

June 2025



SOUTHEAST DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWSLETTER



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Communications
Coordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 25th - 26th

Mission U~Wesley Center
Woodworth, LA

Registration information:

<https://uwfla.org/mission-u-2022/>

July 31st

District Meeting~Zoom

August 16th

Mini Mission U

St. Mark UMC~Baton Rouge, LA

October 11th

Conference Annual Meeting
Wesley Center
Woodworth, LA

November 1st

District Annual Meeting
New Orleans, LA



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH PURPOSE

To be 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.



RAMONA LAWS
SOUTHEAST DISTRICT
PRESIDENT
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Greetings Southeast District,

It was indeed a joy and a pleasure to see so many of you show up at Broadmoor United Methodist Church for our Spiritual/Social Action Event on June 7th. I hope you were revived and renewed, as I was, to pursue this wonderful work of the United Women in Faith. Our speakers and vendors were also very grateful for your attention and support. Our next major event is Mission u. You should have received registration information by now via email. This year's theme is, "Practicing Hope Together." Please make plans to join us on July 25-26 th at the Wesley Center in Woodworth, LA. Zoom sessions are also available. Pre-registration is required, and the deadline is July 9th. For more information, go to uwfla.org. If you are unable to attend this event, please note our district's mini mission u will be held on Saturday, August 16th in Baton Rouge.

Life can sometimes deliver some tough blows, but God's marvelous grace enables us to go from strength to strength through all our trials. Second Corinthians 12:9 promises us that God's grace is sufficient, that it is made perfect in our weakness. These are encouraging words. Try taking all the trials you're experiencing to the Lord. Lay them at his feet and count on his grace and power to carry you through. Be blessed in your journey to becoming a woman after God's own heart.

Sisterly yours,

Ramona Laws
President, SE District UWF



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JORDAN

Jordan United Women in Faith News UWF Sunday

Jordan celebrated UWF Sunday on January 26, 2025. We were blessed to have Bishop Delores J. Williamston as our speaker. District Superintendent Karli Pidgeon was also in attendance. We had a spirit filled day using the UWF theme: "Walk by Faith, Not by Sight". Music was rendered by the Charles R. Kelly Community Center Choir.



Jordan's UWF Treasurer Transitioned

Ms. Audrey Jean Patterson, Treasurer for our United Women in Faith unit passed away on March 4, 2025. Audrey served as Treasurer for 30+ years. What a wonderful example of dedication and service! "Jean" as she was affectionally called; will certainly be missed. We will never forget her service and her love for the UWF and Jordan UMC church.



Jordan's UWF President Speaks at Wesley UMC



Valerie Triggs, President of our unit spoke at Wesley UMC for their UWF Program on March 16, 2025. The theme for the program was "Rerouting our Lives for Jesus Christ". Valerie had overwhelming support from family, classmates, church members and fellow UWF members. Thank you, Wesley UWF for entrusting Valerie as your speaker. Congratulations Jordan UWF and Valerie!

UWF Holds Easter Egg Hunt

Jordan's UWF and Youth held an Easter Egg hunt for children on Saturday, April 19, 2025. The kids played games, hunted eggs and were given prizes. Each child had a pizza and a drink snack. Candy bags were given to each child to carry home. Thank you to our youth: Vivienne Leachman, Trinity Newman, and Kya Marks for taking charge of this UWF activity. A special thanks to students from Liberty High School and BR High (Zari Ebanks, Layla Richard, & Xzavier Baker) who volunteered to assist with the hunt for their school Volunteer hours.



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ST. MARK (BR)

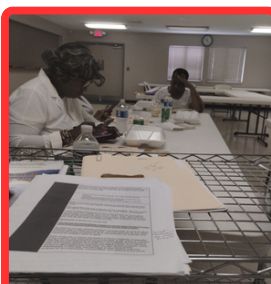
L.B. LEWIS CHRISTIAN INVOLVERS

St. Mark United Methodist Church, L. B. Lewis Christian Involver's meeting, was held on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at 10:30 am. Edna Hickman, Chairperson of the group, was the facilitator for the meeting. The meeting was beneficial and helpful, and it was the last meeting before the summer break. Our monthly meetings will resume in August.

The main Scripture for the meeting was Ephesians 2:10, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." This scripture lets us know that we are beautiful women, chosen by God to be representatives of His Kingdom. We are here to make an impact in our family, community, church, workplaces, and wherever God has assigned us to be. Unity, sisterhood, and supporting one another were the themes of the meeting.

