



The Lantern

Greenwood District United Women in Faith Newsletter

September 2023

The President's Message

Greetings Ladies

I pray you have had a very enjoyable and restful summer. It is now time to get to work once again for women, youth and children in our district.

It is very important that the District Leadership Team and Local Presidents work together to build a strong team.

I would like to ask each local president to:

- Create a talent pool using the Talent Bank form to be shared with the District Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator (MNO), Nomination Chair and District Secretary. When the District realignment is completed, this information will be very helpful to build a strong team.

The link to this form can be found at https://www.mississippi-umw.org/images/Mississippi_ConferenceTalent_Bank_Information_Form.pdf

- Plan a Pledge Service in early 2024 (January or February) to raise your Mission Pledge for 2025. This service should not concentrate on the mission giving, but the reason we give and how the funds are used to support the Purpose of UWF. I am reminded of the bold gift given by the poor widow in Mark 12:41-44, "May we also be bold in our pledge commitment." Have Pledge Cards completed by all who are willingly to support the work of UWF. The District Treasurer will be asked to give the District Pledge to Mission for 2025 in June/July 2024, therefore she will need this information from each local organization in May/June 2024 to compile and have ready for the Conference Treasurer. If we can help in any way, let your District Team know. Review this link, as you develop your pledge service, from UWF.org:
file:///C:/Users/ebsmi/Downloads/10404_ProgResource2022-23_PledgeService.pdf

As you know we have reduced the amount of our district pledge in recent years. The above is a way of thinking out of the box in order to take us back to a place in time when the Purpose and Mission of UWF (and the other names under which we

served) was so important we would give our last for the MISSION just as the poor widow did in the scripture mentioned above.

MS Conference Annual Meeting is upon us. We will be meeting in Holly Springs, MS at Rust College on October 6-7, 2023. It is my prayer that local organizations in the Greenwood District will be represented by at least two voting delegates at this meeting (see page 75 of the directory). The Greenwood District Annual Meeting will be held on October 21, 2023. The flyer is attached.

You will find a copy of the District Calendar in this Lantern. Please look at the TBA dates and let us know if your church will be available to host on any of these dates.

Southeastern Jurisdiction Meeting will be held on April 19-21, 2024 in Chattanooga, TN. For more information go to <sejuwf.org>

I want to thank each of you for the role you have played in the success of the Greenwood District UWF. The work you have done and are called to continue will speak for you at the Throne of Grace.

Peace and Grace,
Erie Stuckett, President
Greenwood District
Deaconess, United Methodist Church



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**A MESSAGE FROM THE GREENWOOD
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
DISTRICT TREASURER**

Greeting to each of you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Last Quarterly Report for 2023

November 30, 2023 is the deadline for Mission Giving. Any funds received after November 30, 2023 will be credited in 2024.

This is just a reminder that the Greenwood District 2023 **Pledge to Mission is \$8,000**. To date we have received **\$6,405.24** toward our Pledge. We are asking that you continue to support the United Women in Faith by remitting your pledge money and other UWF money by the deadline.

Thank you, again, for all you do for UWF.

Blessings & Peace
Jennette Moore, Treasurer
Greenwood District UWF

TIME TO ELECT OFFICERS

Officers for your local organization of the Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) need to be elected as soon as possible. Please send me your list of officers with name, address, phone number(s), and email as soon as they are elected and no later that **October 10**. As District Secretary, I have to submit the presidents' names and contact information to the Mississippi Conference Secretary for the Conference Directory/Handbook by November 1. I will include all officers from each organization in our listing to be used by Greenwood District Officers/Leadership Team.

Communication is key for the work that we do on behalf of women, children and youth. Please send your list by email, if possible, to jackiebill@tecinfo.com. I can copy and paste and not make as many errors. Or you can mail to Jackie Pennington, 707 Tenth Avenue, Cleveland, MS 38732. If you have questions, please email or call at 622-719-5064.

Jackie Pennington
Greenwood District Secretary
United Women in Faith

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2024 (Proposed) Calendar

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Calendar 2024

January 5	MS Conference UWF Leadership Team Meeting Methodist Foundation, Jackson
January 27, 2024	District Leadership Meeting Walden Chapel Goodman, MS
February 3, 2024	Conference Mission u Committee Zoom
March 1-2, 2024	Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat Camp Wesley Pines, Gallman, MS
March 16, 2024	District Social Action Event TBA
May 28, 2024 May 28, 2024	MS Annual Conference, Jackson UWF Luncheon, Jackson* First Day of Annual Conference
July 19-20, 2024	Conference Mission u (In Person) TBA
August 2-3	MS Conference UWF Leadership Team Meeting Methodist Foundation, Jackson
August 17, 2024	District Leadership Meeting TBA
September 14, 2024	District Mission u Evan's Chapel
October 4-5, 2024	Conference Annual Meeting St. Peter UMC 6875 Lizelia Rd Marion, MS 39342
October 19, 2024	District Annual Meeting TBA
November 2, 2024	Conference District Officers Training TBA



Greenwood District Annual Meeting



Theme:

“Where Do We Go from Here in These Troubled Times?”

Scripture: Micah 6:8

“He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?”.

You are Invited to Join Us

On

Saturday, October 21, 2023

9:30 a.m. – Registration, Gathering, and Refreshments

10:00 a.m. – Program

Special Mission Offering

At

DeCell United Methodist Church

312 Green Avenue

Greenwood, MS 38930

Rev. F. H. Brown, Pastor

We Gather for Praise & Worship in Celebration of Accomplishments!

Our Guest Speaker:

Rev. Olivear Booker

Pastor, Union Memorial UM Church

Pickens, MS

**Special Mission Offering, Memorial, Candle Burning, Installation of Officers,
Communion**

Host: DeCell U M Church
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