



United Women in Faith

Trumpet Sound

East Central District

President's Notes

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"Circles are the means through which women have improved the situation for women."

-Dr. Jean Shinoda Bolen Arna Baartz
Artist

As I write my first article as the President of the East Central District, I'll admit these first few months have been filled with changes and challenges. Some days, it's hard to see anything remarkable about my existence when another morning comes and you're awoken by your dogs because they want breakfast. Sometimes in the middle of all our ordinary we can lose sight of what's eternally true.

So I'm whispering in your ear and to your heart that God living within you makes you EXTRAORDINARY! Nothing can change that—not time or circumstances or even the mistakes you make. Even your weaknesses don't negate God's supreme workmanship. "You are EXTRAORDINARY!"

But here's what's I want you to remember today: there's nothing too difficult for us today because there's nothing too difficult for the God who lives in us. And there's nothing ordinary about us or our lives because we have an extraordinary God inhabiting our hearts.

Mission U has always been my favorite thing to do with the United Women in Faith. I enjoy the mission studies but I think what I really love about Mission U is the extra time you have to really meet and get to know other women. I love sharing thoughts and ideas, and the relationships that are built as we share ideas from our class sessions. I look forward to it every year! Mission U registration opens April 1st (this is no April Fool's Joke either). Mark your calendars for Jul 14-16, 2023 at the Westin, Lake Mary (There are scholarships available, too)! I hope to see you there and to have a chat with you!

Janet Blume

Secretary Notes



Greetings and thank you all for your patience as we make the transition to new offices this year. It was very nice to see so many of you at the Leadership Training. Here are some notes from our Florida Conference Secretary concerning duties of the secretary of the unit.

Greetings and congratulations to all new and returning Secretaries! You have an important role in Your District and Unit. While taking minutes and sending them out to members is a given, there are other duties that are important to do that support your leadership teams. The United Women in Faith bylaws state that minutes should be kept for easy access for four years and have four previous years in storage. Other things to keep are program directories, event agendas, event photos, and anything of a historical nature for your group. Letters of resignations and other important letters or notices should also be kept for the same time period. These may be digital or hard copies or both! Local Unit secretaries should send a copy of all unit officers with their contact information to the District secretary as soon as possible, and any changes to your leadership team should be reported as soon as it happens so information can be sent to the right people who need it to keep everyone informed.

The ECD Directory is almost complete. We will get it to you as soon as it is finished.

SAVE THE DATE – April 15, 10:00 to 2:30

The East Central District Mission Study will be presented in Winter Garden this year. The study book is Who Can We Be Together by Candace Simpson. This is based on the parables of Luke 13 and encourages participants to examine our Lord's words and discuss how they relate to our world today. Please share the flyer with your members and register on the East Central District Website. There is no cost for this study, however, we will take a Love Offering at the event. We look forward to a morning of learning and fellowship.



Clermont UWF Unit News



WOMEN IN MISSION LUNCHEON

The Clermont unit of United Women in Faith held a Women in Mission Luncheon on January 27. Save the date cards were given to all the women in the church. About 100 women attended, many who were not an active member of a Circle.

There were displays highlighting Mission U, the United Women in Faith reading program, the national and international missions, and local agencies.



Pictured above- Dorothy Mathias & Cathy D'Heron

To begin our Celebration, we played a game to learn more about one another.

Our program was a skit about a woman who was overwhelmed by all the needs locally and throughout the world. A woman from United Women in Faith talked to her about the organization's purpose and how it helps. Then each of the different Circles shared what they do and how they support local agencies. The many opportunities for women to work together to show love and caring at our church were celebrated. We need to be in Christian sisterhood supporting, working and giving together. We do this through United Women in Faith.

After a delicious lunch there was a short business meeting and the installation of the unit officers. It was a day of celebration!

Submitted by Dottie Mathias

New Horizon Unit News



The women of New Horizon in Haines City continue Faith, Hope and Love in Action. At Palm Krest Assisted Living Facility In January we began assisting our Mission Committee with a new Program they have started called "The Store". In addition, we continue support for their Birthday Program along with crafts and time for prayer, conversation and Bible readings.

Many of our women are knitting and crocheting baby blankets and caps for newborns at the local hospital, as well as for Cancer Patients undergoing chemotherapy at the local cancer center.



For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
Psalm 139:13-14

Our January 9th Meeting program was presented by Mary Downing who spoke of the need to be open about our faith, have love and acceptance for one another, as well as the need to be willing to reach out on an individual basis. In February we hosted our annual rummage, book and bake sale. At our February 13th meeting, Rev. Jan Price spoke of being at peace and getting in touch with our bodies

thru inward thinking, as well as determine how we make our way in the world.

