



HORIZONS

SPRING 2020

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REFRESH and RETREAT April 4, 2020

Place: Camp Sumatanga

Joe Green Auditorium in the Lodge

Time: Registration: 9:00am to 10:00am

Program: 10:00am to 3:00pm

Cost: \$15.00 Registration fee for adults

\$5.00 Registration fee for children 5 -12

Under 5 free

(lunch included)

Speaker: Rev. Krel Buckelew

Music: Birmingham Youth Fellowship Choir

Special event : Easter Bonnet Parade-

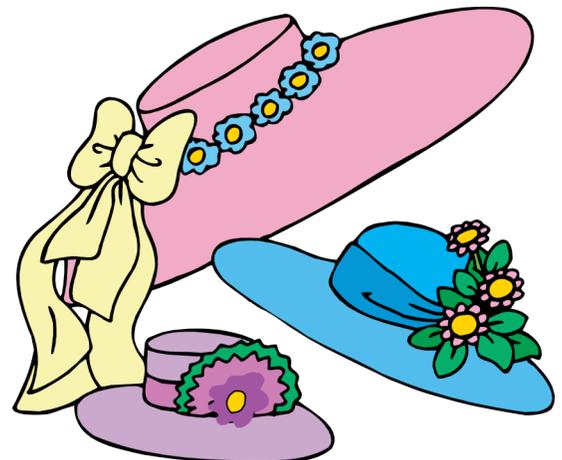
Ladies , now is the chance to show off your special Easter hat. Bring your hat, scarf, sandwich board or other finery and join the celebration parade during the program.

Theme: Joy of Easter Celebrate our Risen Savior

Scripture: *Early on Sunday morning, at the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to see the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, because an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and rolled aside the stone and sat on it..... The angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He has been raised from the dead, just as he said would happen..... And now go quickly and tell his disciples he has been raised from the dead"*

The women ran quickly from, the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to find the disciples to give them the angel's message.

Matthew 28: 1,2,5,6a,7a,8



A Word from the President



Gratitude and Great Joy

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As I read this scripture, I could envision the great joy the other Mary and Mary Magdalene must have experienced upon learning that Jesus had been raised from the dead and they had been tasked to go and tell the disciples. Even though they were very frightened, they obeyed the angel.

A new year has begun! It is time to start again for doing the next big thing. A new year is an opportunity to grow, even in places that may scare us. Every new year we look forward to doing something new, making changes, exploring new ideas, and meeting new peoples. We already possess one of our most powerful weapons over fear inside us. FAITH! Through faith, any type of fear that we are struggling with can be resolved. Because faith recognizes a dependency upon God and not on yourself. When we trust in ourselves rather than God, we realize our limitations. However, God has no limitations. He can accomplish anything. Fear is the opposite of faith and that faith empowers us to be set free from fear.

God's love is never ending. Deuteronomy 6:5 says. "Love the Lord with all your soul and with your strength" Let us show this love, love for God and love for neighbor, as we relate to others.

When I look around me in this great organization, I see women with so much talent and faith. Look around you. Who is the person sitting next to you? The person sitting next to you is the greatest miracle, and the greatest mystery, the greatest book you have ever read. The person sitting next to you is an inexhaustible reservoir of possibility, with potentialities that have been only partially touched. The person next to you is a unique universe of experience, seething with necessity and possibility, dread and desire, smiles and frowns, laughter and tears, fears and hopes, all struggling to find expression. The person next to you believes in something, something precious, stands for something, counts for something, lives for something, labors for something. The person sitting next to you has some things she can do well, some things she can do better than anyone else in the world can do. The person next to you can never be fully understood; she is more than a description or explanation; she can never be fully controlled, nor should she be. The person next to you is MYSTERY, a great MIRACLE, a CHILD of GOD, created in God's own image; loved, and valued by God! If God loves this person next to you... can you and I do less?

We have nothing to fear as we plan for the new year. Let's move forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love to respond to God's call to mission with women, children and youth around the world.

Olene McGowen

President, North Alabama Conference
United Methodist Women

EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION

HELLO to ALL!

Hope everyone is putting the finishing touches on your unit's 2019 Mission Today and Excellence in Study reports! Remember: you will need to send your completed reports to your district education & interpretation coordinator or district president as soon as possible. Don't forget to keep a copy for your unit's files.

Our North Alabama Conference Annual UMW meeting is the time to CELEBRATE YOUR UNIT by recognizing your hard work and commitment to be the hands and feet of Jesus each & every day! Unfortunately, we missed out on recognizing a significant number of units who did not turn in their reports this past October.

So..... let's FIX that this year!!!! First, print the Mission Today and Excellence in Study reports along with the Criteria for a Mission Today unit (You will need this document, a MUST for completing the report). These reports are located at www.nacumw.org. Click forms, select the appropriate ones, and print. If you have not completed & mailed your January 1-December 31, 2019 Mission Today report, please do so now! You might want to consider getting your circles to submit a monthly activity report, so you don't overlook events for your annual report.

