



Trumpet Sound

President's Note...

The last few months has been a whirlwind! I've literally lost days as I try to juggle everyday life so, as a result, this Trumpet Sound is late and it is completely my fault! Time got away from me! I apologize for its lateness! Even though things got away from me, I wake up the next day and say, "Let's Do This!" and I remind myself regularly that laughter is a blessing from God!

Now let's get to the good stuff that's happened over the last few months! First, I got to go to Southeast Jurisdiction of United Women in Faith in Chattanooga TN. The Southeast Jurisdiction includes are the United Women in Faith from Florida to Mississippi to Kentucky to Virginia and back to Florida. The Theme this year was, "Get Together!" It was good to spend time with my United Women in Faith sisters. To be with women who think like you and believe what you believe, well it's just relaxing! The music was amazing (led by Linda Furtado), the preaching was inspriring, and Reverend Janet Wolf never disapoints! I literally get completely sucked in when she speaks, and her message is always right on point! I recorded her speech because I wanted to share it with anyone and everyone! If you ever get a chance to hear her speak, don't miss it! Sue Owens, the SE Jurisdiction President said, "A great part of United Women in Faith is building bonds of friendship through laughter!" So our Saturday night speaker was a christian comedienne. I got my picture taken with the United Women in Faith CEO, Sally Vonner and with the ladies that attended from the East Central District, and a picture of the entire Florida Conference attendees. It was a great experiece and if you ever get a chance to attend I highly recommend it! Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District President, so that I can attend opportunities like this!

Then, right before I was scheduled to leave for Annual Conference I received a message that a former East Central District Officer and my dear friend, Pam Anders passed away at home peacefully. Pam was an example to me of what this organization is all about. She would send me little cards thanking me for anything and everything I did for United Women in Faith and at Church. She constantly reminded me of what is good about this organization in her example. I am glad she is at Peace with the Father! I will miss her, her encouraging notes, and her kindness! Don't worry, I kept the notes she wrote to me and when I am tired or in pain, I read them again to motivate me to keep going! I have said many times that Pam Anders was who I wanted to be when I grow up! Thank you Pam! Love, Janet!

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President's Note (continued)...

Then I was off to the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church at Florida Southern College. District Presidents in the Florida Conference are voting members at Annual Conference. I had an amazing time last year and was really looking forward to attending this year. This year's theme was "Come, Holy Spirit, Come!" When you have that many people in an auditorium, that are all singing with a praise band of 8-10 people, It is amazing, the preaching was on fire, and we also did the business of the Church! When I said the preaching was on fire, I meant that Bishop Berlin was ON FIRE! (see photo). Now, Bishop Berlin said, "If you are taking pictures of the Bishop on Fire!, then I expect you to go back to your Churches and be On Fire with the Holy Spirit!" So see my follow-up photo of me On Fire! at my Church (with others that attended AC) as the Bishop suggested! Our Pastors, who are On Fire! asked us to share with the congregation why we were On Fire! after attending Annual Conference. The Bishop said, "We need to go back to our Wesleyan Roots, we need to Remember our Baptism, and we need to Do what God is blessing not expecting God to bless what we are doing!" He also stated, "That If the Holy Spirit is not in your Church, you need to get on your knees and pray!"

We did make the tough decision to re-district from 8 Districts to 6 Districts. I am sad that this means we are losing two units from the East Central District, New Horizon UM-Haines City and St. John's UM-Winter Haven. We meet and interacted with some amazing ladies from these two units and we will miss them but we can look forward to seeing them at Conference Events and our friendship will go on! We are also picking up 13 units from North Central District and Atlantic Central District! We welcome them to our District and we hope to make new friends with them soon!

I hope to see you all at Mission U this weekend. If not, I hope to see you at our District Annual Meeting on October 5, 2024 at FUMC Mount Dora. More details to come out soon! If you want the opportunity to help shape the new East Central District or would like to experience some of the great opportunities I've had being an East Central District Officer, contact Tracey Perry, our Chair of the Committee on Nominations at tracey.perry@ocps.net and she will help you find a job that fits for you!