Our women are very active in many of the upcoming events, programs and projects at our Church and we continue to welcome new women into our sisterhood.

Blessings from the women at New Horizon United Methodist Church...



FUMC Apopka UMW Unit News



What's Happening



BAKE SALE

We will be having a bake sale on Sunday, April 16th after all three services (8:30, 9:30. and 11:00) out in the walkway near the chapel. There will also be a United Women in Faith

Meet & Greet on Saturday, May 6, 2023. First Methodist Church of Apopka 201 S. Park Ave. Apopka, FL 32703 in our Fellowship Hall from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. Guest speaker will be Tricia Bores, and she will present something on Social Justice.



For questions or to RSVP, please contact:

Email: tracey.perry@ocps.net

Phone: (407)529-9081

Community of Faith Davenport Unit News



April is a great month to renew our commitment to the social justice issue of creation care. This April we have Easter, the returning of spring, and Earth Day to celebrate. All are events of hope, life, and resurrection!



What are your units doing to educate and celebrate? Perhaps planting a fruit tree, or a butterfly garden, or building a bird house - all would be wonderful way to add beauty to our communities and healing to our world.

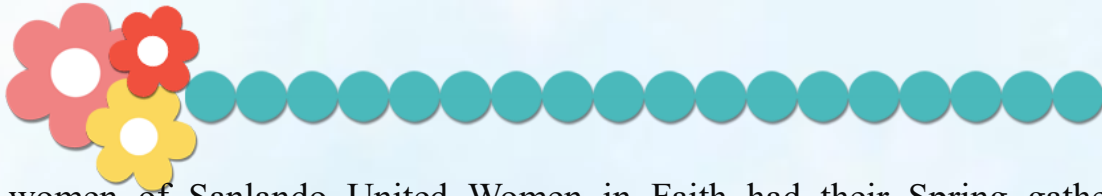
Don't forget to register for the Charter for Racial Justice Event happening on April 22nd, online from 6:30 - 8pm.



"For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise."

Gillian Wolfe

Sanlando UWF Unit News



The women of Sanlando United Women in Faith had their Spring gathering “Women of Easter” study by Liz Curtis Higgs on March 5th 2023. We had 50 in attendance and enjoyed a program about the strong women of Easter and the role that women played throughout the Bible.

We had a guest speaker, Gay Delaughter from the Christian Sharing Center that tied into our mission for the gathering which was to put together 100 Easter baskets for the Christian Sharing Center in Longwood, FL. The CSC program began in 1986 when leaders from 17 churches joined together to serve those experiencing hunger and homelessness. Today, The Sharing Center has grown to become the most comprehensive social services hub in Seminole County. It is The Sharing Center’s mission to help families and individuals experiencing poverty receive compassionate care. Their team works to provide emergency financial assistance, groceries, clothes, showers, and other essential resources. They address immediate needs, as well as provide extended support through programs that lead individuals and families toward a better future and long-term stability.

This year’s Easter Baskets were delivered with love for the CSC to give to children during the Lenten Season.

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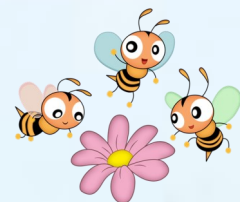


Asbury UMW Unit News



This past December, Ideas for US/Edible landscaping installed a small but mighty Creation Care community garden at Asbury UMC in Maitland. There are over 50 variety of plants including vegetables, fruit trees, shrubs, herbs and “*bee beneficial*” pollinator flowers that are available to the community. There have been two teaching sessions so far with more to come. This is a beautiful place to fill all of your senses with God’s glorious creations.

Linda S.



NEW COMMUNICATIONS CORRINATOR

Welcome **Sherry Pilon**, our new **Communications Coordinator** for the East Central District. Sherry joins us with much excitement and a commitment to serve.

Sherry is not new to UWF as she was previously part of a circle. She took some time away to attend to family and other responsibilities. She has been providing support to her current unit at First Clermont in many ways including great use of her computer skills and knowledge.

Sherry is always willing to help when asked and is a bright, young, and energetic member of United Women in Faith who will lead the organization forward.

We are excited to welcome Sherry as the East Central District Communication coordinator.

When the Committee of Nominations reaches out to unit officers asking to recommend someone for us to contact about being a District Officer, please remember all the women in your church can be a part of United Women in Faith. They do not have to be a current officer to serve on the district team. Someone may not have been ready before and may not think they have anything to offer, but we ask that they and you, be open to letting a member of the Committee on Nominations speak with them.