All Mission u and/or mini Mission u courses taught within the past two years qualify for the Excellence in Study report. Requirements for this award include:

- A unit member must attend the Conference Mission u or the District mini Mission u to become certified.
- The certified member must then teach or lead this study a MINIMUM of 4 hours at the local UMW unit.
- The local unit must use one of the books taught at Mission u or the district mini Mission u class (can be adult, youth, or children's study).

Multiple Excellence in Study courses can be awarded annually to a UMW unit.

SPECIAL EMPHASIS GIVING: Memorial and Honorarium postcards can be printed, completed & mailed to your district treasurer. These postcards are located on the website, www.nacumw.org. Click forms, select Special Emphasis Giving, click download file, and print.

I am so excited to serve again this year as your conference education and interpretation coordinator. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with questions, concerns, suggestions, etc. I will continue my "circuit rider" travels to each of our 8 district meetings & events. Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU for ALL you do in the name of women, youth and children!

Blessings,

Cel Bailey

Membership

Greetings to each of you.,

Just have a few reminders for you: It is time for you to complete your Unit Census. The Last date to do so is March 30, 2020. To complete this, go to the United Methodist Women website (www.unitedmethodistwomen.org) and click the Census tab. Once the form is open, follow the steps and enter your unit and circle information. Each Unit President or appointed person needs to complete the census for 2020. The form does not require as much information as last year and is easier to complete. Remember to complete and print out your membership card while you are on the site.

If I can be of assistance to you in completing your census report please contact me.

Virginia Francis

DUE TO HPPA REGULATIONS, THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED SEPARATELY FROM ANY REGISTRATION FORM AND BROUGHT TO EVENT. DO NOT MAIL THIS FORM WITH ANY REGISTRATION.
Health Form Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment Form

Name _____ DOB _____

Physician's Name _____ Phone # _____

Health Insurance Company _____ Policy # _____

Allergies to medications _____

Current medications _____

In the event of emergency, contact:

Name _____ Relation _____ Phone # _____

Name _____ Relation _____ Phone # _____

In the event emergency medical aid/treatment is required due to illness or injury during my stay at a UMW event, I authorize the NAC UMW to: 1. Secure and retain medical treatment and transportation if needed. 2. Release my health information to the authorized individual or agency involved in the medical emergency treatment. 3. I hold harmless the North Alabama Conference United Methodist Women, the North Alabama Conference, the United Methodist Church and/or the owners of the facility for which the event is taking place for any act or failure to act during a medical emergency.

Date _____ Consent Signature _____

Consent Plan This authorization includes x-ray, surgery, hospitalization, medication and any treatment procedure deemed "life saving" by the physician. This provision will only be invoked if the person(s) above is unable to be reached. I hold harmless the North Alabama Conference United Methodist Women, the North Alabama Conference, the United Methodist Church and/or the owners of the facility for which the event is taking place for any act or failure to act during a medical emergency.

Date _____ Consent Signature _____

Non-Consent Plan I DO NOT give my consent for emergency medical treatment/aid in the cases of illness or injury. In the event emergency treatment/aid is required, I wish the following procedures to take place:

I hold harmless the North Alabama Conference United Methodist Women, the North Alabama Conference, the United Methodist Church and/or the owners of the facility for which the event is taking place for any act or failure to act during a medical emergency.

Date _____ Consent Signature _____

Date _____ Witness Signature _____

A Note From The Vice President:

Don't you love spring? Everywhere you look, new growth is appearing seemingly from a dead and barren environment. It is as if God is reminding us that there is hope and life in the darkest places. Can you imagine how Jesus' disciples felt after the crucifixion? All hope gone. And yet Jesus came out of that tomb bringing hope, joy and meaning to the world.

Refresh and Retreat is on April 4. Our guest speaker is Reverend Krel Buckelew, who will speak and paint a picture during his time on stage. We are looking forward to the music entertainment provided by the Birmingham Youth Fellowship Choir. This year our "Hands on Mission" project is collecting school supplies for Upper Sand Mountain Parish. There is a list of needed supplies within the pages of this newsletter. Come help us celebrate Spring on April 4 at Camp Sumatanga – wear your Easter bonnet or hat (or scarf, apron, etc.) and join us in a parade on stage.

Blessings,
Ruth Brooks
NAC Vice President

A WORD FROM THE NOMINIATIONS COMMITTEE:

The Committee on Nominations members of the Conference Team have already prayerfully begun discussions on who should be nominated for a position on the Team for 2021–2020.

Please keep us in prayer as we deliberate and if you are asked to fill an office, consider it an honor and a recognition of your abilities. We hope you will accept the nomination.

