

Newsletter



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Central Texas Conference United Methodist Women

South District

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April-June, Second Quarter, 2022

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United Methodist Women is now United Women in Faith

We've taken a new name to better reflect how we answer our calling today. It's an exhilarating time, as we commit to even greater inclusivity, action, and impact. We remain women of passion and power, united by God's love in our mission to support women, children, and youth.

More info about this change in Words from our President. New website links can be found on Resource Page.

2022 South District UMW Events

THEME: Tending Your Garden

South District UMW Leadership Team Meetings, at Belton First UMC, 8:30 a.m.
April 23th, July 16th and September 10th.

August 9th, 'Mission u' One-Day Study, Temple FUMC

August 15th, **DEADLINE** for (Mission Today report, BOC, Five-Star Individual and Reading Program forms, etc.

September 17th, **DEADLINE** to register for our Annual Meeting.

September 24th, **50th** Annual Meeting at Georgetown, St. John's UMC.

October 15th, **DEADLINE** to register for our LLD.

October 22nd, Local Leadership Development at Temple, St. James UMC.

2022 South District UMW Leadership Team

President: Donna Jensen Vice President: **Vacant** Secretary: Susan Peters Treasurer: Marty Portmann
Communications Coordinator: Clydette Jones

Mission Coordinator for--

--Education and Interpretation (plus reading program/resources): Shirleen Chandler

--Membership Nurture & Outreach: Royce Aarhus

--Social Action: Susan Cory

--Spiritual Growth: Carol Curtis

Committee on Nominations, Chair: Patricia Moore

--CON Class members: Vernice Black '22, Sherry Gibbs '23, Patricia Moore '24 & Shirley Channell '25

Plus SCJ and CTC UMW LT members who resides in the South District: Darlene Alfred, Anne Ridley-Pleasant and Billie Ray. Ex-Officio Member: Rev. Beverly Connelly, South-Central District Superintendent.



Back Row, Left to Right: Donna Jensen, Vernice Black, Shirley Channell, Carol Curtis

Front Row, Left to Right: Sherry Gibbs, Shirleen Chandler, Patricia Moore, Royce Aarhus, Marty Portmann, Clydette Jones (not present, Susan Peters)

WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Often, I am reminded that life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how we react to it. Change isn't something most women embrace. How many times have you said, or someone said to you, "We've always done it that way?" Personally, I've always found that change brings new opportunities and the possibility of better things ahead. We are now the United Women in Faith or UWF. Some of you are going to ask questions about why we had to change. Do you remember when we changed from WSCS? That was going to be the end of the world! As we all know, that didn't happen.

Whatever we are doing, we shall be better, more involved, and more open to women outside the walls of what used to be UMW. There are groups which are breaking away as of May 1. We need to be an organization that still welcomes them with the name of United Methodist attached to it. I am excited, and I hope you are too.

Change can also happen in our lives, and we must be able to react to those changes as well. Two weeks ago, I moved into an apartment and am still getting things put away and finding places for the things I love. I left a plethora of "stuff" in my house to sell at an estate sale. Those things I thought meant the world to me, but when I surveyed the space, I had available, they didn't fit. So, I did what many of you have done in the past. I went through and said, I've loved you, but you don't really mean that much to me, and let them go. The things I really cherished I found a place for and placed them lovingly in their new home. Shouldn't we be doing that with the stuff in our lives that we keep holding on to? You know the things we were going to get around to doing one of these days, but never did and never will. The book we were always going to read but haven't might find its way into someone else's bookshelf to read. We may be filled with regret for what we haven't accomplished, while we should be rejoicing at what we have done.

What new thing have you done in the past year? If the answer is nothing, perhaps you might want to reconsider how you spend your time. Growing in the Lord requires us to make room for new things, new ideas, and new people. Find a project that calls to you and makes you feel alive and interested. Find something that your unit would love to do this year. Just plan to be the best you! Look in the mirror and like who you see, not who you want to be but who you genuinely are. God loves the real you.

I'll plan on seeing you at several events this year. Can hardly wait to hug you and see your smile.

Love you all,

Donna Jensen

NEW ADDRESS:

**Donna Jensen
200 Lake Road, Apt 415
Belton, TX 76513
Phone number: 480 586 8895**



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New Mission:

United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

The Purpose:

“United Methodist Women is a community of women whose **purpose** is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of MISSION through participation in the global ministries of the church.”