Janet

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins,
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. —1 John 1:9



In Loving Memory

Pamela Carlton Anders



Pamela C. Anders, 77, of Clermont, FL, passed away at her home on June 4, 2024.

Pam graduated from Plant City High School in 1965 and then attended FSU, graduating in 1969 with a B.S. in Home Economics. She began a 30-year teaching career in 1970 in Brevard County, beginning at Merritt Island High School, where she met her husband; the majority of her years were at Fairglens Elementary.

Pam was devout in faith and remained highly involved in worship and activities within the Methodist church: Grace United of Merritt Island, First United of Clermont, and Edge United of Groveland. Pam never stopped looking for ways to help others; she was very generous with her time and resources. Pam served as the Social Action Coordinator on the East Central District United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women).

She was dearly loved by many and will be greatly missed. Pam is predeceased by her parents Helen & Harry Carlton of Plant City, FL. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Lynn Anders; brother Robert Carlton; daughter Katie; son David (Ronni); grandson Gatlin; and granddaughters Reagan (Josh) Ordonez and Grace Anders.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Edge United Methodist of Groveland or the East Hillsborough Historical Society.



*A very warm
Welcome to*

Lakeside UM-Sanford (New Unit)
Azalea Park UM/Faith UM (New Unit)
Community UM Fruitland Park (From NCD)
Hernando UM (from NCD)
FUMC Homosassa (From NCD)
FUMC Inverness (From NCD)
Christ UM-Leesburg (From NCD)
Asbury UM-Vero Beach (From ACD)
Emmanuel UM-Melbourne (from ACD)
FUMC Cocoa Beach (from ACD)
FUMC Port St. John (from ACD)
FUMC Titusville (from ACD)
Sebastian UM (from ACD)
St. Mark's UM-Indialantic (from ACD)
Wabasso Haitian--Sebastian (from ACD)

*It is lovely to have
you among us!*



Message from the Secretary...

Mission Today Reminder

Thank you to the two units that have already sent in their Mission Today Reports. There is a hard copy in this issue. You can fill it out, take picture of it, and sent it to me at lindawelander.umw@gmail.com. Please send them to me by August 30, so we can get certificates and our Program made for the Annual Meeting.

Unit presidents and secretaries should have received a digital copy of the East Central District directory via email. If you have not received a copy, email me at lindawelander.umw@gmail.com and I will send you one. Please review your unit's information and let me know if there are any changes that need to be made.

I am looking forward to connecting with you at Mission U in July. Watch for more details.



Mission u & Spiritual Enrichment 2024 Friday, July 19 - Sunday, July 21

Mission U is this weekend! I hope to see you there as we worship our Lord, learn more about his word, and meet new Christian women, don't miss it!

This year the adult curriculum is **Welcome Home**.

Participants are invited to dig deeper into what it means to live in the kin-dom of God and how this helps us to develop practices for building and existing in Healthier communities.

I hope to see you all there!

Linda Welander
UWFaith ECD Secretary

MISSION TODAY ANNUAL REPORT

To qualify as a MISSION TODAY UNIT, the unit must participate in at least **eight** of the following criteria, four or five of which must be marked with an asterisk (*). **Certificate Types: Gold: 17 to 19 criteria met; Silver: 9 to 16 criteria with 5*; Bronze: 8 criteria with 5*; Participation Certificate: 5 to 7 criteria with a least 4*.**

