



United
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BATON ROUGE DISTRICT BRIEF



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Did you see the picture in the January 7th week of the "Prayer Guide"? The North Rampart Community Center boys are eating breakfast that they cooked in their cooking class. The fabulous women of United Women in Faith Baton Rouge District helped make that picture possible. We work as a strong durable group. No unit is more important than any other, but each unit is important to the district and our ability to accomplish God's mission.

As we move from January to February and Ash Wednesday into Lent, it is a good time to practice the spiritual side of soul care. The New Orleans District is hosting a Spiritual Growth event March 9th at Cornerstone United Methodist Church. We are all invited and I'm certain that each unit has received the registration information. Let's support this opportunity to nurture our souls. If the event is anywhere as inspiring as last year's gathering, you will have a memorable Saturday and much to write in your journals. If you cannot attend that event, there is a Podcast Live on Lent and Spiritual Discipline on February 15th at 1 P.M. CT.

Some of you have already begun the new reading program for 2024. If you or someone in your unit has read a book that you or they feel worthy of all women reading, write a short book review or recommendation and send it to Ramona Laws for her next newsletter. We have all year to accomplish a personal or unit reading goal. Last year we read more books than any other district in the conference. Keep up the good work!

March 31st is Easter Sunday. It is the gift God gave to each of us by allowing his Son to die for our sins. I never realized the extent and depth of that love and deed required of God and Jesus until I had a child of my own. In my human strength, I could not sacrifice my child for someone else to have forgiveness. Because we all believe John 3:16, we are symbolically joined together when we share communion as the disciples did at the last supper. Remember that we are one in Jesus Christ and through Him we can combat the forces of evil that try to divide us.

I am so fortunate to work with the wonderful women of the Baton Rouge District. Thank you for caring for the women, children, and youth in our local and foreign missions.

Blessings,

Grace





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United Women in Faith Sunday Celebrations

BLACKWATER UMC

The Blackwater United Methodist Church installed its new UWF officers during the Traditional Service on Sunday, January 28, 2024. The installation service was conducted by Carol Forman, outgoing president. Carol has served Blackwater UMC faithfully for many years and we wish her a happy "retirement".

CAMPHOR MEMORIAL UMC

Camphor celebrated UWF Sunday on January 28, 2024. Our theme was Soul, Seeds, Service. Our color for the day was green. Our guest speaker was Minister Monique Davis from Atlanta, Georgia. She gave a very stimulating message, relating her personal experiences to our theme. Inspirational music was rendered by the women of Camphor and our guest soloist Mrs. Latasha Johnson. Our President, Ramona Laws, serviced as the liturgist and Michelle Handy and Glenda Chappell also participated in the service. After worship we fellowshiped at Crowne Plaza Restaurant.



ST. JOHN'S UMC

We celebrated on Sunday January 28 at St. John's UMC in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. We used the theme of "Soul, Seeds, Service" and several UWF members took part. Pat Lively and Betty Schroeder wrote portions of the service. Clara Maynard, Beth Forester, Pam Toney and Deborah Cross-Young served as lay readers. In lieu of a sermon, we gave biographical information on women hymn composers followed by singing the hymn. Of course, we highlighted the work of the United Women in Faith in the church, community, and world. Afterwards there was a lovely reception, with food prepared by UWF members.

Clara Maynard



Almighty God, we thank you for the women of United Women in Faith who create a heartbeat for our community. Housed and unhoused, those with means and those with none, multicultural, multifaith, each searching, let them sit together and taste love at your table.
Amen.

DIANA WOODS, Order of Disciples



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

*******URGENT******* Registration for the Spiritual Growth Retreat on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at Cornerstone UMC in New Orleans will be due soon. The Registration is only \$20.00. Fees should be mailed to Robin Jones. You can contact her if the registrations won't reach her before the deadline. All Presidents, please share this information with your members.

* First United Methodist Church Baton Rouge's UWF will host an Officer Training on April 21, 2024. Additional ladies will be invited to attend.

* Presidents, please submit the information requested regarding your secretary of Program Resources to Dolores Giles the District Secretary of Program Resources.

* Broadmoor UWF will host March Mission Madness:

When: March 16th

Where: Casual Worship Center on the Broadmoor Campus

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Features: Baked goods, used books, jewelry, J. Jill Fashion Show, music by Baton Rough High School students, refreshments

Missions Supported: North Rampart Community Center, Mac Donnell Children's Services, and Dulac Community Services

Tickets: \$15.00 – Contact Grace Oulton at graceoulton@cox.net.