On the Conference website (ncaumw.org) under the forms tab, you will find several forms that may help us to discover new talents: talent bank form that your members should fill out and a local unit officers report form. These forms will help us to recognize talents and those who might be willing to serve on the team.

Blessings,
Elsie Brown, chair,
Dorothy Cook, Linda Sue Hill, Margaret House, Tara Adair McGhee

\$\$\$ A Note from your Treasurer

Have you ever studied Nehemiah? He was an ordinary person, just like us, but he used his leadership skills to oversee the rebuilding of the walls around Jerusalem. We all have something special that others don't. God gave us these skills or gifts to use for His glory. I have often said, "what are my gifts"? Well, I can crochet, so I started a Prayer Shawl Ministry in my church. What are your gifts?

We had three districts that made their pledge, Northwest, Northeast and Central. Congratulations! A special thank you to all our units, you are all precious. Did you know that last year some of our units collected dimes in small disposable water bottles. It is my understanding that a small water bottle will hold \$40.00 in dimes. We could make that a contest with all the districts. What do you think? Southeastern Jurisdiction will be selling cookbooks this year with recipes from some of our ladies. These cookbooks will have the history of each conference in the Southeastern Jurisdiction and will sell for \$20.00. All funds collected will go to our Legacy Fund.

May God Bless you all.

Sherry Cushing, North Alabama Conference Treasurer
256-796-0359, sherrycushing1@gmail.com
TO GOD BE THE GLORY

On site Registration desk will
 open 9:00 am
 In the Lobby of Joe Green
 Auditorium.
 If you have pre registered,
which we suggest, go to your
 district table for your program
 and information packet.

**“THE JOY OF EASTER”
 CELEBRATE OUR RISEN SAVIOR
 North Alabama Conference
 Refresh & Retreat
 April 4, 2020
 Camp Sumatanga
 Joe Green Auditorium
 REGISTRATION FORM**

Make check payable to
NACUMW.
 Mail to Myrna Wood
 1215 Woodbine Ave.
 Calera, AL 35040.
woodmyrna@yahoo.com
 205 790 2886

Deadline for registration is March 25, 2020

Name _____
 Address _____
 Cell Phone # _____ Home phone # _____
 Email _____
 District _____ Church _____
 Emergency Contact _____ Phone # _____

Please check all that apply to you:-

- Female
 Male Conference Executive Team District Officer

Cost – Adult \$15.00
 Children 6-12 - \$ 5.00
 Children 5 and under – No Charge

Childcare Registration: Name _____ Age _____
 Male or Female (circle one) Mission u child health care form is required for each child.
 Safe sanctuary approved childcare will be provided by North Alabama Conference United
 Methodist Women.

Total amount enclosed-----
 \$ _____

HANDS ON MISSION - UPPER SAND MOUNTAIN UNITED METHODIST LARGER PARISH, INC.
Rev. James “Woody” Woodin, Executive Director 256-638-2126
 School supplies will be collected in the Narthex of Joe Green Auditorium.

Program Resources and the Reading Program

Ladies,

Please do not forget to order your Mission study books for Mission u. Books will not be available for purchase at any of our events. You must order them for yourself, or to save on shipping, order as a unit.

The Reading Program book list is available online at : <https://www.umwmissionresources.org/> . You can order books through the resource center , find them at amazon, or other booksellers. You can also purchase used books online. If you order from amazon, try using amazon smile- it donates a portion of the sale back to your chosen organization.

Please fill out your reading program forms for 2019 and get them to your District Program Resource Coordinator by April of 2020. Keep on Reading!

Hilda Moody

MISSION ACTION DAY

April 4, 2020

UPPER SAND MOUNTAIN UNITED METHODIST LARGER PARISH, INC.

Point of Contact: Rev. James "Woody" Woodin, Executive Director 256-638-2126

Supplies Needed for Upper Sand Mountain Parish School Supplies Ministry

Paper (wide and college ruled)
Construction paper
Composition books
Notebooks
Folders
Binders
Index dividers
Index cards

Pencils
Colored Pencils
Magic markers
Expo markers
Glue sticks
Ink pens
Calculators
Child safe scissors



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North Alabama Conference
Attn: Patricia Lane
1080 Old Winchester Road
New Market, Al 35761

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APRIL 4, 2020- Refresh and Retreat
 at Camp Sumatanga

JULY 23-25,2020- MISSION u at
 Church at Stone River in Decatur, AL

OCTOBER 3, 2020- Conference Annual Meeting



2020 Calendar

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| Leadership Training at BSC | February 22 |
| Refresh and Retreat at Camp Sumatanga | April 4 |
| Mission u at Church at Stone River | July 23-25 |
| Conference Annual Meeting | Oct. 3 |

PURPOSE

OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall 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.