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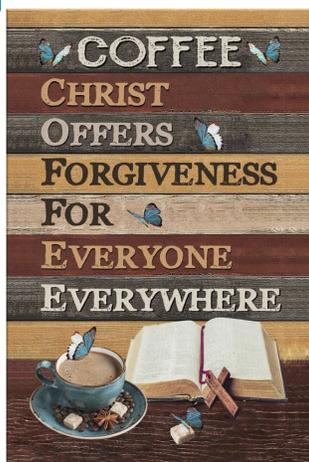
Trumpet Sound

East Central District

President's Notes

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Can you believe it's June already? I know some unit's stop meeting for the summer months to go on vacation, take a mental health break or spend GO TO MISSION U! Ok, ok my favorite thing is our August vacation with our grandchildren but Mission U is my next favorite thing! I love getting to meet people I've only seen on a Zoom screen or I recognize their name from an email I've read but I have never met them in person. I also enjoy seeing people I know from other Districts or other units that I don't see very often. It's fun and these friendships warm my heart! I also believe in lifelong learning and each year at Mission U we learn a new Mission Study. This year's mission study is "Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation." This study is a fresh look at the Lord's Prayer line by line and I can't wait. So, if you want to join me register by June 9th! There is more detailed information on our website at www.flecdumw.org/events

There is a lot of change in the District and the United Methodist Church right now but we will get through it! My own Church will leave the denomination in June and I am attending a new Church. I enjoy the new Church but I am grieving what I have lost! Which is the people, the relationships, and groups that I was active in so, keep in mind that many of our sisters are hurting right now. Lastly, I want to close with a prayer!

*"God, sometimes we can believe the lie that we're not wanted. We're left off the team, overlooked for the project, or not invited to the party. But you whisper to us always, "I choose you." This is a beautiful mystery. On the days when we feel alone help us to lean in and listen to Your voice above all others." **We are never unwanted; we are always loved.** -Amen*

Janet



Secretary Notes



Secretary Report

I am looking forward to meeting many of you at Mission U. I hope you have your registration in. If you need any help, please email me and I will try to help you. Mission Today and Mission Study report form requests were emailed to the Presidents and Secretaries of each unit. If you did not receive them, let me know, or if you need a hard copy of the report, I can send that as well. I would appreciate receiving your completed forms by the end of August so that we can prepare for our Annual Meeting. Let me know if you have any questions or if I can help in any way.

Linda Welander – lindawelander.umw@gmail.com

“A sweet friendship refreshes the soul”

Proverbs 27:9



2022 Unit Survey

The **2022** Unit Survey is open from May 12, 2023, until August 30, 2023. Ladies, you will be receiving an email with sample / instructions. Answering the questions will take about 15-20 minutes. As a leader in United Women in Faith, Membership office invites you to participate in the **2022** Unit Survey.

The survey is intended to be completed by the unit president or All Access group convener. Questions are related to how your unit or group is thriving in sisterhood, faith and action and how you are committed to act boldly for justice and transform communities.

Thanking you in advance for completing the 2022 Survey,

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Salt and Light

¹³ **"You are the salt of the earth.** But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

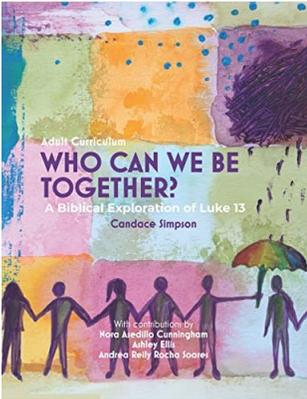
¹⁴ **"You are the light of the world.** A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

Matthew 5:13-14



East Central District Mission Study

Who Can We Be Together? Mission Study



On April 15, from 10:00 to 2:30, 36 women gathered at the United Methodist Church in Winter Garden for the East Central District Mission Study. Several units were represented, Community of Faith, Solid Rock, Broadway, and Apopka, and the Winter Garden and Clermont units co-hosted the event. The study was based on the book, WHO CAN WE BE TOGETHER, by Candace Simpson, a study of the parables of Jesus in Luke 13. At registration, women were directed to sit at specific tables that facilitated creating new friendships with women from other units.

