



United
Women
in Faith

Trumpet Sound

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President's Notes Anne Winn

Change—It can be a good thing and it can be a disaster! Waiting to see what's going to happen is also frustrating or joyfully exciting. Currently, in the life of the East Central District, I know we're experiencing these feeling:

United Methodist women is now United Women in Faith. So, what exactly has changed. The basics of our structure has not changed. Our mission focus has not changed. We are still deeply concerned about the plight of women, children, and youth. What is new is national website. It is now UWFaith.org. There are new ways to join United Women in Faith, new ways to donate money to mission, and an emphasis on Being Bold.

The United Methodist Church and the Global Methodist Church are still not separated. This period of uncertainty is so disturbing. When there are hurtful exchanges, everyone suffers.

The District United Women in Faith will have officers changing. I will finish my tenure as President and a new woman (or women) will pick up the reigns. I remember when I retired from Alabama A&M. I was excited but there was also feeling of "what will I do next". There will be a period of adjustments for everyone when changes in leadership occurs.

On a personal note, my church (Trinity UMC in Deland FL) has been sold. We had our last service in the "old" Sanctuary on July 24, 2022. In that service we desanctified the building. It will not remain a church. The next Sunday (July 31, 2022) we had our first service in our temporary location. We are leasing space in another church. Talk about ADJUSTMENT.

God is good and has a plan. We need to trust his plan and be faithful servants in the mean time.

The District Annual Meeting will be an in-person event. The date is OCTOBER 8, 2022. Save the date for this event. We will join together at Sanlando UMC, Longwood FL. More detail will be coming. Anticipate an experience that you would not expect at a District Annual Meeting!!

News from Your District Leadership

The Committee on Nominations is charged with selecting women to serve as members on the District Leadership team. We reached out in 2021 to many to serve as the District Treasurer and Maryann Mueller answered the call. Recently, we had a conversation with Maryann; below are some of some candid thoughts about her experience:

"When I received a call from a member of the nominating committee, I was surprised that I was being asked to consider serving as the District's Treasurer. I thought someone more qualified than myself would make a better treasurer.

As a newly 2019 elected unit treasurer for the Community of Faith and just learning the duties, there were many things I did not know. Then after attending the January 2020 East Central District training event, my learning began.

Hoping to find guidance with much time spent in prayer, through speaking with my husband and United Women of Faith friends, the nudging of the Holy Spirit led me to accept the nomination.

Upon being nominated and elected in 2021 to the East Central District treasurer position, I was put in touch with Donna Spear, the Florida Conference Treasurer. She sent me information and continued guiding and teaching me. While attending the Florida Conference Leadership Training, my mind was blown with more learning and valuable information. It was outstanding! The Conference Treasurer answers my questions and helped make my transition smooth and easy in this new role. Armed with my newfound knowledge, I eagerly shared with all the unit treasurers at our District Leadership training. My ultimate goal is to help and support our treasurers.

If you are called to serve in an East Central District officer position, please take time to pray about the role and consult with family and United Women in Faith friends. You will find the opportunity to serve at the district level an educational and joyful experience."

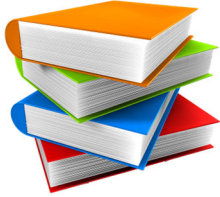
Thank you to the many who answered the call to serve. At this time, the committee is able to present to the Leadership team a slate of officers for our District Annual Meeting. We are truly appreciative of those who said YES! There are still two vacant appointed positions to be filled.

We thank Maryann for sharing her experience and hope other UWF ladies will be encouraged.

See you at the District Annual Meeting!

From Dottie Mathias, Chair and Members of the Committee on Nominations

News from Your District Leadership Team and Committees



Book Club

Sponsored by East Central District

The East Central District Book Club invites you to join them every month on the second Tuesday-7:00 pm on Zoom.

You can find more information on our website at

<https://www.flecumw.org/reading-program>

Sept. 13 – "Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times" by Bishop Michael Curry

Oct 11 – "Becoming Grandma: The Joys and Science of the New Grandparenting" by Leslie Stahl

“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.“



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**“Celebrate
And Go Bold!”**



United Women in Faith East Central District
District Annual Meeting
“Celebrate and Go Bold!”

October 8, 2022

9:30 am (Check-in), 10:00 am-Noon (Program)

Sanlando United Methodist Church

1890 W State Road 434

Longwood FL 32750

Please Register on-line at www.flecdumw.org/events



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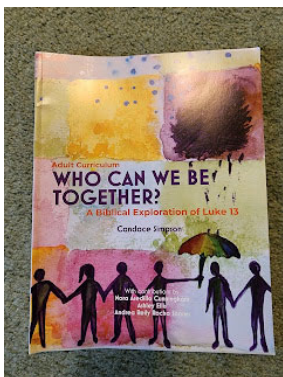
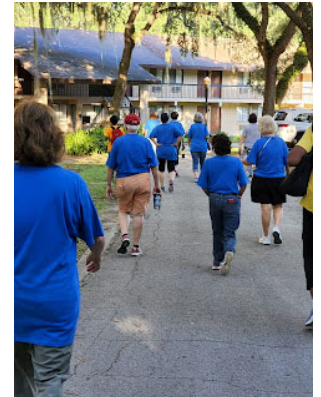
Mission U



Mission U was an exciting experience for many in our conference this year. Learning from our past experiences of in-person and online events, we were given 4 different options for participating. The in-person event was held at Warren Willis United Methodist Conference Center.

Mission U Dean, Pamela Davis, welcomed us.

Our backdrop was a tree where leaves were added throughout the event sharing ways we can be together.



We attended classes to learn and discuss ways to go deeper into the parables that Jesus taught in Luke 13.

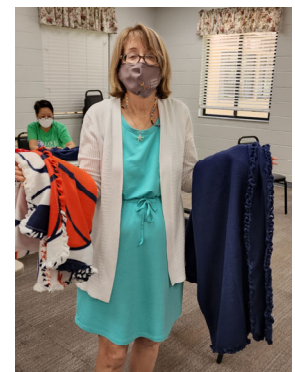
Our Conference President, Judith Pierre-Olson gave an informative presentation about the re-branding to United Women in Faith.

We held our first Legacy Walk to support this important mission.



Our evening plenaries were filled with prayer, music, and information on ways we can stay connected and work together to be the hands and feet of God.

Our session ended with an Ubuntu service afternoon where blankets were finished to be presented to Cornerstone.



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 Sept. 30th 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 Oct. issue is Sept. 30th.*

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

Submit by September 30th!

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

kristicarnesale.umw@gmail.com

Past Trumpet Sound Publications can be found on the website by following this link:

<https://www.flecdumw.org/trumpet-sound>

We invite you to view the website: www.flecdumw.org or visit us on Facebook (5) Florida East Central District United Methodist Women | Facebook

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Events

Saturday, October 8, 2022

District Annual Meeting

Who Should Attend: All Unit Officers and interested unit members

Location: Sanlando UMC

1890 W State Rd 434, Longwood, FL 32750

Time: 9:30am - 12:00 :

Link to Register: <https://www.flecdumw.org/events>

Saturday, November 19, 2022

Conference Annual Meeting

Location: First UMC, Lakeland

Time: TBD (Coming Soon)

Link to Register: <https://flconfuwf.org/>

Saturday, December 3, 2022

Conference Advent Retreat

Location: TBD (Coming Soon)

Link to Register: <https://flconfuwf.org/>