The Vision:

Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

Faith
Hope
Love
in Action!

HISTORICAL TIMELINE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

1869 - Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (WFMS)

1875 – Woman's Missionary Association of the United Brethren Church

1879 - Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church

1880 & 1890 - Woman's Home Missionary Societies founded

1884 - Woman's Missionary Society in the Evangelical Association

1939 – Woman's Society of Christian Service Wesleyan Service Guild, The Methodist Church

1972 – United Methodist Women, part of The United Methodist Church's Board of Global Ministries

2012 – United Methodist Women, autonomous



United Methodist Women continues to build upon the foundation set forth by our founders almost 150 years ago. Yet the difficulties encountered by women, children and youth around the world continue to sustain separation from life affirming compassionate care and support that heals, restores and empowers. Imagine what is achievable, what is possible, if United Methodist Women had the resources to deepen and expand its mission to transform lives and ignite change in places near and far.

In 2014, the Board of Directors launched the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign, setting a goal to raise \$60 million. The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign is both historic and unprecedented, with the campaign's theme, *Together, we are building our legacy*, celebrating the **legacy** of the courageous women who founded this mission movement, as well as the **legacy** that today's members will leave for future generations of United Methodist women, to create their **legacy** to carry the mission of *faith, hope, love in action* forward in the world for years to come.

Legacy Fund Goal = \$60,000,000

51% as of August 18, 2021 = \$38,181,487

You can donate directly to:

United Methodist Women National Office
475 Riverside Drive 15th Floor, Attn: LEGACY
New York, NY 10115

*Make checks payable to United Methodist Women.
Please note "Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign" in the
memo line. Or donate online:*

<https://uwfaith.org/give/legacy-fund/>

NEWS FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.....

United Women in Faith:

Some good news from the District Nominating Committee! Most members can remain for 2023, but it is time for our South District to step up and prepare for 2022 as well as 2023. Your help is needed now.

As most of you know, a vice-president is needed for this year. There will be plenty of women who can show you the way if you can choose to help, and the rewards will be great. Meeting other women from all over the district is one asset. Learning how Methodist Women can work together for all women, and children is another. And God is always right beside us as we venture into new territory.

Beginning in 2023, a new president will be required as Donna Jensen has finished her term of office. Vernice Black will finish the nominating committee duties as she has served more than her term of office.

Please look around and inquire of everyone in your organization. Maybe there is a certain person just waiting to be asked, but feels awkward stepping forward. It is okay as we have all been there. Even if your unit is not active, you can still come forward and be active for your district.

Praying and knowing that these offices can be filled. Let us know if you can help!

Your sister in Christ,
Patricia Moore, Nominating Chair for 2022, Belton

Vernice Black, Belton
Shirley Channell, St John, Georgetown,
Sherry Gibbs, Copperas Cove



BELTON UMW ANNOUNCES UPCOMING PROGRAMS

APRIL 19 - HOW NOT TO BE

SCAMMED. Tired of people trying to scam you? Want to do something about it? Afraid that you'll inadvertently fall prey to a scam even though you try to be careful? We're inviting anyone who is interested to join us as James Holian, Assistant Attorney General for the State of Texas, helps us navigate shark waters and Nigerian princes. He'll bring ideas and plans for us to follow. Do you get scam emails? Bring them along and share. Don't forget your grandson who needs bail money as well.

Sharing Donation: Bring/tell what scams you've experienced

MAY 17 - TOUR OF AMY'S HOUSE, TEMPLE, TEXAS. This is a Transplant and Donor Hospitality House for solid organ transplant recipients, live donors and those who support them.

Sharing Donation: To be announced later

**Meetings are held at the
Belton FUMC Fellowship Hall**

**10:00 am – 3rd Tuesday
of the month**

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC**

Submitted by Joy Solomon, Belton First
UMW, Communications Coordinator

SOUTH DISTRICT UMW 2022 MISSION PROJECT

TO GO WITH OUR THEME ON TENDING THE GARDEN

Voted on by your district leadership team on July 17, 2021.

MONIES FOR THE UNINCLUDED CLUB OF TEMPLE 'SPROUT TO SUCCESS'



This program teaches children and their families how to grow, harvest and consume healthy whole foods. Providing valuable skills that lead to decreased obesity.