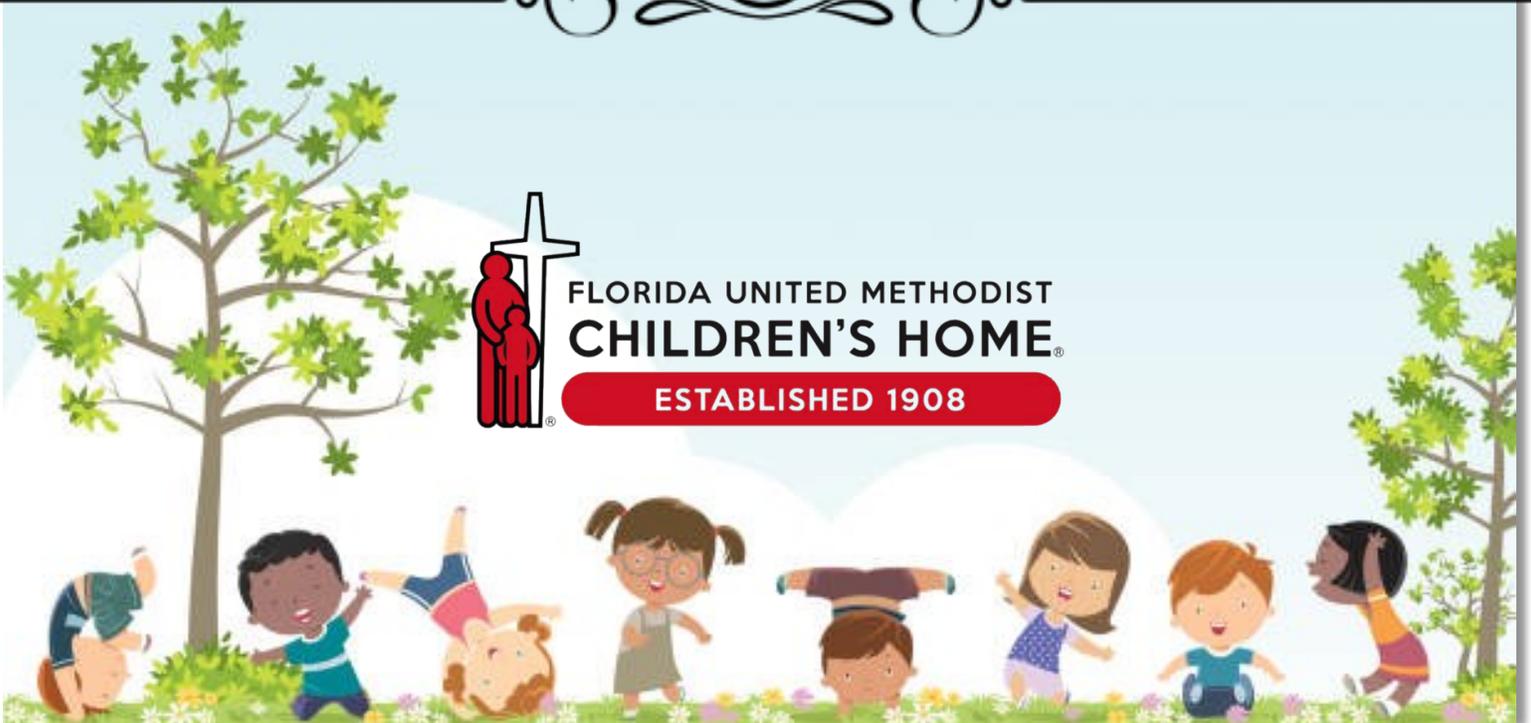
Merrilie Whitmire and Linda Welander facilitated the program. Pastor Melissa Stump of Winter Garden gave the opening prayer, Nancy Sines, President of the Winter Garden Unit gave the lunch prayer and Celeste Hicks, president of the Clermont Unit gave the closing prayer. Marion Wagster served as pianist. There were 8 sessions that included self-reflection, and both large and small group discussions. At the end of each session participants were asked to write a reflective answer on a post-it note to a posed question and place their response on a group quilt. At the end of the study, we had a visual representation of "Who we can be together."



