankets we created to USA Children's & Women's Hospital.

Units are needed to host  
 2018 District Events:  
 Training, Annual Day,  
 Spiritual Enrichment Day  
 and Mission Studies.  
 PLEASE CALL  
 BARBARA CARROLL  
 AND VOLUNTEER AS  
 SOON AS POSSIBLE

\*\*\*\*\* FIVE STAR UNITS \*\*\*\*\*

Congratulations to the Mobile District Units listed below who contributed to all 5 Channels of Giving

- ❖ CHRIST
- ❖ CITRONELLE
- ❖ GRAND BAY
- ❖ KINGSWOOD
- ❖ NEW LIFE
- ❖ PINE GROVE
- ❖ SOUTH BROOKLEY
- ❖ THEODORE
- ❖ ST. MARK



In service to others, the Mobile District United Methodist Women will be hosted by Christ United Methodist Women for a day of work in mission at the annual United Methodist Committee on Relief workshop. We will be preparing Health Kits filled with items basic to personal cleanliness – items that seem to be needed constantly *somewhere* in our country and in our world. All Mobile District UMW members are encouraged to participate in this inspirational gathering as on May 20 at 9:30 AM in the Christ Center Gathering Area (2<sup>nd</sup> floor). Brunch will be provided but bring your own cup (Green Day) and bring the items needed for the health kits. It will be a great day for mission!

# United Methodist Women

May 20, 2017

## Mobile District UMW Action Workshop

## United Methodist Committee on Relief

Christ Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Assembly Area, 9:30-Noon

*Bring your own cup (green day)*

*The need for Health Kits seems to be unending so this workshop continues to be an important outreach of the United Methodist Women of the Mobile District. Learn more as we work together to help others and as we count our many blessings.*

*Members who cannot attend the workshop may sponsor kits for \$15 each, which covers supplies and shipping. Please consult with your circle chair to make financial contributions, as this is not a designated fundraiser.*

### Supplies needed for health kits

**NEWHAND TOWELS** – 15”x25” to 17”x27”

*+++No kitchen, cleaning or microfiber towels, please.*

**NEWWASHCLOTHS** – *Do not wash hand towels or washcloths.*

**COMBS** – Sturdy, at least 6 inches long. *No pocket combs or picks.*

**NAIL FILE OR CLIPPERS** – *No emery boards or toenail clippers.*

**BAR SOAP** – 3 oz. or larger only.

*+++No Jergen's or Ivory brand soap, please. Do not remove packaging.*

**TOOTHBRUSHES** – Adult size only. *Do not remove packaging.*

**ADHESIVE BANDAGES** – 6 per kit; ¾” to 1”-size *Common household band-aids.*

*+++\$1 per kit - For bulk purchase of toothpaste to be completed by UMCOR+++*



*For more information, contact Joyce Genz at 251.259.1675 or [jgenz@comcast.net](mailto:jgenz@comcast.net).*



### It's Happening!

- Conference Annual Day - Our attendance was a lot less than in the past-maybe because of the date change, but we were well represented and Mobile District won the “Many Colors, One Spirit Banner. Our District Pledge to Missions remains the same- \$20,000.00. Thanks to the units who donated toward Friday night refreshments and to Michele Smith and Sharon Murphy for doing the work and the wonderful presentation
- District Annual Day - 15 of 21 units were present at Annual Day-this is good, but we need to improve our attendance percentage because “togetherness” has its advantages. It allows us to exchange ideas, celebrate accomplishments and inspire each other. Our speaker, Crystal Couch spoke to us on FAITH. Congratulations to units and persons receiving awards and thanks to our District UMW Vice-President, Juanita (Jay) Locker for chairing our day. Also thanks to the ladies at Dauphin Way UMW for hosting
- District Training Day - Most of our Units were present and we covered a lot of information. The offer still stands, if any units need additional President or Treasurer training, we will arrange a time for you. There are still a few units that did not pick up training packets. They will be available for you at the District Offer through the month of April. Thanks to the ladies at Christ UMW for hosting and to our District Mission Team for preparing and training for this event
- District Mission Study - Our Mission Study on Climate Justice was awesome. It was very well attended and the instructor, Debbie Bracewell, Dothan UMW District President was very informative. Thanks to the ladies at Springhill Ave UMW for hosting.

Barbara Carroll  
Mobile District UMW President



## **Spiritual Enrichment**

Hope you and all your group will be coming to the SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT DAY at Kingswood United Methodist Church on September 16, 2017 from 10 AM-2 PM. We are working hard to provide you something that will be a real spiritual uplift and motivate your continued growth. At this time, we are also planning break-out sessions so that you can have more personal contact with the leaders and be able discuss with the leader of the topic you choose. Also, the members of Church Women United of Mobile will be sharing in our day. You will want to met these ladies and get to know more about their programs. See you there!!!! Hope your summer is a good one and that you can attend Mission U. Let me know if you would like any information or a speaker on Spiritual Enrichment for your meetings.

Gail Bradford  
District Spiritual Enrichment Chair

## **GROW AND GLOW**

I hope you are praying daily for each of the District Churches in the Pray Calendar, We ALL need prayer. Thank you for your support.

For a Circle Project . . . "Blessings in a Jar". Each time you have a blessing, make a note, date it and put it into the jar. When the Blessings Jar is full read all the blessings and see what God has done for you! THIS IS GOOD!!

During your Sunday Services time of greeting people, remember to give out your UMW cards which should have the meeting time and place. Just give out the cards. . . You may make a new friend and your Circle will grow.

Prayer, blessings, meet and greet are ways to make your Circle grow and glow. This is what we are here to do - Amen!!

Call if you need help, 251-581-1443.

Robbie Bunkley, Membership Nurture and Outreach.



In 2010, the Nellie Burge Community Center, was renamed Mary Ellen's Hearth and the focus was changed to providing transitional housing for homeless women with children. The facility has ten independent living units that helps families move toward self-sufficiency. Residents are house for up to two years and during that time they are given support including parenting skills, life skills training. Support continues after they relocate to permanent housing. Mary Ellen's Hearth is one of the UMW Conference Special Mission Agencies. Your UMW dollars help to support this vital mission.

2018 District Mission Team Officers will be elected at our Spiritual Enrichment Service on September 16. The Nominations Committee is seeking and receiving names to fill vacant positions. If you are interested or know someone that can possibly serve, please contact the team immediately. It is important that we have representation from as many units as possible so that everyone has a chance to share talents, knowledge, ideas and experiences.

**YOUR SERVICES ARE NEEDED – SAY “YES” TODAY!!!  
PUT YOUR FAITH HOPE AND LOVE INTO ACTION**

**Nettie Lang, UMW MOBILE DISTRICT NOMINATIONS CHAIR**

 <p><b>Dean Betty Helms</b> is eager to know you will join her at Millbrook FUMC July 21 &amp; 22</p>	<p><b>Alabama-West Florida Conference Cooperative Mission u Event</b> <b>Friday, July 21 and Saturday, July 22, 2017</b> <b>First United Methodist Church Millbrook, Alabama</b></p>	
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