Program Year being reported _____ **Date** _____

Unit/Church/City _____

Submitted by: _____ **Office** _____

1. * Made and met our **Unit Pledge to Mission**.
2. Was a **Five Star Unit** by contributing through all five channels of Mission Giving.
3. * Used the **Daily Prayer Guide** at every unit meeting.
4. * Used at least two programs from the UWF **Program Book** during the year.
5. * Had at least one member subscribe to *response Magazine or response Podcasts*.
6. Had a regular **Response Moment** at circle/unit meetings where an article is highlighted.
7. Had at least two members complete Plan I of the **Reading Program**
8. * Had a minimum of four members attend, or the unit conducted or co-sponsored at least one **Mission Study** during the year.
9. Had at least one member, other than conference or district officers attend **the Conference Mission u event**.
10. * Had at least one member, other than a conference or district officer attend a **district/conference training or spiritual growth event**.
11. Had at least two members, other than a conference or district officer, attend the **district and/or conference Annual Meeting**.
12. Reached out to **persons in mission** (Deaconess/Home Missioner Regional Missionary, Global Mission Fellow, etc.) or **National Mission Institution** in at least one way.

Example: _____

13. Had at least one member sign up to receive Social Action e-mails for Climate Justice and Racial Justice.
14. * Implemented the **Charter for Racial Justice** in at least one way.

Example: _____

15. Had at least one member participate in the online **Faith Talks**.
16. * Honored **God's Creation** (environment) in at least one way. Example:
17. Helped address the **needs of women, children, and youth** in at least one way.

Example: _____

18. * Added at least **one new member**.
19. Connected with the larger organization by inviting at least one **conference or district officer to speak at a meeting** during the year.



Committee on Nominations

The purpose of United Women in Faith is to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

In my morning devotion the question was asked “God gives each of us specific spiritual gifts; have you discovered yours?”

The prayer was *“Jesus, I have noticed some spiritual gifts you have given me, but I know I should be using them to help others in their walk with you. Open my eyes, Lord, to what you have in store for me. Give me the strength I need to learn more about my gifts and how you would like me to use them for your will.”*

When the Committee on Nomination has asked you to fill out a talent bank form is your first thought I do not have any talent, or I do not want to hold an office.

Instead think of all the skills God has blessed you with – reading, writing, artistic, computer, organization, financial, cooking, and many more.

How can you use your spiritual gift to help accomplish the United Women in Faith purpose?

- Could you lead the program at your unit’s meeting?
- Could you take the minutes at the meeting to share with those who were not able to attend?
- Could you bring the refreshments or take a meal to a friend?
- Could you send cards to members on their birthday or when sick?
- Could you help plan a fund raiser?

Holding an office or helping those in leadership in your unit or our district, will help full fill the purpose of United Women in Faith.

Say the prayer above and see how God wants you to be using your spiritual gifts in United Women in Faith.

Committee on Nomination,
Tracey Perry
Dottie Mathias
Julia Weed





Social Action



"We do not create beauty by just praying about it.
We create beauty by living it.
We do not create peace by just praying about it.
We create peace by living it."

(Wayne William Snellgrove from the Fishing Lake First Nation, in his Daily Medicine 2019)

Social Action is all about living what we believe.

The world sees our faith by our actions.

How are you creating beauty and peace today?

How are you creating peace for yourself, for your community, for all peoples in the world?

Let's share some ideas and examples, successes and failures so we can all learn and grow and bless each other.

Blessing,
Gillian Wolfe





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2024 East Central District Calendar

July 19-21, 2024 Mission U (In-Person)

Westin Resort (North Orlando)

Lake Mary, FL

July 23, 25, 30 & Aug 1, 2024 Mission U (Virtual)

Tuesdays & Thursdays On Zoom

October 5, 2024 District Annual Meeting

10:00 am– 2:00 pm

FUMC Mount Dora

November 9, 2024 Conference Annual Meeting

FUMC Lakeland, FL



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2024 Florida Conference Calendar

