

VISION

Pensacola District United Methodist Women

Fall 2020

2020 Alabama-West Florida UMW Spiritual Enrichment Retreat (SER)

A virtual retreat is being planned.

Details will be released to Unit Presidents when finalized and will also be available on the Conference website awf-umw.org. Saturday, October 17, 2020 is the planned start date. This is a great chance for all of us to attend online. You will be asked to register and will be sent a link. Online offerings can be made through the registration process by credit card; otherwise the event is free and available to all.

Reporting Dates to Remember

See the District Directory for emails and addresses.

November 2, 2020--All monies submitted to the treasurer: Judi Dickens

November 30 2020—A list of officers for 2021 sent to: Vicki Snider

November 30—Consolidated President's report sent to: Sharon Hogan

January 10, 2021—Report membership and names of deceased members during 2020 to: Peggy Patrick

No-bake Bake Sale



Thank you for joining us in a “No-Bake Bake Sale.” The work and missions of United Methodist Women go on and need our continuing support. Without our District Events, we haven’t been together and haven’t raised the money we usually do. If you would like to contribute, send a check to your unit treasurer and note for the No-bake Bake Sale. Contributions will be accepted by the District Treasurer, Judi Dickens, until Nov. 30, 2020. Thank you for being a UMW member and making the work of UMW possible.

President's Message

Hello Ladies!

I hope this note finds everyone well rested, healthy and all caught up on those UFO's! Fall is upon us...(so excited, only 3 more months until 2020 will just be a memory). I hope everyone has renewed their time with their savior!!! I'm so excited about the 2020-2021 theme: “Hope, Joy, Peace, Trust, and Power.” The district team will be hitting the ground walking fast. (Surely you didn't think we would be running). Keep conferences and District leaders in your prayers as we finish planning the 2021 calendar.

Wishing each and every one of you a very healthy and blessed holidays-----virtual hugs to all.

Sharon Hogan



Nell Chance Award 2020—

Sara Munday, Gulf Breeze United Methodist Women, is the winner of the 2020 Nell Chance Award. Sara is recognized for her work, accomplishments and commitment to the mission of

UMW. She served in Gulf Breeze local unit in many positions including President and Treasurer. She was Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator for the District and was a speaker at the local, district and conference levels. During her life, she has served as a Sunday school teacher, pianist and choir director.

This award is given by the Alabama-West Florida Conference to recognize currently active UMW members and as a way to remember Nell Chance for her many years as a moving force in the mission work of United Methodist Women in our Conference. Nell was a passionate believer in our mission to women, children and youth. She served in many positions in her local Monroeville unit as well as the District, Conference and Jurisdiction.

UMW NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

Trinity UMW—Trinity submitted Priddy Pal and Nell Chance nominations for 2020 to our conference.



Celebrating Merle Carter's Birthday—Trinity UMW

Destin UMW—In the early 2000's Jan Hinch, a beloved member of Destin UMW (now deceased), presented an idea to the membership that was the preparation and distribution of chemo kits to be presented to patients undergoing chemotherapy. This would be a gift of care and comfort to be used as they spend time receiving their injections. Members gather twice each year to assemble kits.

Each kit contains comfort items such as: chapstick, hand cream, hand sanitizer, water and mints, along with a pillow, book, notebooks, pens and tissues. Included for encouragement are Bibles (white for women, black for men), various poems and blessing prayers. As a special gift an angel pin is tucked inside for women and a bookmark/tie tack for men, all created in the Destin's UMW jewelry workshop. Upon assembly and blessings from the minister the chemo kits are then distributed to Emerald Coast Cancer Center and Ascension Sacred Heart Cancer Center.



Chemo Kits—Destin UMW

First Church Pensacola UMW—During the pandemic while the church facilities have been closed the Prayer Shawl ladies have continued to be busy. This busy group has been Zooming weekly at noon every Tuesday. Three of their projects include:

- **Prayer Shawls** for 2020 graduating seniors.
- **Prayer Squares** have been given to employees of local Adult Congregate Living Facilities, Jennifer Piver has distributed 445 squares to encourage these heroes who are caring for so many elders.
- **Fiddle Mats** for dementia patients who need something to keep their hands busy are being created. This is a new ministry for the group. They are gathering large (1 inch and above) buttons and other items that can be sewn onto the crocheted mat that sits on the lap of a person. If you wish to participate please call group leader, Karen Bower, 850-516-5879.

Warrington UMW—In the time of staying home we hopefully are catching up on our reading. Here are two books in the UMW Reading Program.

Born on Third Base by Chuck Collins. This book is NOT about baseball. The author is the grandson of Oscar Mayer, meatpacker. When Chuck was 15 his father told him he would inherit enough wealth to pay for college and would not have to work. He did encourage him to pursue a career as if the money wasn't there. Chuck writes about all types of wealth, why some big companies/people don't pay taxes, the advantages/disadvantages of having wealth and how wealth equality is wrecking the world. (Social Action, 2018).

The Same Sky by Amanda Eyre Ward.

This novel is about two women. Alice lives a normal life in Texas with her husband. Carla is 12 and has to grow up fast as the caretaker of her 6 year old brother in Honduras. She feeds herself and her brother from the dump. Her mother sends her a little money from America. The author painstakingly researched immigrating to America in this book. (Nurturing for Community, 2019).

Becky Hiller

Note: 2015-2020 books count in 2020.