We say thank you to Sherry for saying "YES" when asked. Please start getting your articles together to share with Sherry for the Trumpet Sound as she is ready. SherryPilon.UWF@yahoo.com

East Central District Committee on Nomination

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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? We would like to hear from you. Send in your article telling us how you are showing your Love in Action so we can share it with others!

The Trumpet Sound will be published bimonthly (Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec).
Due date for all articles are the 15th of Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept & Nov.

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?
- ◇ Have you used the UWF 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?
- ◇ What are your upcoming UWF events?

Please make sure the article is no more than three paragraphs. Also send a couple pictures with your article.

Email your articles to SherryPilon.UWF@yahoo.com. In the subject line add Trumpet Sound.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at the above email.

Past Trumpet Sound Publications can be found on the website by following this link: <https://flecumw.org> under publications.

We invite you to view the website: <https://flecumw.org> or visit us on Facebook (5) Florida East Central District United Methodist Women | Facebook

Who Can We Be Together?

A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13

East Central District Mission Study
Hosted by Winter Garden and Clermont Units
April 15, 2023 From 10:00 - 2:30

The Social Hall of Winter Garden Methodist Church
125 N Lakeview Ave, Winter Garden, FL 34787

What does God say about creating spaces of care, community building, and shifting boundaries and norms? How can this be done when our world seems to be on fire? Join us for an in-depth study of the parables of Jesus in Luke 13 and how they relate to us today.

Our study book is Who Can We Be Together by Candace Simpson.

Registration—9:30 to 10am (Muffins and coffee)

Book Study—10am to 2pm- bring a sack lunch, your Bible & pen.

(to help us reduce waste, bring your own beverage container.
Desserts & drinks will be provided.)

There is no cost for this study.

Register on the East Central District Website by April 5.

<https://www.flecdumw.org/events>

If child care is needed: Contact Linda Welander at: lindawelander.umw@gmail.com by April 1 so arrangements can be made.

We hope to see you there!



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(There will be a love offering at the end)



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LOVE in ACTION: The Charter for Racial Justice Policies

Because we believe Love in Action can change the world,
you are invited to a VIRTUAL event on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies!

Saturday, April 22, 2023

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Deaconess Clara Ester will be our Guest Speaker



Clara's interest in social welfare and justice was fueled at an early age by her relationship with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She was highly active in the Civil Rights struggle in Memphis, TN. and worked with several other projects throughout the south. She was one of the youth organizers for the Second Poor People's Campaign in Marks, MS.

The Cornerstone Kids will be an added inspiration!



The event is opened to all who have a heart for Social Justice

Registration: opens Sunday, March 19, 2023, and
closes Saturday, April 15, 2023



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Save the Dates for Mission u 2023: Friday, July 14 – Sunday, July 16

At A New, Exciting, Central Location:

The Westin Lake Mary, Orlando North
2974 International Parkway
Lake Mary, FL 32746

Virtual Mission u 2023 will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 18, 20, 25, & 27



LIVING THE GOOD NEWS
Reflecting God's Love

Join us at Mission u as we explore the good news and what it means for our lives!

Jesus' teachings in the Gospels proclaim the good news of the kin-dom or reign (basileia) of God. In fact, Jesus mentions the kin-dom 90 times in the Synoptic Gospels! What does the Bible tell us about God's basileia and why do we call it the kin-dom? For Jesus, the kin-dom was not simply something to talk about but something we could live and experience. From the Lord's Prayer to the beatitudes to the parables, this good news is at the heart of Jesus' preaching, teaching and ministry. Come! Let's explore together the heart of Jesus' good news and what fresh vision it offers us as we seek to be in mission today.

Our 2023 Mission u Study Leaders' Guides, *Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation* by Riva Tabelisma (Adult), *Seek and You Shall Find: Living in the Kin-dom* by Rachel Mosher (Youth), and *We Are the Kin-dom* by Kathleen Stone (Children) are available in the www.uwfaith.org e-store.

More Information Coming Soon!

FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

2023 MISSION u APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Application Deadline: **May 15, 2023**

Please check one:

_____ Onsite: The Westin Lake Mary, Orlando North (Friday, July 14 – Sunday, July 16)

_____ Virtual event via Zoom: Tuesday and Thursday (July 18, 20, 25 and 27)

Name of applicant: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home _____ Mobile _____

E-mail _____

UMC District: _____ Name of Church _____ City: _____

Are you a member of United Women in Faith (UWF)? Yes _____ No: _____

If you are a UWF District and/or Conference Officer, what is your position? _____

Will this be your first time attending Mission u? Yes _____ No _____

Have you previously received a scholarship for Mission u? Yes _____ No _____ If so, which year? _____

Ethnicity: _____

Age Group as of July 11, 2023 (check one):

12 & under _____ 13–17 _____ 18–30 _____ 31–45 _____ 46–60 _____ 61–75 _____ 76+ _____

Why do you want to attend Mission u?