January 5-7	Leadership Development	*WWUMCCC
February 25– Mar 1	Children’s Advocacy Week	Tallahassee
March 16	Haitian Convocation	El Shadai, Wesley Memorial
March 23	United Women in Faith “Day of Giving”	https://uwfaith.org/dayofgiving/
April 19-21	Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial You can find more details here .	Chattanooga, TN
April 23-May 3	General Conference—United Methodist Church	Charlotte, NC
June 6-8	Florida Annual Conference—UMC	Lakeland
July 10-14	UMC Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference	Lake Junaluska, NC
July 19-21	Mission u /Spiritual Retreat Event “The Kin-dom is Among You”	Westin Hotel, Lake Mary
July 23,25	Virtual Mission u /Spiritual Retreat	Zoom
July 30, Aug 1	Virtual Mission u /Spiritual Retreat Cont’d	Zoom
August 6	Mission u	Zoom
November 9	Conference Annual Meeting	Lakeland



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2024 National Conference Calendar

Just Energy 4 All Webinar

July 17, 2024 You can find the calendar [here](#).

Faith Talks

July 18, 2024 You can find the calendar [here](#).

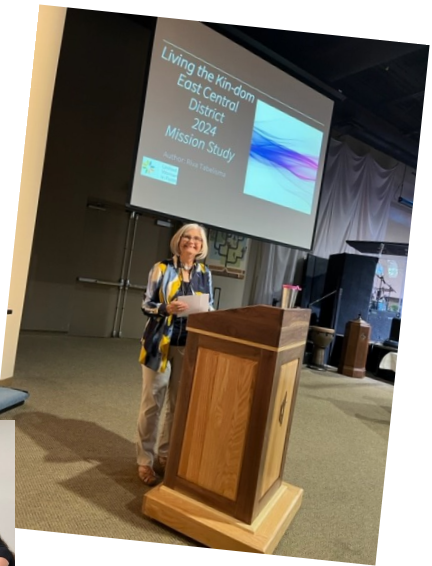
Faith Talks

August 1, 2024 You can find the calendar [here](#).

Mission Study & Soul Care



Living the Kin-dom





United Women in Faith

East Central District
Social Action/
Creation Care Event

Mackay Gardens and Lakeside Preserve



Reading Program

UWFaith 2023—2024

Reminder

The reading program forms need to be turned in by Aug 30, 2024. You are reporting for books and literature read July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. You can find the form on the East Central District Website [Reading Program Resources](#). Please email completed forms to Pat Herring at Minurse36@gmail.com by Aug 30, 2024.

Highlights about this year's Reading Program:

- For this year, you can read books from the 2019, 2020, 2021-22, 2023 and the 2024 Reading lists. You can find a combined list of all these books at bit.ly/RPBookList
- You can listen to the *Faith Talks* podcast: 1 credit in Spiritual Growth for 2+ episodes
- You can listen to *Voices From the Field* podcast: 1 credit in Education for Mission for 2+ episodes
- You can get credit for Reading Response magazine: 1 credit for Nurturing for Community for reading 1 year
- You get 2 credits for reading Bonus Books
- You can get credit for participating in Mission U
- You can get credit for watching several movies including *Hidden Figures*, *Pushout*, and *The Hate You Give*

ECD Book Club

The ECD United Woman In Faith Book Club's reading list for 2024 to 2025 follows this article. Please consider participating on a monthly basis. The ECD Book Club meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. Hope to meet you online for the next session! You can join the discussion whether you have read the book or not.

You must register on our website at <https://www.flecduwfaith.org/reading-program> in order to receive the zoom link.



Book Club Reads for July 2024 to June 2025 books in red are in the Lake County library system or check your local library.

July

Until Unity by Rev Francis Chan Spiritual Growth

August

The Loneliness Epidemic by Susan Mettes Nurturing for Community

September

A Little Piece of Light by Donna Hylton Nurturing for Community

October

Saving Us by Katharine Hayhoe Social Action

November

Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult Social Action

December

Born on the Water by Nikole Hannah-Jones Education for Mission

(1619 for children)

Saving American Beach by Heidityline King Social Action

(children's book)

January

1619 Project by Nicole Hannah-Jones Education for Mission

(adult bonus book)

