

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT BRIEF



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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Sisters in Christ,

At the time of the last newsletter, we were experiencing Lent, preparing our souls, and waiting for Easter to arrive. Now Easter Day has come and gone, but we are still Easter people sharing God's love with those around us and thanking God for the sacrifice of His Son for us. We believe in John 3:16. When my oldest granddaughter was about nine years old, I asked her if she knew that Bible verse. She said it to me, and I said the verse back to her. Then she asked, "Why do you put all of those "ths" on the words?" I explained that I had learned the verse in the King James version of the Bible, but it meant the same thing as the way she learned it. Does it matter how we learned the verse, as long as we believe it, and thank God for His act of love? I don't think it does, as long as we are always grateful to Him for His act.

April showers remind us that spring is here, and summer is on its way, so mark your calendars for Mission u, July 19-20 at the Wesley Center. July may seem far away, but it will be here before we know it. The theme is "Welcome Home" and the leaders have been planning and studying. We are so fortunate to have the opportunity to come together to learn and to worship. Learning different hymns and choruses exposes us to new and old favorites.

Because time is fleeing, our Racial Justice chairperson has decided to postpone a committee meeting and asks us to continue doing our individual projects and studies as we have been doing.

Remember, meeting women from another UWF unit and sharing a book study or a meal followed by discussion helps us define community and exchange points of view, furthering the chance to discover commonalities. We are all better together.

Speaking of book studies, have you read some of the new books on the UWF reading list? Many can be checked out at local libraries. Perhaps planning an amount to be added to your unit's budget is a way to build your UWF library. The Baton Rouge District always has a strong participation in the reading program, and last year our district read the most books in the conference.

Welcome back -- to the units who have not been functioning since COVID. It is important for units to communicate with the district and for their presidents to attend District Leadership Team meetings. As the commercial for an investment company says, "We do better when our clients do better." The district is only as strong as the units which comprise it; and although units are not clients, the district does better when every unit actively participates.

I appreciate each of you and the work you do for the glory of God. It is a privilege to work and serve with you.

Blessings,

Grace

MORE UWF SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS



Neely UMC



JORDAN UWF Sunday was celebrated on the third Sunday in January. We were honored to have Mrs. Edna Hickman as our speaker. Accolades to our speaker and the Women of Jordan!

ST. MARK UWF OF BATON ROUGE had a beautiful and spiritual UWF Sunday on January 21, 2024, at the 10:00 am Worship Service. Julia Carnes, President of this unit and Alice Brown, Vice President and Chairperson of the program, and the UWF ladies did a wonderful job. Rev. Glorious Wright's message was very inspirational. Our theme was: **"SOUL, SEEDS, SERVICE"** with Scripture coming from:

Matthew 13: 1-9. The program was enjoyed by all.

Rev. Glorious Wright, Speaker



CAMPHOR MEMORIAL UWF

On March 16th, Camphor's UWF sponsored a Youth Day Event for youth of the community in grades 6 through 12. They engaged in biblical activities, learned table etiquette skills, enjoyed guest speakers, dance presentations and a tasty meal.



Several members attended the State Spiritual Retreat Event held at Cornerstone UMC in New Orleans on March 9th. We enjoyed the spirited music and dynamic speaker.



JORDAN UWF

On Saturday March 25, 2024, Jordan UMC held a Community Fair. During the Fair the UWF held an Easter Egg Hunt for 3 age groups. Children were awarded Easter Baskets, Bunnies, and goodies for 1st place and finding the golden and silver eggs.

On Easter Sunday, the UWF along with the UMM and the Jefferson Jackson Families served 250+ meals to Homeless families at the St. Vincent De Paul Parking Area. Reverend Joseph Moore of The Outdoor Ministry an inspirational Resurrection Sunday Message. After a wonderful word from the Lord, each person was blessed with a nutritious Easter meal. The meal consisted of Baked Chicken, cornbread dressing, green beans, green salad, a roll and pumpkin pie or cake. What a blessing it was to serve others on Resurrection Sunday! To God be the Glory for the things He has done!

During the pandemic UWF were fortunate to receive a small matching grant to purchase books for Pre-K students at Sharon Hills Elementary School. The books were finally distributed the week before Easter to students at Sharon Hills Elementary and Magnolia Woods Elementary. Each student enjoyed an Easter Story read by Ms. Joan Bennet (Sharon Hills) and Ms. Valerie Triggs (Magnolia Woods). After story time. Each student was presented a book bag with school supplies, bookmarks, and 2 new books to start their own libraries at home.



BROADMOOR UWF

Broadmoor UWF hosted their March Mission Madness event, which helps support North Rampart Community Center, Dulac Community Center, and MacDonnell Children's Services as well as Baton Rouge local missions. Unit members modeled fashions from JJill. While students from Baton Rouge High School played music, guests enjoyed refreshments. Bakery items, jewelry, and used books were sold.



ST. MARK UWF

On Saturday, January 27, 2024, the L.B. Lewis Christian Involvers invited United Women in Faith Louisiana Conference President, **Brenda Nero** to discuss with us one of the priorities of United Women in Faith, "**Interrupt the School to Prison Pipeline.**" We think this is a very important topic to discuss and start our New Year off on the right track said Chairperson Edna Hickman! Thank you to our speaker and to all who were in attendance. Let's keep the momentum going ladies!

Special thanks to our Conference president of United Women in Faith, **Brenda Nero** for attending our L.B. Lewis Christian Involvers' Study Group and sharing important information with us. She shared with us and encouraged us to call our congresspersons to support a bill by Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley to "**The Ending Punitive, Unfair, School-Based Harm that is Overt and Unresponsive to Trauma (PUSHOUT) Act.**"



ST. MARK UWF CONT'D

On Saturday, March 23, 2024, The L.B Lewis Christian Involvers were invited to attend the Sisters Supporting Sisters Women's Conference. It was a beautiful sight to see support for those diagnosed with cancer. We also learned about better eating habits and ways to work on your mental health. It was very informative!❤️😊 A busy but spiritually full day! Below is a copy of the program.



The above bags were given to all participants at the conference by the L. B. Lewis Christian Involvers' and was made and designed by Jamey Rooks and Marelyn Branch, members of the L. B. Lewis Christian Involvers'

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Life Source Hospice

Mother's Day Pink and Purple Sock Drive for Hospice Patients

We just began our Mother's Day Campaign which is a **PINK AND PURPLE SOCK DRIVE** for our female patients in honor of Mother's Day.

Donations of 2 or more pair of socks (per person) with opportunities to gain community service hours. We can arrange for pick up from your location. The deadline for the sock drive is May 5th.

Please let me know if you or your organization would like to participate in the sock drive or volunteer with us prior to May 5th.

Patient Care Visit volunteers are needed for the month of May 2024. Would you like to visit a hospice patient and share a prayer, bible reading, poetry reading or share a conversation? We are seeking volunteers that are caring and full of compassion. Email me your availability.

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