

Trumpet Sound

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We are in the process of "change". Just saying the word change conjures up many thoughts — some positive and some negative. I am reminded in scripture that when we are uncertain about the future or don't know what is before us, we are to put our trust in God. So far, I like the new name, United Women in Faith. It's inclusive. I like the new logo. I can see the cross (but that might be because I'm used to seeing shapes due to my love of quilting). I know that this new name is going to be complicated. Having just reviewed the Standing Rules for our district, I don't know if I have to change the names within the documents? Are we the East Central District United Women in Faith?

My husband and I have moved seven times in the last twentytwo years. Talk about "changes", but we have managed to sort out the obstacles in our own way. We didn't have a magic wand to instantly put everything in place. It took time. So, with the newness of the changes with our rebranding—be patient. What hasn't changed is our Purpose or our Mission.

On a happy note, thank you to all the women from each cluster group for participating in the Tea Parties. I had fun and it seemed that you did, too. I hope the attendees will remember your new skills (lip reading and whooper lessons)!

Mission Study What Does God Expect From Us?

Hosted by: United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church, Clermont, FL

All Women are invited to First United Methodist Church of Clermont for a Mission Study.

"Living into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship" Based on <u>Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom</u> by Darryl W. Stephens

Mission Study hosted by United Methodist Women of Clermont, Florida April 30, 10:00 – 2:30

> The Social Hall of the First United Methodist Church 950 Seventh Street, Clermont, FL

Based on scripture, we will examine our role in God's plan and opportunities to serve Him as moral witnesses to His will for a more just world. What does it look like to bear witness to God's gracious presence in ways that make a tangible difference to all of creation, and all persons, especially victims of injustice and those who are most vulnerable? Join us as we find our place in God's kin-dom.

Muffins and coffee will be provided during registration from 9:30 - 10:00. The study will begin at 10:00. Lunch will be provided.

Participants, please bring a Bible, a pen, and old magazines, in order to reduce waste, your own beverage container for water, tea, or coffee that we will have available.

Register on the East Central District Website by April 13.

https://www.flecdumw.org/events

If Childcare is needed: Contact Linda Welander at lindawelander@gmail.com by April 7, so arrangements can be made.

Park in the South Parking Lot and enter through the double glass doors on east or right-hand side of the Sanctuary. Inside the doors you will find stairs and an elevator to the Social Hall and restrooms straight ahead. We hope to see you there.



News from your District Leadership Team & Committees

Social Action

by Gillian Wolfe

Friday, April 22, 2022 is the 52nd anniversary of the very first Earth Day which was celebrated in 1970. This year the Earth Day celebrations are around the theme "Invest in our Planet" with an effort to reduce our carbon footprint. What is your unit doing to celebrate? What is your church doing? What are you personally doing to invest in our planet? Those questions are not just rhetorical, they must be taken seriously with prayer, thought and action, if we want to have a planet to invest in in the future.

May I suggest that you pick one day a week to go meatless, you organize a neighborhood cleanup day to collect all the plastics, cans and bottles that are littering our communities, you go to duke-energy.com/HEC and book a free household energy audit to find out how well your home is insulated, and you ask your church members to bring their own coffee cups to and from home if they want to drink coffee at church in order to reduce our use of single use plastic or styrofoam cups. Those are things I plan to do this year because I know how important it is to take care of our planet, and if I don't do it, who will?

Thank you for changing the world with your efforts to invest in our planet, not just on April 22nd but on each and every day of the year.



Book Club

Sponsored by the East Central District Board

The East Central District Book Club invites you to join them every month on the second Tuesday on Zoom.

You can find more information on our website.

April 12 – "The Same Sky" by Amanda Eyre Ward

May 10 - "No Justice" by Robbie Tolan

June 14 — "When Others Shuddered" by Jamie Janosz

Unit News....

Lake Helen United Methodist Women

Submitted by: Jessica Galindo

Since 2007 the United Methodist Women have displayed numerous of nativity scenes from all over the world during the biennial Lake Helen Christmas Tour of Homes and Churches. This extraordinary tradition reminds and educates the church congregation and the community of the global connection of Christianity, along with the beautiful gift of diversity. Nativity scenes are collected or loaned from many destinations including Peru, Hawaii, Bangladesh, Africa, Mexico,



and the Holy Land. Many of nativities are antiques, and many are uniquely made from a variety of materials like iron, wood carvings, even strips of paper from magazines as displayed in our Vietnamese nativity. Also displayed was the rock nativity created by our Youth Ministry.



