

Vision

United Women in Faith

Pensacola District Fall 2023

Clara Ester Presentation

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Lunch: 12:15 p.m. — Presentation: 2 p.m.

First United Methodist Church Pensacola
6 East Wright Street, Pensacola, Florida

First Church's United Women in Faith and Church and Society are joining with other area churches and Pensacola District UWFaith to host a presentation by Clara Ester, a witness to the death of Martin Luther King, Jr, a United Methodist deaconess and former Vice President of National UWFaith/UMW.

This will be a god-centered time to talk about how women can help bring the idea of justice—social holiness—to the heart of our community.

Reservations are required for lunch and donations will be accepted. No reservation or fee is required for the presentation.

A flyer is included as page 3
with a QR code to register for lunch.

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President's Message

United Methodist Women at Work in Tanzania

In mid-August I was a team member of Bishop David Graves' Exploratory Trip to Tanzania. When we were in Dar es Salaam for a conference, I asked to meet with the leader of the United Methodist Women (United Women in Faith). I was introduced to Kabaka Ndala Alphonsine, who, it turns out, is the Women's Missionary Coordinator for the Global Ministries Project, Tanzania Women Development, Orphans and Vulnerable Children Schools.

Katy Wrona and I met briefly with Kabaka. She shared a little about her work travelling to different churches and rural areas to train and educate local women, girls and children. She has a small team that travels with her to teach in areas vital to the health and well-being of the women and children.

From the United Methodist Church Global Ministries website, I learned that the physical, spiritual and health issues that the women, girls and children face are a result of poverty. Kabaka and her team seek to provide physical, spiritual and material assistance for this vulnerable group. They also provide seminars and organizational meetings at all levels, from local groups to conference level groups.

While not officially affiliated with United Women in Faith, Kabaka and her team are still United Methodist Women working in their communities to bring resources and training to women, girls and children. They are our sisters in faith. If you wish to learn more, the link to the Global Ministries website where Kabaka's ministry is described is as follows: <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/15051a/>. If you wish to support their work through giving, the link and the Advance number is on that same page.

Let's remember Kabaka and her team in prayer. While miles may separate us in our ministries, prayer can bring us together in our struggles.

Peggy Groves



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Spring Festival of Flowers Booth

St. Luke United Women in Faith had a booth at the “Spring Festival of Flowers” which is held every year in Milton, Florida.

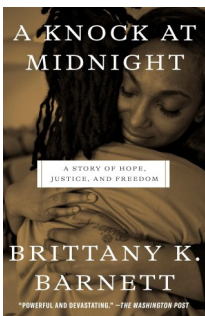


We raised over \$3,000 dollars. Member, Betty Salter, grew many hundreds of plants in her greenhouse and other members and friends donated as well. Our United Women in Faith unit was able to increase donations to many local and global charities.



Brittany Barnett is someone you will want to get to know about.

I first heard Brittany Barnett on a UWFaith, Faith Talk podcast, July 18, 2021, when she was interviewed by Jennifer R. Farmer. The subject was “When Mom’s in Prison.” Her mom had been in prison and she founded a program “Girls Embracing Mothers (GEM).” GEM is dedicated to breaking the cycle of incarceration for daughters of incarcerated mothers. Its programs strengthen the relationships between young daughters and incarcerated mothers and offers reentry-based training for mothers. GEM has been awarded a \$250,000 UWFaith grant (see response, Nov-Dec 2022.)



GEM is just one part of Brittany’s story. You will want to read her memoir, *A Knock at Midnight: A Story of Hope, Justice and Freedom*, CROWN (2021). It is on the 2023 UWFaith Reading Program list. It describes her growing up years, her life as a successful accountant and then as a corporate lawyer. She worked at night pro bono to free victims of America’s war on drugs who are in near hopeless legal battles having been unfairly incarcerated for minor, non-violent crimes.

Carol Ascherfeld



Santa Rosa Kids House Soles for Souls

Gulf Breeze United Methodist Women in Faith collected new and gently worn shoes for the Santa Rosa Kids House.

Over 125 pairs were donated by church members and friends. The shoes were taken to the Santa Rosa Kids House by UWFaith members where they enjoyed a tour, learning about the programs of the Santa Rosa Kids House.



Happy Thanksgiving

Wishing each of you a happy Thanksgiving, filled with gratitude and thanks to God.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" ([1 Thessalonians 5:16-18](#)).

Reminder—

November is the month when our local unit reports are due to the District. These include:

- ◆ Local Treasurer’s Reports and all local funds for 5-Star Units (Nov. 20)
- ◆ Consolidated President’s Report which includes the Reading Program Report. (Nov. 30)
- ◆ Local Unit Officer List for Next Year (Nov. 30)

WOMEN AND JUSTICE

CLARA ESTER

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Gym



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Main Sanctuary

Event is Open to Everyone

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“ONLY LOVE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.” -CLARA ESTER

Who is Clara Ester?

Witness to the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

United Methodist deaconess

Former vice president of national United Women in Faith

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