

## Put on the Armor of God

Hello Pensacola District ladies:

I hope you have enjoyed our warmer than usual Winter weather, but now are ready for Spring! At annual day, our speaker, Linda Wentworth, spoke to us about the Armor of God. The text is found in the Bible in Ephesians 6:10-20. At one of our Fall Executive District Team Meetings we were trying to decide on our theme for 2017. Our own Spiritual Growth chair, Sharon Hogan suggested this theme...from there, Communications chair, Paddi Cain created the cover of our 2017 Pensacola District directory.

Participation at District Annual Day on January 21<sup>st</sup> was great despite the bad

weather. Thanks you for braving the weather and attending. Leadership Training was held at Gulf Breeze UMC on February 25<sup>th</sup>. We distributed the 2017 AWF Conference Workbook and the 2017 Pensacola District Directory. I still have copies for several churches that didn't have representatives present. I will be mailing copies of both to those UMW units in the weeks to come. If you see information that needs correcting or updating, you can send to me and I will see the correct person receives it.

Margaret Larson is back with our district as Treasurer. Her updated contact information is in the Pensacola District directory.

We have our next meeting on May 13, 2017 at Warrington UMC, in Pensacola. This is our first Mission Study of the year. Debbie Bracewell of the Dothan District will present "Climate Justice". She is a well versed instructor. I hope you will plan to attend. See registration form in this "Vision" newsletter.

Our host UMW for Spiritual Day Apart is Cokesbury UMW at McClain Hall located at the Summit Campus on September 16, 2017. Please add that date to your calendar and plan to attend.

Thank you for all you do for United Methodist Women.

In HIS service,

Pat Dodge



MISSION TEAM 2017

United Methodist Women  
Pensacola District

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**Pat Dodge**

Vice President  
**Louise O'Bannon**

Secretary  
**Sandy Allen**

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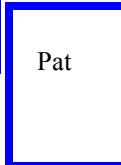
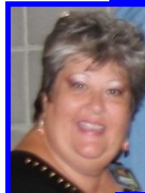
Spiritual Growth  
**Sharon Hogan**

Social Action  
**Donna Ward-Welch**

Education & Interpretation  
**Doris Alvin**

Chair, Committee on  
Nominations  
**Pat Clark**

District Superintendent  
**Dr. Timothy R. Trent**



## Assembly 2018—Bus information

Departure **to** Assembly

May 17, 2018 Dothan Departure @ 6AM

From Southern Coach business location,

P.O. Box 2245 Dothan, AL. 36302

2<sup>nd</sup> pickup Millbrook First UMC 3350 Edgewood Rd.

Millbrook, AL. **Assembly Arrival** – Pending info.

Departure **from** Assembly

May 20, 2018 Columbus, OH. Departure @ 1PM

1<sup>st</sup> Drop-off: Millbrook First UMC (time, unknown)

Final return stop May 21, 2018 @ 1AM in Dothan

at Southern Coach business location

36-passengers/\$200.00 per person, full capacity

Contact Debbie Bell (251-232-6898) to reserve your

seat on this bus. Your \$100 deposit will reserve

that seat. Goal: Fill bus to capacity AND have a

minimum of 97 AWF-UMW members at Assembly

in 2018. **Deposits due upon reservation.** Deposit

checks due by **Oct. 22, 2017** and must be made out

to AWFC-UMW and on the for line write Assembly

2018 bus. Bus Balance due by **Feb. 24, 2018**.

A more complete itinerary will be communicated as

our bus contract is completed. I am asking for a

person planning to ride the bus to consider assist-

ing/volunteering with trip plans.

Assembly 2018 will convene at the Greater Colum-

bus Ohio Convention Center. **Early** registration fee

\$295.00 Deadline is Nov. 30, 2017 **Regular** regis-

tration \$330.00 Deadline is April 9, 2018.

Currently, the National website does not show reg-

istration link just promotion,

*The Power of Bold.* Once you are able to register,

the hotel accommodations will be available. Our

AWF conference should all plan to stay at the same

hotel and I will be planning to reserve a block of

rooms for our AWF conference members (if possi-

ble). Definitely, bus group should plan to be at

same location.

District Presidents, please communicate this infor-

mation ASAP. The bus is relying on interested

UMW members reserving a seat

# 2017 Calendar of United Methodist Women

Pensacola District  
Alabama-West Florida Conference



## District Dates

6 May, 22 July, 9 September, 2 December—  
Pensacola District Mission Team Meetings

## The Calendar 2017

13 MAY — Climate Justice— Location TBD  
12 AUG — The Bible and Human Sexuality, Myrtle Grove UMC  
16 Sep — Spiritual Day Apart, Cokesbury at Summit