The initiative also includes healthy living cooking lessons throughout the year and the formation of a cookbook. The Urban Ag program has two growing spaces. Our first garden space was donated by USDA at the Blackland Research and Extension Center and our program has expanded with our very own 7 acre campus that includes 2 acres of high yield growing and the microgreen growing process. The location of this campus is significant because it sits in the heart of East Temple. East Temple used to be its own thriving predominantly black community and now there is very little evidence of the prosperity, creativity and ingenuity that existed. Un-Included Club is in position to re-ignite the entrepreneurship spirit that just needs to be reimaged through cooking classes, leadership training, entrepreneurship opportunities etc...



**Members of Temple First UMW
collect spare change and watch
their "garden of coins"
grow every week.**

South District Local UMW Organizations,

Please collect money at each UMW meeting for our South District UMW 2022 Mission Project and send directly to our District Treasurer, Marty Portmann, on your quarterly remittance for 2022. Mark as 'Un-included Club'. Marty will send all the donations directly to the club.

SOUTH DISTRICT UMW
SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT
"Gardening God's Way"
March 5, 2022

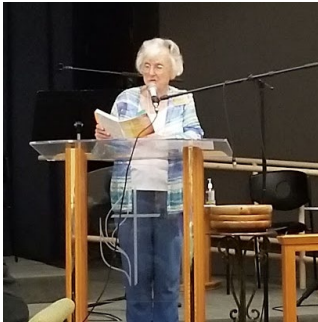


Welcome by Donna
Jensen, President



Rev. Joy Fattori,
Guest Speaker

SPEAKERS/PRESENTERS



ATTENDEES



Donna Connor, Pianist
Amber Moon, Song leader



First Time Attendees



Door Prize Winners!



South District United Methodist Women
"In Remembrance" Names
February 1, 2021-January 31, 2022

Belton, First UMW

Fran McGuyer
Corliss George

Copperas Cove, Grace UMW

Effie Townsend
Beth Smith
Teri Kimbler

Gatesville UMW

Barbara Mayhew Miller

Georgetown, St. John's UMW

Anna Aiken
Thelma Munson

Harker Heights UMW

Sandy Gibson

Temple, First UMW

Mary Lambert

Temple, St. James UMW

Ruth Johns
Mamie Bell
Rita Moore

Troy UMW

Harriet Prinz



Spiritual growth is our lifelong journey of becoming more like Christ.

We are now in the season of Lent, the six weeks leading up to Easter. We turn our hearts toward Jesus, remembering his sacrifice as He spent 40 days in the desert, being tempted by the devil. We think about what we can sacrifice for the Lord.

Giving up something that keeps us from focusing on the Lord helps us to grow spiritually. We might give up TV and use that time for prayer and Bible study. We might choose to be more intentional in writing down prayer requests and praying for each one each day. Whatever we choose to do is between ourselves and the Lord. Matthew 6:3-4 says " But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

Our sermon this past Sunday was Every Day Matters. It was about being present in the moment, not focusing our thoughts on tomorrow. We need to be ready when God speaks to us, always listening for His voice. We need to focus on those things that draw us closer to God and avoid those things that draw us away. We must work on finding joy in everything we do. Concentrate on today.

In Matthew 6:34, Jesus tells us not to worry about tomorrow. In Psalms 118:24, we read, "This is the day that the Lord has made- rejoice! "

Blessings to each one of you.

Your Spiritual Growth Coordinator,

Carol Curtis

GEORGETOWN ST. JOHN'S UMW 2022 MISSION PROJECT-I "SOCKS"

Our UMW ladies bought a total of 70 pair of socks and 20 pair of underwear.

We collected them at our January Bergquist-Carlson Circle Meeting for **Helping Hands of Georgetown.**



--Sharon Gibson





Epiphany Brunch

Hosted by Temple First UMW

**Featuring Stella Burkhalter,
Pastor
Serving Kyle United Methodist
Church, Kyle, Texas**



75 participants from 10 area churches participated in the 14th annual Epiphany Event at the FUMC Temple Worship Center on Saturday, January 8th. The ladies enjoyed a hot breakfast with breakfast pockets, a Czech kolache, from an area bakery, while enjoying beautiful piano and organ music by Dr. Carl and Becky Bradley. There was time for shopping at the Noonday Booth and Glenda's Glad Bags and visiting the Silent Auction before the program began. The Silent Auction raised \$1050 for the event.