Please read and sign the following statement:

I understand by accepting this scholarship, I will attend the event and be available if asked to share my experience at a district/conference event.

Signature: _____ Date _____

(Signature of parent/guardian if applicant is 17 or under)

Your scholarship application must be received by **May 15, 2023**.

Please email or mail your signed application to:

Sharyn Ladner, UWF Scholarship Committee Chair

sharynladner.umw@gmail.com • Phone: mobile: 305-401-6467; home: 305-443-1122

929 Majorca Avenue, Coral Gables, FL 33134-3639

For use by the UWF Scholarship Committee:

Date application received: _____ Approved? Yes _____ No _____ Amount: _____

Date applicant notified: _____ Notified by: phone _____ e-mail _____ postal mail _____

Comments:

Date approval notification was sent to the registrar: _____

Debbie McKinnon (mckinnon.noah@comcast.net)

Please do not delay notification since attendance at the in-person events will be very limited. Final day for registration is June 9 for the onsite event and July 4 for the virtual event.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH - MISSION u
Registration for Youth and Children July 14 – 16, 2023
Please fill out carefully and completely – Please print legibly.
Children and youth will share a room with their parent/guardian.



Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____ Email: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 District: _____ Name of Church: _____ City: _____
 Age (as of July 14, 2023) _____ Grade (as of Fall, 2023) _____
 Ethnicity (Caribbean, African American, Hispanic, etc) _____

All persons under the age of 18 will share a room with their parent/guardian. Note that up to 4 people can share a room. Most rooms will have two double beds.

Name of parent/guardian: _____
 Parent/guardian phone and or email: _____
 If you wish to order a t-shirt, indicate the size:

Child: S, M, L Adult: S, M, L, XL, XXL

T-shirts will only be available with advance order. There will be NO extras at the event. Each t-shirt is \$15.00.

Disclaimer: *By attending in-person Mission u, you are acknowledging that an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. Further, you and any guests voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree not to hold the Florida Conference United Women in Faith, Mission u or volunteers liable for any illness or injury. Please be prepared to wear a mask.*

Sign here to acknowledge this disclaimer: _____
Youth/Child Guardian

This section must be completed by your guardian.

Emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____

Physician Name: _____ Phone: _____

Allergies, medical concerns, health/dietary needs: _____

Is your child receiving any medical attention at this time? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Does your child have any special needs? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

LIABILITY AND MEDICAL RELEASE: To be signed by both guardian and youth/child (if over 5 yrs old)

I, _____, give permission for my child, _____,
guardian's name youth/child's name

to attend the Florida Conference United Methodist Women Mission u July 14-16, 2022 at Warren Willis Conference Center, Fruitland Park, FL. I am aware of the purpose of this event and understand

CHILDREN/YOUTH COVENANT

As a child/youth attending Mission u, I take seriously my responsibility and affirm my commitment for the well-being and safety of others and myself. I agree to remain on the site of the event unless I have been given permission to leave by the Dean of Mission u.

I will attend all activities, sessions, and meals. I will observe scheduled curfews by being in my room at the appointed time and I will respect the rights of others.

I understand that anything considered illegal for minors (persons under 18) under civil and criminal law applies to this event as well. Therefore, I will not use tobacco, illegal substances or alcohol, nor will I possess any firearms, weapons or fireworks. I will respect the equipment and property of others and care for the facility which we share. Any damages to the facility will be the sole responsibility of the person or persons who caused the damage and the parent/guardian of each person responsible. I understand that the dress code is the same as the dress code in public schools and I will observe that code.

I also understand that if I break the covenant, and if the brokenness cannot be reconciled, my parent/guardian will be contacted and my participation in the event will be terminated.

Child/youth signature (if over 5 yrs old)

Date

For the parent/guardian's signature:

I have read the Covenant above and I understand the responsibilities my child has agreed to and I will support my child in fulfilling this Covenant.

Guardian's Signature

Date

Our mission project this year is to assemble

menstrual kits for UMCOR. Indicate here if you want your child to participate in this activity:

guardian's signature

Go to <https://umcmmission.org/umcor-menstrual-hygiene-kit/> to see the list of what's included in each kit.

MAIL registration and check, to

Debbie McKinnon, 4518 Andrew Jackson Way, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

Contact her at mckinnon.noah@comcast.net or 850-556-2156 if you have questions.

Make your check payable to **Florida Conference United Methodist Women Mission u.**

You may abbreviate!

Fee Summary

\$140 registration fee **due now**.

\$15.00 is **due now** if you are ordering a t-shirt.