February

Abuelita Faith by Kat Armas Spiritual Growth

March

Beautiful Country by Quan Julie Wang Leadership

April

Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer Spiritual Growth

(bonus if participate in mission U)

May

Defiant: What The Women by Kelly Nikondeha Education for Mission

Of Exodus Teach us About

Freedom

June

Fierce Love by Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis Leadership

July

Too Soon Old, Too Late Smart by Gordon Livingston Leadership

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UW Faith

Unit News

Azalea Park and Faith United UWFAITH Unit News

The United Women of Faith of Azalea Park United Methodist Church and Faith United Methodist Church enjoyed a wonderful Mother's Day Brunch in May.



Submitted by: Zora Norris
UWFAith APUMC & FUMC

New Horizons UW Faith Unit News

New Horizon United Women in Faith Meeting, Mon., May 14, 2024 had a wonderful program in honor of Mother's Day "Mothers of the Bible" led by one of our dedicated and active members-Shari Gillette. The pictures attached are of some of the women attending and the craft flower project we also had fun with. We always have the last meeting before we take a summer break as a "bring a dish to pass" luncheon along with a special program as it was in honor of Mother's Day.

The community of women at New Horizon are very active with their time and talents in monthly programs and mission work here at the Church. From baking, cooking, supporting the House Blest Food Pantry with their guidance and help, our annual Rummage Sale, and Craft Fair, along with Children's programs, Vacation Bible School and making sure *the Nursery Is Open on Sunday's*. We continue to appreciate the wonderful support from all those men, women, youth, and children here at New Horizon Church. *Every Connection Unites Us!*

Respectfully submitted, *Julie A. Weed, Unit Secretary*
United Women in Faith
New Horizon Church, Haines City, FL



Sanlando UWFAITH Unit News

Seats & Feets

This April, Sanlando UWFaith led a church-wide collection of socks and underwear for school-age children and youth in need in Seminole County. Thanks to monetary donations and the socks and underwear collected, we were able to deliver over 1,100 items to Seminole County Public Schools for distribution through their social workers. They were very appreciative of SUMC's generous donation toward helping students who are experiencing homelessness.



UWFAith in Action

Earlier this spring, a group of Sanlando UWF aith members volunteered over two workdays at The Village in Seminole County sorting, organizing, and cleaning out their storage areas. They are shipshape again, and the women enjoyed a great time of service. The Village is a transitional housing and homelessness prevention program for young adults ages 18-24. It is part of IMPOWER, a Central-Florida based mental health, substance misuse and child well-being organization that offers a continuum of services aimed at improving wellness and "Inspiring Life's Potential."



Submitted by:

Jill Mross

Lakeside UMC-Sanford Unit News



Congratulations to our new unit at Lakeside UMC in Sanford. This picture was taken shortly after we elected and installed new Officers for a new unit at Lakeside UMC in Sanford. This unit is excited and ready to worship Christ, be a supportive fellowship, and support mission. I can't wait for you to meet some of these amazing women at our next District event!



Women of the Bible

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| RUTH | LEAH | MARTHA |



A Note From Your Communications Coordinator...

What is your unit doing to show LOVE IN ACTION?

Send in your article telling us how you are showing your Love in Action in 2024 so we can share it with others!

The Trumpet Sound will be published bimonthly (September, November, January). ***Due date for all articles are the 15th of the previous month.***

Here are some ideas for articles:

- ◇ What is your unit doing to show Love in Action for women, children and youth?
- ◇ How is your unit serving in missions?
- ◇ Have you used the UWFaith Program Book for a unit event?
- ◇ Have you done a program on Call to Prayer and Self-Denial?
- ◇ How have you used the Daily Prayer Guide?
- ◇ What are your upcoming UWFaith events?

Please make sure the article is no more than three paragraphs. Also, send a couple pictures with your article.

Email your articles to dianeabresky.umw@gmail.com by Aug 15th. In the subject line add Trumpet Sound.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at the above email.

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<https://flecduwfaith.org> under publications.

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