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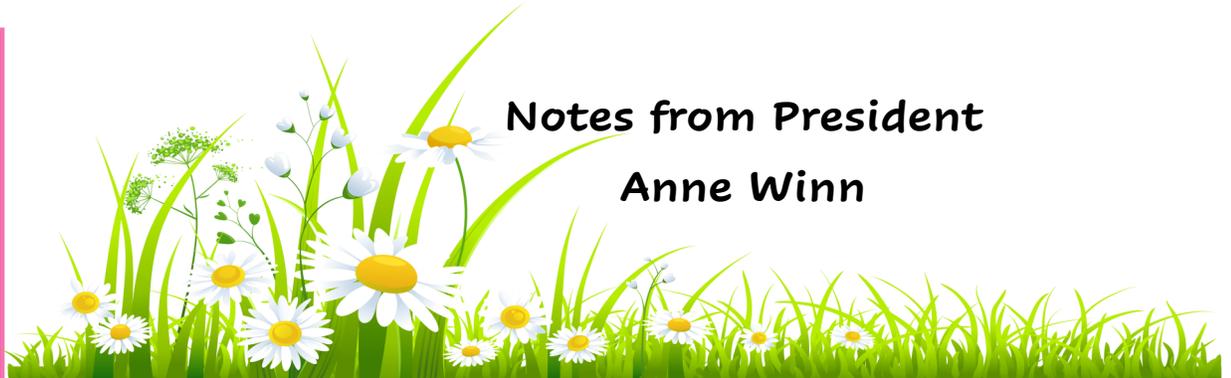
United
Women
in Faith

Trumpet Sound

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Notes from President Anne Winn



Assembly 2022! My experience was so transformative that I hardly have words of praise that can describe it. For those who attended this event—you know what I mean. This was the best Christian experience of my life!! I haven't talked to anyone who attended virtually to gage their experiences. However, if you missed Assembly, you missed out on fabulous gatherings. You can see glimpses of the action by the pictures, videos, podcasts and many other social media sources. If I had to choose what stood out to me, it would be understanding the reason and purpose of the rebranding of our organization. Women (within UWF, outside of UWF, and members of our denomination) want to be connected to an organization that provides the following:

- Sisterhood - a connection to women that are like-minded
- Soul Care - spiritual growth and healthy living
- Mission - a purposeful life that makes a difference

At first glance, you may think these three desires are shallow or vague. At Assembly we chose classes that better defined what these life choices really mean and how they are connected to Jesus Christ.

A sisterhood is really a new way to say "community". We know that Jesus was not a loner (except for prayer). He worked in small groups (disciples) and large groups (the crowds). You and I want to be connected with each other like a family, to learn from each other, to share the joy of working together for a common cause, and support each other in trying times.

Soul Care is a new way to express growing closer to God by developing an awareness of how we see and experience God through our senses. The focus is to help us step toward God, and rely on him by taking the focus off of me (you).

Mission is not a new word. It is exactly the same word that we know—looking outward and seeing the needs of women, youth, and children.

I encourage all of you to embrace the new path before us. Quit quibbling about the change. Remember the Hebrews exodus out of Egypt. There was a lot of griping and complaining but what was the alternative? Stay a slave? Bondage forever? Or Freedom! Think about the purpose we have recited at all meetings and remember these words: Freedom, Supportive Fellowship, and Mission. Look at the new words—isn't that what we want (and what we have been doing?).

News from your District Leadership Team & Committees

Who will run for President and Vice President?

Anne Winn said yes in 2019 to be the President of East Central District United Methodist Women. Her four years in office are over at the end of this year. Most of those years she has worked without the support of a Vice President.

It is time for you to listen to God's calling to become the President or Vice President of our East Central District. You may say I don't have enough experience, I am too busy, I want to work with my own unit, but is that what God wants from you? God can take care of all these things. Trust and obey. Pray and listen to God about leading The East Central District United Women in Faith in the exciting years ahead.

Contact any of the members of the nominating committee about running for the office of President or Vice President.

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*“Driven by God’s love and united in sisterhood,
we work to improve the lives of women, children and youth.*

Every day, we show up.

We take action.

We get it done.

And we invite you to join us.”