*Each person was given a folder upon entering the meeting with Scriptures for consideration. There were five principles that were discussed. They were:

<u>Principles</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Take-aways</u>
1. Obedience	Joshua 1:6-8	Obedience is better than sacrifice
2. Prayer	Philippians 4:6	Pray without ceasing
3. Seeking GOD'S Word	Hebrews 4:12	Seek Ye first the Kingdom of GOD and His Righteousness
4. Grow in Faith	Mark 11:23-24	Faith without Works is dead
5. Love	Galatians 6:9	GOD so Loved the World



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BROADMOOR

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Joining Together to Make a Difference

Broadmoor UWF worked with Women Making a Difference to fill 125 gift bags for Mother's Day and 105 bags for Father's Day to be delivered to Capital Oaks Nursing Care Facility and to the Guest House.

Personal items, tissues, word search books, and magnifying glasses were among the contents of the bags. Men especially enjoyed receiving baseball hats in their bags.

As Reverend Lusinda Warren says, "No one does mission alone." By working together, the two groups accomplished their goals and had a time of fellowship, working together.



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CORNERSTONE

The United Methodist Women In Faith at Cornerstone United Methodist Church Makes Annual Donation to North Rampart Community Center

SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

Over the past year, the United Methodist Women In Faith (WIF) at Cornerstone United Methodist Church (CUMC) proudly participated in several initiatives aimed at empowering women and uplifting children in our communities. Thanks to the generosity of many church members and friends, we made our annual contribution to North Rampart Community Center (NRCC) Summer Camp Program. The camp provides a safe, exciting, nurturing place for our often overlooked and underserved children during the hot summer months.

This year, our donation was a collaborative effort and was witnessed by the congregation during morning worship service, May 25, 2025. Dr. Glenda Johnson, WIF Treasurer, presented our donation to Coach James Parker saying, "You are not alone in this work. The WIF and many others are dedicated to making a positive impact on the lives of children and youth in New Orleans."

President Doris Harry encouraged the United Methodist Men Ministry to match the WIF donation. Mr. Bernard Harry presented the Men's commitment and his individual gift to Coach Parker. This significantly increased the total monetary support to NRCC, which will help meet some of the challenges due to cuts in Federal and State funding. Coach Parker, director of NRCC, received the donations with humility. He has been making a difference in the lives of children and youth in our community for many years. He expressed his gratitude for our support and shared information about NRCC's mission and after-school program. WIF at CUMC continues to combine persons and resources to build foundations for lasting growth.

MOTHER'S DAY BASKETS OF LOVE

The Cornerstone's United Women in Faith did a mission in love for the Women at Ferncrest Manor Nursing Home here in New Orleans. Toothbrush, toothpaste, lotion, soap, hand sanitizer, hand soap, activity books, necklace, bracelet, and a Mother's Day card filled the basket with love. The basket was wrapped and sealed with a flower and bow. Our hearts were filled with joy to share God's blessings with others.



On May 18, 2025, Cornerstone's Women of Faith presented London Walker with a Token of Love to assist her with financial expenses needed to further her education. London is Cornerstone's only high school graduate this year. London graduated from New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA) where she excelled in academics and dance. In the Fall, London will attend Louisiana State University where she will pursue a Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology.



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ASBURY

Asbury United Methodist Church United Women in Faith Community Outreach



On June 7, 2025 the Asbury United Methodist Church United Women in Faith, along with the Health and Wellness Committee, sponsored a Health Fair and Homeless Outreach program. The program featured the provision of gently used clothes and shoes for children and adults, hygiene products, health screenings, and a hot lunch. More than one hundred plates of food were served.

Local health care providers included the New Orleans Health Care for the Homeless, Inclusive Care, Odessey House Louisiana, and Metropolitan Human Services District. The providers offered screenings for high blood pressure, diabetes, syphilis, HIV and more. Providers also offered educational materials and information about resources specifically targeting the homeless population in New Orleans. The event was hosted on the grounds Peoples United Methodist Church.



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HARTZELL MT. ZION

On April 16, 2025, Hartzell Mt. Zion UMC UWIF visited the Slidell Adult Day Health Care center, here in Slidell, LA. The center provides a nurturing environment for adults who choose to live at home but need assistance with daily activities and socialization opportunities. The UWIF provided the residents with an awesome game of BINGO! Where everyone received a prize/gift bag. We also provided their lunch which consisted of finger sandwiches, chips, drinks, ice cream, and of course, dessert cupcakes.

Today was truly unforgettable as Hartzell Mt. Zion United Methodist Church UWIF shared love and kindness with the community at Slidell Adult Day Health Care. We're deeply grateful to Dwight Denham & Leslie Denham, City Council District A, for making this heartwarming visit possible.

"Striving to be My Sister's Keeper", Hartzell Mt. Zion United Methodist Church's 4th Annual Women's Retreat held on May 17, 2025 at Solomon Episcopal Conference & Retreat Center in Loranger, LA. was a resounding success. This extraordinary day celebrated the beauty of shared experiences, from heartfelt prayers and captivating entertainment to insightful discussions on financial wellness, meditation, and mental wellness. Pastor Cynthia Plummer's powerful message, anchored in Proverbs 27:17 "Iron sharpen iron", resonated deeply with each woman. Debra Bell and her team deserve acclaim for their exceptional efforts in creating an unforgettable experience that surpasses previous years. Thank you for being a blessing.