First Church Oviedo UMW

The April 2023 First Church of Oviedo's Women's Night of Fellowship hosted by both the Bethany and Friendship Circles was held the evening of April 11th in the Fellowship Hall. Prior to the program starting, everyone enjoyed a time of fellowship with one another while tasting a variety of delicious desserts prepared by members of the host Circles.

UMW President Angela Relyea introduced the evening's guest speaker, Elisabeth Gadd, Chief Development Officer at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. Elisabeth thanked everyone for the bountiful blessing of all the donated linens and toiletries and the UMW's continued love and support of FUMCH. Elisabeth informed everyone on the lifestyle and current programs offered at the FUMCH campuses as well as testimonies of numerous achievements and successes of youth and young adults that have walked through the doors of this loving and welcoming Home.



Conway UWF Unit News

Climate Justice In Action

One of the priorities for the United Women in Faith is to address “Climate Justice”. The Conway United Women in Faith are preserving God’s creation for the benefit of our present and future generations by using reusable containers at our meetings rather than plastic cups that are not biodegradable. Let us ALL try to be good stewards of our earth. God will be happy.

Blessings to All

Frankie Edwards, President

Conway UWF



Community of Faith Davenport Unit News

It's been a couple of busy months for the Social Action teams. There was a Creation Care information/ education event in Mount Dora on April 15th, and a Charter for Racial Justice Event on zoom on April 22nd, and then on May 6th 1st UMC of Apopka hosted an event on Social Justice.

Love is at the heart of God, so what actions we take and do for justice, peace, reconciliation, and education are important and life changing. How are we loving our neighbors? How are we loving God's creation? The answer to those questions can tell us how we love God as well.

At the event in Apopka, Tricia Bores was the guest speaker and she wrote a poem to sum up her message, which she has given me permission to share with you.

Let Justice Roll

Injustice, famine, shootings, generational poverty, hatred, domestic violence, refugee crisis, racism
We run the risk of being overwhelmed with the evil in this world
We run the risk of reacting with unrighteous anger, With fear, With numbing, With ignoring, With doing nothing

I want to remind you God calls you to justice not to fix it all But also not to ignore it all. He calls you To live with mishpat Justice, to live with Tzedakah Righteousness, to see the value in all people, to love the image-bearers of God.

I want to remind you Jesus brought you justice Freely, you have been justified by Him, you have been set right with God Righteous. You are called to help set right Injustice, oppression

I want to remind you to stand against oppression, to stand up for the vulnerable, to speak for those who can't, to really see the vulnerable in your community

God is God of Justice, Elohay Mishpat

You are people of justice You are people made righteous Righteous living is justice in action

I want to remind you to treat all people with dignity, to show people their own value as Jesus did for you and proclaim Jesus in all you do as you "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream."

Amos 5:24

*Thank you,
Gillian Wolfe*



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

Why do women say yes when asked to hold a District leadership role?

- ◇ They aren't busy and have lots of spare time. **Probably not, leaders are often the busiest people.**
- ◇ They don't have a job. **Some of our leaders are working full time.**
- ◇ They have no one to take care of or any medical problems. **Many have elderly parents and their own medical issues.**
- ◇ They know everyone and been a member for a long time. **Lots of women move to Florida after living in other states, years of service doesn't matter.**

So why do women say yes when asked to hold an office?