News from your District Leadership Team & Committees

Thank You for attending April's Mission Study!

by Linda Welander

"What Does God Expect from Us?" was the focus of the Mission Study hosted by the Clermont Unit on April 30. Based on the book, Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom, by Darryl Stephens, we, as a church, are challenged to be a moral witness through radical discipleship. Thirty-seven women attended the study, from Mt. Dora, Conway, St. John's, Sanlando, Apopka, New Horizon, Grace of Lake Mary, and FUMC Clermont. Presented by Pat Harrell and Linda Welander, the study began with the question, "Why do we believe all people have intrinsic worth?" Small groups discussed and created posters depicting their beliefs. The second session asked us to define and engage in active listening and empathy. The third session asked us to practice Historical Clarity as we examine the past actions of our church, address any repercussions that have occurred because of unjust practices. The final session looked to a future of Shalom with God, our brothers and sisters, and creation. Small groups rewrote some of the parables using our present context which were enjoyed by the whole group. We were then encouraged to work in solidarity to be God's hands and feet to create the future he desires for us.



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](#).

June 14 – "When Others Shuddered" by Jamie Janosz

Unit News....

Conway United Women in Faith

Submitted by: Frankie Edwards

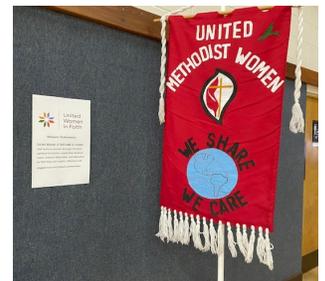
The newly reorganized UWIF at Conway UMC unites to continually work towards turning Faith, Hope and Love into Action. A collection of food items for the Conway UMC Food Pantry and the Orlando Christian Service Center were donated. Both organizations were very appreciative of the help for others in the Orange County community. We assembled and distributed "Blessing Blankets" for the sick and shut-in member of Conway. Our name has changed but our mission work continues to help women, children and youth.



St. John's United Methodist Church and United Women in Faith

Submitted by: Kitty Walker

Celebrating Sixty Years of United Women in Faith



St. John's UMC in Winter Haven had their 60th Anniversary celebration on April 3rd. Sixty years of serving God and community. Pastors Beth and Jim Fogle-Miller were invited back to be part of the service with Pastor Beth preaching. The three ladies in the attached picture are (left to right) Gloria Hart, Jane Wagner (seated), and Pat Shell. These three ladies are the last remaining active Charter Members. It was Jane Wagner's parents that helped to get St John's going in 1962, having the first planning meetings in their home.

Jane Wagner organized the first group of women, then known as the Women's Society of Christian Service which became United Methodist Women and is now known as United Women in Faith. Jane was the first president and held many positions since then, and at 92 years young still joins our monthly meetings by church conference phone. Pat Shell immediately joined the morning circle and was its treasurer for many years. At 90 years young, she also joins our monthly meeting by phone. Gloria Hart was a teenager when the church began and was gone for several years before coming back.

These women have been faithful to the church and to the WSCS, the UMW, and UWIF. We are grateful for their example and pray God will continue to guide us as we move forward in service to God and community.

Unit News continued....

New Horizon United Women In Faith

Your New Horizon *United Women in Faith* in Haines City have been meeting monthly starting in January 2022 and will break for the summer in June 2022. We all have begun to slowly and hopefully recover from the effects of the Covid 19 Pandemic and return to a normal daily routine.

Our January program *Reaching for the Garments of Healing*, she never gave up and Jesus admired her faith and action. Our February program on *Love in Our Life*, God loves us no matter what and He has so much love for all of us called "Agape Love." Before our March program "*St. Patrick's*" our Unit President presented a review of the Response Magazine article, relative to United Methodist Women refreshing its look and we are United Women in Faith. At our April Program we learned "*How Easter is celebrated around the world.*"

We continue our outreach through Missions at a local Assisted Living Facility thru the monthly birthday celebration and crafts, as well as, our participation with Heartland for Children, and our outreach within our Church community family.

Blessings to all from your *New Horizon United Women in Faith*.



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Events

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
Conference Spiritual Enrichment Retreat
Location: Warren Willis United Methodist
Conference Center

Saturday, October 8, 2022

District Annual Meeting
Who Should Attend: All Unit Officers and
interested unit members
Location: Sanlando UMC
Time: TBD
RSVP: TBD

November 2-4, 2022

SEJ Lake Junaluska
Link to Register: 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.....

What is your unit doing to show LOVE IN ACTION? What is your unit doing in your community to help women, children and youth? I would like to hear from you. Send me your article by July 15th telling us how you are showing your Love in Action!

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

Here are some ideas for articles:

- What is your unit doing to show Love in Action for women, children and youth?
- 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 accept articles about fundraising.

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

Submit by July 15th!

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

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