Rev. Stella Burkhalter, Kyle UMC, a Methodist pastor in the Austin area for the past 10 years, shared her testimony about becoming a pastor and then highlighted her book, "Alpha to Omega", a study of the Greek Alphabet. Stella discussed the 23rd Psalm and led the group in creating a special beaded chain to help us remember the significance of the Psalm. To conclude the program, the group celebrated communion. Stella's message was inspiring and provided encouragement for a new start in 2022.

The theme for our event was Taking Care of God's World, and the FUMC Temple UMW members carried out that theme with clever gardening decorations and fresh flowers for each table. Everyone agreed how wonderful it was to worship together and enjoyed seeing ladies we had not seen in two years. The fellowship and time together were an added benefit of this year's Epiphany Event.

Ilene Miller, FUMC Temple



**Rev. Burkhalter &
Sharon Douglass**

**Attendees enjoying
food and friendship**



**Beautiful tables decorated in the
theme "Tending Our Garden"**



FUMC TEMPLE-UWF COMPLETE BABY BLANKETS FOR NEWBORNS

31 soft fleece blankets were completed in March by UWF at FUMC Temple as an ongoing project initiated by Karen Nalley, to honor babies who are baptized at FUMC-Temple. Once the blankets are blessed at a church service, they are placed in a monogrammed canvass bag along with a special poem and a small keepsake knitted or crocheted blanket and presented to the parents at the time of the baby's baptism.

In 2021, 25 blankets were made for babies and youth and presented at their baptisms and confirmations. This has been a wonderful hands-on project and a support for the young families and youth in our church. More than a dozen UWF members worked to complete the project this year.

Ilene Miller, FUMC Temple-UWF



DORCAS CIRCLE OF TEMPLE UWF CONNECTS WITH MISSION ADVOCATE FOR THE NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION OF THE UMC, CONNIE WIECK

It started with a birthday card Carol Curtis sent to Connie Wieck, who had served as an English Language Teacher in Asia for 30 years, and evolved into two one hour Zoom presentations on China and Connie's work with 430 Chinese students at Luzhou Vocational and Technical College. Dorcas Circle members and other UWF members now have a new understanding of what life is like for Chinese Christians and look forward to additional Zoom meetings with Connie and other missionaries.

If your Church would like to connect with Connie here is how you reach her:

- Visit her personal website for stories and pictures: connieinchina.org
- Write to Connie Wieck at 710 Mulberry Street, Marshall, IL 62441
- Contact her by phone: 217-921-4909

Check out these two websites for more information:

- amityfoundation.org (This is Connie's partner organization in China).
- umcmmission.org (Information about United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries).

Ilene Miller and Carol Curtis, FUMC Temple-UWF

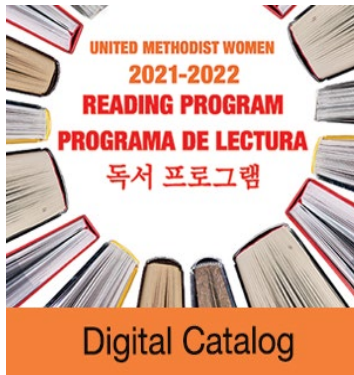
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(Yeah - sue I nee)

Jesus Loves You



NEW RESOURCE LINKS



READING PROGRAM

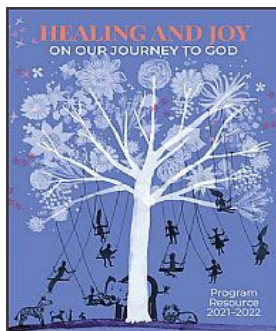
uwfaith.org/resources/2022-reading-program

Have you read a good book lately? Would you recommend it for the UMW Reading Program? If so, send the book title, author and a short description to the UMW National Office to the following:

Andris Salter at asalter@unitedmethodistwomen.org

With a copy to Robin Johnson at:

rjohnson@unitedmethodistwomen.org



United Methodist Women

Program Resource 2021-2022

“HEALING AND JOY ON OUR JOURNEY TO GOD”

To order go to www.umwmissionresources.org

Formerly the Program Book – New digital component with monthly Community Gatherings and on-boarding sessions



response the magazine of women in mission

uwfaith.org/resources/response-magazine/

March/April 2022 digital issue of **response** is **free for everyone!** This issue not only features an article on our new brand, but it's also the special biennial mission maps issue, showing the people and programs your generous Mission Giving supports around the world. Read your issue [here](#), and share with friends.



