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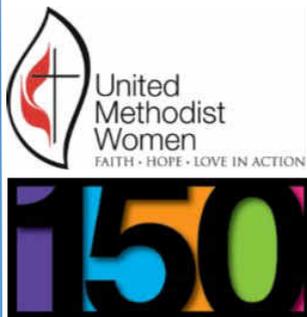
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South West District

# Sojourner

United Methodist Women Publication, Florida Conference

*“Some people come in your life as blessings.  
Some come in your life as lessons.”*

*~Mother Teresa*

The March-April issue of **response** magazine opens with a letter from the editor, Tara Barnes telling us about the month of March being the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of United Methodist Women. We, as women with very busy and dedicated service continue to celebrate as we are coming up to Mother's Day on May 12. I was privileged to attend my own Unit's celebration on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. As I look at the picture of beautiful women, I can only think of how their mothers influenced their lives to enable them to become the women they are today.

Our eldest member, Beulah Davis related how her mother brought her and her siblings to Ladies Aid meetings and how this inspired in her a love of serving. President Ali Pilon spoke about some influential women in her church who, as a young woman, helped her see the potential she had for helping others by working with social services. Cristal Smith who has served as a Circle leader this year talked about a former church member who became a missionary and went to China right before WWII broke out. She was taken prisoner and later released in a prisoner exchange in 1944. Ms. Smith was amazed and inspired by her will power to survive in service to others in need. As we continue to celebrate, let us to continue to remember those who came before and paved the way for us to fulfill our Purpose of helping women, children and youth. There are two lovely children in this photo who I hope are inspired by at least one of the women pictured to lead a life of serving others as well. They have a good start with a loving and caring mother as well as dedicated UMW member!



There are a few reminders as we go into the summer season. Please be sure to send in your mission study and mission today forms to me at the address listed on the back page by June 1 & 15. Mission u early registration deadline is May 31. The Church Annual Conference is June 4-8, 2019. If you are planning to attend be sure to stop by the UMW booth to offer your support. Finally, if you haven't sent in your officer updates, it is not too late to do so. Send them to Gloria Heston either by email or mail which is listed on the last page of this newsletter. Blessings,

*Mary Van Tol, President SW District*

PURPOSE of United Methodist Women

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.



**SOUTH WEST DISTRICT  
United Methodist Women**

***The Cost of BOLD***

**Saturday, May 18, 2019**

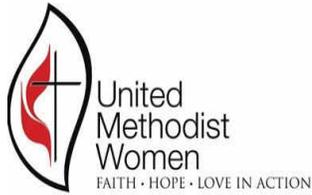
**Registration: 9:00 am – 9:45 am  
Program: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm**

***Emily Jones,  
Executive for Racial Justice  
“Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline”***

**Sarasota Trinity United  
Methodist Church  
4150 South Shade Ave  
Sarasota, FL 34231**



**Hot Breakfast provided for this half day event  
RSVP with your Unit Treasurer**



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

SOUTH WEST DISTRICT

## Florida Conference

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April 10, 2019

Dear United Methodist Women:

Our next District event will be offered on May 18, at Sarasota Trinity United Methodist Church in Sarasota. With a focus on social justice, Emily Jones, Executive for Racial Justice, will present a compelling program titled **Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline**. *“The school-to-prison pipeline ‘detours’ far too many children and youth away from educational success and towards the criminal justice system. Racial disparities in discipline persist at all levels, as children and youth of color are targeted and criminalized. Learn how prayerful and powerful women can make real change, interrupting the pipeline locally by working together to shift public awareness and revise harmful policies and practice.”* We are excited to bring Emily to Florida to give us first-hand information and inspiration on an issue that is very real to us as United Methodist Women.

### **Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline**

Presented by Emily Jones, Executive for Racial Justice, United Methodist Women

Saturday May 18, 2019

Registration: 9 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Program: 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Free hot breakfast provided.

This half-day program will NOT include lunch.

There is no charge for this event.