## Alabama-West Florida UMW Conference Dates

### The Calendar 2017

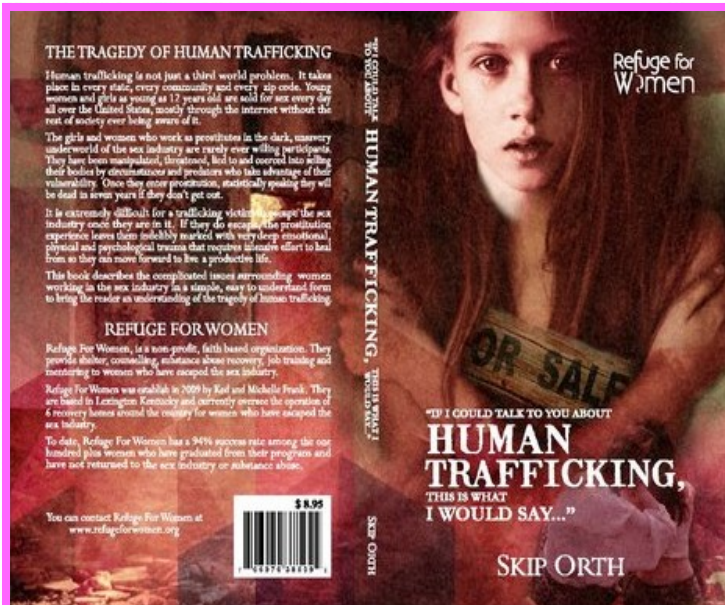
JUL 21-22 — Mission U — Millbrook, AL  
OCT 21-22 — Spiritual Enrichment Retreat — Blue Lake  
MAY 18-20 — Assembly @ Columbus, Ohio



## Directory Changes

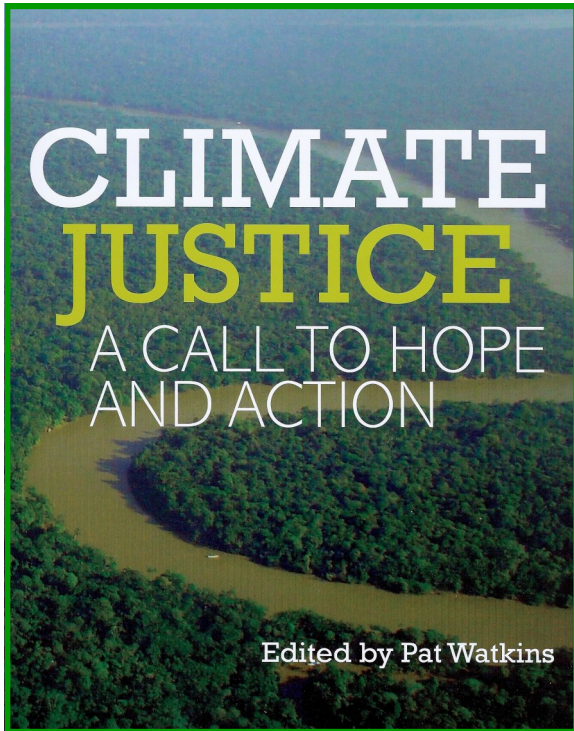
Judy John's correct email is: [jej50321@gmail.com](mailto:jej50321@gmail.com)

Doris Alvin's correct email is: [dsa107@cox.net](mailto:dsa107@cox.net)



## The Trinity UMW of Ft. Walton Beach, Berta Jones Circle: Human Trafficking

The Trinity UMW of Ft. Walton Beach, Berta Jones Circle welcomed, Skip Orth, the Chairman of the Faith Based, Non-Profit Organization, **Refuge for Women, Emerald Coast**. Skip gave a very informative talk on the tragedy of Human Trafficking calling it “**not just a third world problem**”. “**Human Trafficking is a systematic abuse being perpetrated on a specific group of vulnerable individuals in our country.**” Skip wrote a book concerning this unimaginable social issue called: “**Refuge for Women: If I could talk to you about Human Trafficking, this is what I would say...**” His goal is to open a Faith Based safe house on the Emerald Coast, where shelter, counseling, substance abuse recovery, job training and mentoring is provided for women who have escaped the sex industry. To date, Refuge For Women has a 94% success rate from those graduating from their program and have not returned to the sex industry or substance abuse.



Pensacola District UMW  
Presents

## Climate Justice Mission Study

May 13, 2017  
Warrington UMC  
301 E Winthrop Avenue  
Pensacola, Fl. 32507

You may duplicate this form or add names  
on the back.

## Study Leader—Debbie Bracewell

Registration 8:00am to 8:30 am  
Program begins 8:30am  
Finishing between 12:30 and 1:00pm  
Refreshments provided—No cost to attend

Because we want to do all we can for our planet,  
wear an old name tag (save paper),

**Registration deadline is May 11, 2017**  
**Please send to Sandra Allen**  
[LSAllen1213@att.net](mailto:LSAllen1213@att.net)  
**850-516-1632**

Total number of participants: \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES): \_\_\_\_\_  
CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepting donations of Canned Meat for WEAC

# 2017 Cooperative Mission u Event

## July 21-22, 2017

Millbrook 1st UMC, 3350 Edgewood Road, Millbrook, AL

Sponsored by: Church & Society and United Methodist Women

Each year, United Methodist Women members prepare for faithful living and action by studying mission studies.

**THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH STUDY:** A Covenantal Community—study leaders are Clara Ester and Carol Toney.

**THE GEOGRAPHICAL STUDY:** The Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church—study leaders are Joyce Genz and Kathy Harris

**THE ISSUE STUDY:** Climate Justice—study leader—Debbie Bracewell

**THE NEW OFFERING:** This year is a youth study—A Youth Study on Missionary Conferences. We are offering this study to youth leaders in order for them to go back to their respective churches and teach this study to their youth. Tutti Johnson will be leading this study.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** (4 TYPES) Contact Harry Hodges, Scholarship Chair, [harryhodges@yahoo.com](mailto:harryhodges@yahoo.com), call: (334)636-5166  
**Don Brill Scholarship**—for clergy during the first 5 years of their ministry and have not previously attended a Mission u Event.

**Lib Claridy Scholarship**—for lay persons that have not previously attended a Mission u Event.

**Nell Chance Scholarship**—for new United Methodist Women that have not previously attended a Mission u Event.

**Youth Scholarship**—for youth leaders that have not previously attended a Mission u Event.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION:** Mail registration forms to: Tutti Johnson, Registrar

P.O. Box 598, Pine Hill, AL 36769

334-963-9001

(Checks payable to Mission u)

**Deadline: July 8, 2017**

Each study is a 6 hour course. Registration begins @7:30 a.m. Classes begin after the opening and finish at 4:30 p.m. Each participant is responsible for their lodging. A block of rooms has been reserved at LA QUINTA, Arthur Edwards - 261 interstate Commercial park Loop, Prattville, AL 36066, Phone: 334-358-5454 - Just off exit, turn left on left. \$94 with tax/ lodging fee included. Good Breakfast. . SLEEP INN: 2295 Cobbs Ford Road, Millbrook, AL (334-532-0500) \$86.50 + \$6 each if more than 2 people per room (all taxes included and a good breakfast).

**Full School Package:** \$50—Choose one study for Friday: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one study for Saturday: \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday Only:** \$30—Choose your study: \_\_\_\_\_ A Covenantal Community; \_\_\_\_\_ Climate Justice  
\_\_\_\_\_ Missionary Conference

**Saturday Only:** \$30—Choose your study: \_\_\_\_\_ A Covenantal Community; \_\_\_\_\_ Climate Justice  
\_\_\_\_\_ Missionary Conference

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_ Conference/District Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply: \_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_ MALE \_\_\_ LAY \_\_\_ CLERGY \_\_\_ CEU CREDIT \_\_\_ YOUTH

\_\_\_\_ Need assistance moving around campus. List on separate sheet any dietary needs.

# HAVING FUN AT THIS YEARS EVENTS



**AWFUMW ANNUAL DAY**



**UMW CRUISERS**



**THE ARMOR OF GOD**

**District Annual Day**

## Cokesbury UMW - Call to Prayer & Self Denial Program



Cokesbury UMW - Call to Prayer & Self Denial Program, March 19, 2017, at which Linda Powell delivered the program regarding how it is our responsibility to forget self and care for women and children locally and globally who need our help. Linda and Sue Blalock prepared the materials and set up Asbury Place for our afternoon. I am grateful for the ladies who participated and realize the need and impact.

## Abigail Circle Cokesbury UMW Prepares Lunch at Ronald McDonald House



Abigail Circle Cokesbury UMW preparing lunch March 17, 2017 at Ronald McDonald House and visiting with patients, parents and other volunteers. Carol Beede, a new member coordinated this special day of sharing and caring for us. Our lives were changed and we look forward to many more opportunities of service. We met with a couple who delivered a 1 pound baby after Christmas and she is now 3 pounds and developing lungs quite well. We also celebrated with a young boy who got an all clear screening from Cancer in his third year. When diagnosed he had kidney cancer and it was in his lungs, as well. Today, his parents thank God for giving their son his life back.



Pensacola District  
United Methodist Women  
Nancy Shealy

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6 East Wright St  
Pensacola, FL 32501

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Program Resources**



I just realized there is some really good books, that were introduced in 2012. They must be read this year for credit in the Reading Program. It was hard to pick some favorites, so I put a star beside them.

- ED - Beaded Hope\*
- Because He Lives (bonus)
- Cesar Chavez (A very short book)
- It's Easier to Reach Heaven than the End of the Street \*
- We Wait You\*
- LD - The Boy who Harnessed the Wind \*
- More Bad Girls of the Bible \*

- Old Testament Prophets for Today
- NC-Allow God to Wear Your Face (Everyone should read)\*\*
- I am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced\*
- SA – Death of Josseline\*
- Moral Ground
- Rediscovering Values
- SG- Hidden in the Rubble\*
- Wasabi Gospel
- Youth – Sold\*\*
- Thunder Over Kandahar\*\*

These will be in the lending library, at the May 13 District Mission Study.

*Becky Hiller*  
*Program Resource Chair*



Please send newsletter articles , information, and pictures to our 2017-18 Communications Coordinator, Patricia Cain—paddicain@gmail.com—