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**SOUTHEAST DISTRICT
SECRETARY OF PROGRAM
RESOURCES
DOLORES GILES**



To the United Women in Faith Units of the Southeast District:
I pray you are enjoying the books you are reading and learning much information. Whether you are reading individually, sharing books, or using some books for group studies, continue reading, reading, reading! You can read one or two books in each of the five categories. There are four plans, and you must complete a certain number of books under each plan.

Plan I ~ 5 books, one from each category

Plan II ~ 10 books, 2 books from each category

Plan III ~ 15 books, 2 books from each category, plus 5 additional books from any category

Plan IV ~ 20 books, 2 books from each category, plus 10 additional books from any category.

Here are a few suggestions under each category:

Education for Missions

1. "Becoming Kin: An Indigenous Call to Unforgetting the Past and Reimagining Our Future" by Patty Krawec
2. "How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America" by Clint Smith

Leadership Development

1. "A Right Worthy Woman" by Ruth P. Watson,
2. "My Body Is Not a Prayer Request: Disability Justice in the Church" by Amy Kenny

Nurturing for Community

1. "All You Can Ever Know: A Memoir" by Nicole Chung
2. "The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times" by Michelle Obama

Social Action

1. "Our Missing Hearts" by Celeste Ng
2. "I Rise" by Marie Arnold

Spiritual Growth

1. "Forgiving What You Can't Forget" by Lysa TerKeurst
2. "The Women of the Bible Speak: The Wisdom of 16 Women and Their Lesson for Today" by Shannon Bream

Remember, I must receive your forms by July 31, 2025
Blessings – and happy reading.



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**SOUTHEAST DISTRICT
TREASURER**
LORITA WILLIAMS FRANK



- Bank Balance as of 12/31/24: \$ 2,220.84
- Checks Written in 2025: \$ -17,560.86
- Deposits made in 2025 \$ 17,293.90
- Current bank balance:
\$ 1,953.88

3rd quarter report due 8/15/25
Last chance to receive credit for 5-star giving is in the
3rd quarter report.



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SOUTHEAST DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH *NEWS YOU CAN USE*



FIND PURPOSE IN ALL STAGES OF LIFE

By Laura Buchanan

Whether you are an older adult who is wondering how to live a more purposeful life or your church is seeking new ways to connect with older congregants, find guidance in these practical tips.



**GENERAL SECRETARY AND
CEO UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
SALLY VONNER**

The 2025 Mission U theme, once again, is very timely: *Practicing Hope Together*. The adult, children, and youth studies remind us that we can get through the dim times and day-to-day challenges when we have hope. If we practice hope together, we are bound by Jesus' resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Like the early Christian faith communities who endured persecution, divisions, and more, we must hope and work for a bright future even when we do not see nor can grasp how Jesus will bring us through. I hope you will commit to attending a Mission U in your conference or virtually wherever offered. Let us grow in our hope together. Hope is foundational to our faith. We can hope for a bright future because Jesus is the sure and steadfast anchor of our souls (Hebrews 6) and has promised abundant life for all who believe.

Don't get stuck

"I look at aging as being a journey. ... We can prepare ourselves to pivot instead of getting stuck," encourages Buchanan. She offers these ideas to older adults:

- **Make the best of where you are.**

She asks, "What can you do where you are now? How can you influence people?" She mentions a 99-year-old man with limited mobility who was questioning his purpose in a senior living facility. He was known as the "high five guy" and he consistently changed the trajectory of the day for those around him through joy and a shared smile, often from across the room. He felt that his influence wasn't significant, but Buchanan told him, "In God's economy, that is everything."

"Embrace your purpose. What you are able to do may not look the same as it did once upon a time, but it's still so important," says Buchanan.

For more tips, please click the link below!

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/aging-faithfully-10-ways-to-find-purpose-and-offer-support>



To read more, please click the link below!

https://uwfaith.org/latest-news/2025/may-june-response-responsively-yours-3/?mc_cid=f2c02ca757&mc_eid=07d151f373

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UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
"IN MEMORIUM"



ANGELA ROBERSON
APRIL 9, 1982 - MAY 11, 2025



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SOUTHEAST DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH *WRAP-UP*

Thank you to all who have submitted your unit's happenings! If you have any information you would like to see that isn't listed in the newsletter, please contact me so that we can continue to share the amazing things happening in our district and conference!

Blessings!

Jamye Rooks

OUR NEXT PUBLICATION DATE...

Submission Due Date	Publication Date
Friday, September 19, 2025	Monday, September 29, 2025
I will send (2) reminder emails: A week prior and 2 days before the submission due date. When emailing your unit's newsletter submission, please put in the subject line your church's name and submission month in bold and all caps. (Ex: ST. MARK JUNE ~NEWS)	

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