The following are the responses from members of the District Nominating committee on why they said yes:

Dottie Mathias (Chair of the Committee): I said yes because being rather new to Florida, I wanted to get to know more Christian women. I joined a Circle at the United Methodist Church. I traveled with many of the leaders who attended District meetings and got more connected. Soon I was on the leadership team for the unit. During a luncheon I was asked to be on the District Committee on Nomination. I prayed about it, and saw it as another opportunity to get connected and serve. I said Yes. I have enjoyed working with the East Central District team and talking with women in other units.

Frankie Edwards (Committee Member): I said yes when I received the phone call from the Committee on Nominations. I was honored that my name had been presented as a candidate for an open position. I was new to the District, but I had served on the Nomination Committee at my church, so going the extra mile for Our Lord and Savior was my pleasure. It's been an enjoyable journey to work with such a lovely, dedicated group of United Women in Faith.

Tracey Perry (Committee of Nominations): I said yes when I was asked. I had gotten the call when I attended my first Annual District Meeting and met the most inspirational women. I became my Unit's President, when our President suddenly moved. Even though, I have a lot on my plate with being a full-time Special Education Teacher, I heard God's call to use my talents that he had gifted me. I have been filled so spiritually by this amazing group of women.

Saying yes takes prayer, listening to God's calling and recognizing the abilities God has given you. If you are not sure of what God has equipped you to do, make a list of all the things you are good at. Say them daily until you gain confidence in your abilities.

Here is a sample list:

I am a people person

I am very organized

I am a hard worker

I never give up

I am a loyal friend

I love to help people

I have a giving heart

I love and believe in God

The Committee on Nomination is actively looking for people to fill open slots. There are openings on the Committee on Nomination that need filling. If you receive a call from a member of the committee, please prayerfully consider joining the team and say yes. Who will answer the call to join us? Will you?

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Mission U 2023 (in-person) Living The Good News: Reflecting God's Love

Florida Conference United Women in Faith
Fri, July 14-Sun, July 16, 2023
Westin Lake Mary (Orlando North)

Join us at Mission U as we explore the good news and what it means for our lives! From the Lord's Prayer to the beatitudes to the parables, the 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.

Mission U Registration Fee is \$140.00 and covers the program and meals!

Registration deadline is June 9, 2023!

[Register Now](#)

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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mission-u-2023-tickets-571827550597>



Jul 14, 2023 7:00 PM – Jul 16, 2023 Noon

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Hotel rooms must be reserved directly with the Hotel by calling (321)249-8036 or click on the "Book Hotel" button.

A special rate of \$122.00 per night, per room, single or double occupancy. Double rooms can accommodate up to 4 people.

Ask for the "Florida Conference United Women in Faith-Mission U rate."

This rate is good if booked by June 23, 2023.

Hello Ladies,

Registration has opened for this year's Mission U! The in-person event will be held on Jul 14-16, 2023, at the Westin Lake Mary (Orlando North). You can register for the course at the link below. The Cost is \$140. Hotel reservations will be made directly with the Hotel.

To register for the in-person event, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mission-u-2023-tickets-571827550597>

You can get additional information on the Florida Conference website at <https://flconfuwf.org/2023-mission-u>

The virtual event will be held on July 18, 20, 25 & 27 from 6:30-8:30 pm. You can register at the links below:

To register for the virtual event, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mission-u-virtual-session-2023-tickets-601767551947>

You can get additional information on the Florida Conference website at <https://flconfuwf.org/2023-mission-u>
Greetings from the Mission u Committee!

The Mission u committee has been working on preparations for this year's events. We are excited about some new ways of doing things!

Please pass this along to your unit presidents or secretaries and ask them to pass along to their members. The link will also be available on the conference website.

Here is the link to the registration form for the in-person event. It can be used for adults, youth, and children, although youth and children will also need to download some forms from the conference website - flconfuwf.org.

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The link for the virtual session (adults only) will be available in the next several days.

I hope to see you in July. The study concerns the Lord's Prayer.

Linda Parrish
Dean, Mission u 2023

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"You crown the year with Your goodness, And Your paths drip with abundance."

~ Psalm 65:11 (NKJV)

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