The Daily Prayer Guide

Formerly the Prayer Calendar, is now on Facebook.

facebook.com/dailyprayerguide/

-Shirleen Chandler
Mission Coordinator for
Education & Interpretation
South District UMW

UPDATED IMPORTANT UWF LINKS – Alphabetical

(These links will continue to be updated as the new uwfaith.org website develops.)



101 After School Activities for kids = <https://www.care.com/c/101-after-school-activities-for-kids>

UMW Assembly 2022 “Turn It Up” = <https://uwfaith.org/events/assembly2022>

UMW Central Texas Conference Website = <https://www.ctcumw.org>

--UMW South District Event Registration = <https://www.ctcumw.org/registrations>

--UMW South District Event Flyers = https://www.ctcumw.org/south_district

--UMW South District Webpage = http://www.ctcumw.org/south_district

UMW E-News – subscribe = https://secure3.convio.net/umw/site/SPageNavigator/online_subscribe.html

UMW Legacy Fund - donate = <https://uwfaith.org/give/legacy-fund>

UMW Membership = <https://uwfaith.org/get-involved/become-a-member>

UMW Mission Resources = <https://www.umwmissionresources.org/>

UMW National Webpage = <https://www.uwfaith.org>

UMW Program Resources = <https://uwfaith.org/resources/>

UMW Reading Program = <https://www.umwmissionresources.org/downloads/ReadingProgramCatalog2021.pdf>

--Sign-up for UMW Faith Talks = <https://uwfaith.org/resources/podcasts>

--Subscribe to UMW response Magazine = <https://uwfaith.org/resources/response-magazine>

UMW Social Action Alerts – subscribe = https://secure3.convio.net/umw/site/SPageNavigator/Social_Action_Alerts.html

UMW South Central Jurisdiction = <https://umwscj.org>

UMW Spiritual Growth Coordinators = <https://www.umwmissionresources.org/>

Attention Local UMW Organizations:

When your assigned District Shepherd comes to visit, please email ONE picture of your shepherdess with your group for this newsletter. Your District Shepherdess is listed in the **South District UMW Yearbook-2022**. If her visit has not been scheduled yet, please call and invite her to your general, circle, group, leadership team meetings, etc.. Thank you.

District Shepherdess, please feel free to take another UMW member with on your visit.

This is another way to keep in touch with your South District UMW Leadership Team.

It's all about communicating and getting to know one another.

"Each South District UMW Leadership Team member shall serve as the Shepherdess for two to three local UMWs and strive to attend one meeting of each annually." --Per South District UMW Policy on Communications.

IN MEMORIAM

Julie Fuschak passed away on February 20, 2022. Many UMW members knew Julie, as she served on the District and Conference level of UMW.

Julie was a member of FUMC Georgetown.



2022 Central Texas Conference

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Conference UWF Events:

Aug. 5-7	Mission u, Three Day
Sep. 25	UMW Sunday or alternate date
Oct. 7	District Leadership Development
Oct. 8	50 th Annual Autumn Gathering

Conference UMW Leadership Team:

President: Pamela Pinkerton-Whitley
Vice President: Becca Bilz Davis
Secretary: Judith Graham
Treasurer: Corliss McBride
Communications Coordinator: Anne Ridley-Pleasant
Mission Coordinator for--
Education and Interpretation: Linda Beach
-Secretary of Program Resources: Caye Felton
Membership Nurture & Outreach: Cheri Baxter
Social Action: Fannette Welton
Spiritual Growth: Gwendolyn Caviness
Committee on Nominations, Chair: Gail Spears
All CON Classes
All District Presidents

Visit their webpage to view Crossties and Mission Ties which will have all the information about their upcoming events.

Email articles for the next South District UMW 3rd Qtr. Newsletter (July-September, 2022) to Clydette Jones, South District Communications Coordinator – clydettee3@gmail.com DEADLINE: JUNE 1st