Oviedo United Methodist Church

Submitted by: Cindy Sloan

WOMEN'S NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP

The February 2022 Women's Night of Fellowship took place on Tuesday evening, February 8th and was hosted by the Esther Circle. The Fellowship Hall was beautifully decorated and everyone enjoyed a wonderful evening of fellowship with scrumptious desserts, games, and an informative program on the Samaritan Village in Orlando. This Christ-centered program is a "helping hands" project for a number of the Oviedo UMW Circles. Dionne (Dee) Coleman, Executive Director along with Ruth Carmona, Operations Manager and Board member, Kathy Miller updated everyone on this long-term residential safe home and its therapeutic programs for adult survivors of sex trafficking as well as details on the up-coming Fall fundraiser. A love offering was collected and given to the Samaritan Village at the conclusion of the evening.

We're a sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation.



Who Can We Be Together?

Building Communities of Hope and Joy

Don't Forget to Register for Mission The deadline is May 7.

There are four options, two in-person and two virtual events.

The Adults Only in-person is **July 11–13**, to register go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/236830385057. This event is for adults only and all classes will be in English. COVID vaccinations are required.

The Adults, Youth and Children in-person is **July 14—16**, to register go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/252233947527. This event is for adults, youth, and children. Classes will be in Korean, Haitian Creole, Spanish, and English. Covid vaccinations are required for attendees over the age of 5.

Virtual Events, to register for either of the virtual events, go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/256893604687. These events are for adults and in English. You can choose to attend July 29-31 in the daytime or in the evenings on July 26, 28 and Aug. 2 and Aug 4.

You can download paper registration forms from: https://flconfumw.org/mission-u-%26-studies

For Questions contact LCP.missionu@gmail.com or by leaving a phone message at 321-292-9359 Be sure to leave your name and phone number if you call.

Celebrating 75+ years of Mission Education in the Florida Conference!

Announcement

If you have not joined a small group of Bold Women (United Women of Faith) and you cannot commit to a fixed schedule or participate in the daytime or, your small group has become too small because of a variety of circumstances, LOOK NO FURTHER. A new virtual group is forming that may fit your needs. There will be a gathering of interested (or curious) women on April 19th, 2022 by zoom. Please contact Anne Winn by text (352-630-8033) or email (annewinn.umw@gmail.com) for the information you'll need to join the meeting.

The purpose of this gathering is to design a new group where you can choose how you want to shape your definition of Bold Women of Faith.



Events

April 30, 2022
East Central District Mission Study
Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom of God
Location: First United Methodist
Church of Clermont.
Time: 10 am to 2:30 pm
RSVP: www.flecdumw.org/events

May 20-22, 2022
United Methodist Women Assembly 2022
Orange County Convention Center – Orlando
To register and more information:
Assembly 2022 Details - Click Here

Mission U
July 11-13 (Monday-Wednesday), 2022
In-Person Location: Warren Willis United
Methodist Conference Center
(This event is for Adults Only)

July 14-16 (Thursday-Saturday), 2022 In-Person Location: Warren Willis United Methodist Conference Center (This event is for adults, youth and children)

Mission U
Virtual Events
July 29-31 in the daytime or
July 26-28 and Aug 2-4 in the evenings

September 9-11, 2022
Conference Spiritual Enrichment Retreat
Location: Warren Willis United Methodist
Conference Center
Time TBD
RSVP: TBD

Saturday, October 8, 2022
District Annual Meeting
Who Should Attend: All Unit Officers and interested unit members
Location: TBD
Time: TBD

November 2-4, 2022 SEJ Lake Junaluska Link to Register: TBD

RSVP: TBD

Saturday, November 19, 2022 Conference Annual Meeting Location: First UMC, Lakeland Time: TBD Link to Register: TBD

Saturday, December 3, 2022 Conference Advent Retreat Location: TBD

A Note From Your Communications Coordinator.....

The Trumpet Sound will be published bimonthly (Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec). **The due date for all articles for the June issue is May 15th.**

Here are some ideas for articles:

- How is your unit serving in missions?
- Please make sure the article is no more than one or two paragraphs
- Please only submit one picture per article
- Have you used the UMW Program Book for a unit event?
- Have you done a program on Call to Prayer and Self-Denial?
- How have you used the Daily Prayer Guide?
- We will NOT except articles about fundraising.

Please send in your articles to kristicarnesale.umw@gmail.com.
In the subject line put Trumpet Sound June.

Submit by Sunday, May 15th!

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at kristicarnesale.umw@gmail.com

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