Sarasota Trinity UMC

4150 South Shade Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34231

Registration and a hot breakfast will be available from 9:00 to 9:45 am. Our session will begin promptly at 10:00 am. As hostesses, the ladies of Sarasota Trinity will be making preparations for your arrival. **Please register your anticipated attendance with your Unit treasurer by May 10, 2019.** A hot breakfast will be provided. There is no charge for this event.

I cannot stress enough how much your attendance will be appreciated for this important event. Please share this letter and attachments and encourage your United Methodist Women members and any non-member guests to attend. Your South West District Mission Team looks forward to seeing you in May!

Blessings always,

Pamela Freeland



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Dear Unit Treasurers:

The South West District will meet Saturday, May 18, 2019, at **Sarasota Trinity UMC in Sarasota**. The program, **Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline**, will be offered by Emily Jones, Executive for Racial Justice for United Methodist Women. **As Unit treasurer, we are asking for your assistance in coordinating reservation numbers for your Unit. Lunch will NOT be provided, so no money needs to be collected.**

Please email Nancy Masterson with the number of those attending by Friday, May 10, 2019, to at the email address listed below.

**PLEASE EMAIL YOUR REGISTRATION NUMBERS BY MAY 10 TO:**

**Nancy Masterson**

**Email: [nancyem71@gmail.com](mailto:nancyem71@gmail.com)**

**Cell: 941-320-4142**

If you have questions, Nancy can be reached by phone at 941-320-4142.

Blessings always,

Pamela Freeland

[THANK YOU!](#)

# Units in Action

## Trinity Sarasota UMW

Trinity United Methodist Women has a new evening Circle, Persis Circle. It is a small circle of 6 young working women and we are thrilled they have joined our Unit.

They planned and hosted a Mother Daughter Tea in our church Fellowship hall on Sunday afternoon April 7th. 12 UMW women (from all 3 Circles and two Preschool teachers) individually set their own table with beautiful china which made for a lovely room of decorated tables. The favors were a small box shaped like a tea pot filled with candy. Over 100 mothers and daughters attended high tea dressed to the nines, and enjoyed tea and very special refreshments. Door prizes were given out and eldest, youngest mothers were recognized. The mother with most children had 5 and one family in attendance had 4 generations present: great grandmother, grandmother, mother and daughter.

The event was free and the Persis Circle personally invited the mothers of our Preschool (many attended) in hopes of interesting them in being a member of their UMW Evening Circle. Our UMW purpose was printed on the program, a display of UMW materials was available and Pam Rader, Persis Circle leader, gave a testimony of how she loves being part of UMW that puts Faith, Hope and Love into Action. What a blessing this group of young women is to our Unit...praise God!

Sherrill Carr, President



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# Trinity Sarasota UMW



# Units in Action

## Christ Venice UMW

May bulletin board. I try to keep our members informed and encourage new membership.

All the best,  
Lucy Boyce,  
Communications Coordinator



## *Mother's Day*

God in His wisdom made Mothers and gave them love to share.

He showed them how to comfort and told them how to care.

He taught them to wipe a tear and how to smile just right.

Then He gave them to us to love with all our might.

*Mary Huff Chandler*

*Happy Mothers Day to All.*

The Florida Conference Mission Team meeting in April shared a special 150 year celebration cake!



Kay Roach, President



Julie Yo, Korean Language Coordinator



Jannett Hawley, CON, Shelley Davidson – Secretary Program Resources, Ethel Logan, Atlantic Central District President



District Presidents Mae Griner from North Central and Anne Winn from East Central



District Presidents Judi Levan from Gulf Central and Rosemary Oliver from North West



# Women's Luncheon

brought to you with love  
by the

First United Methodist  
Church of Naples

338 1<sup>st</sup> Ave South

Saturday, May 11, 11 am – 1 pm

Childcare provided

Come enjoy delicious food,  
fun, and fellowship ...

Plus a dollop of  
**Truth gift-wrapped in  
humor**

by

**Debora Coty**

[www.DeboraCoty.com](http://www.DeboraCoty.com)

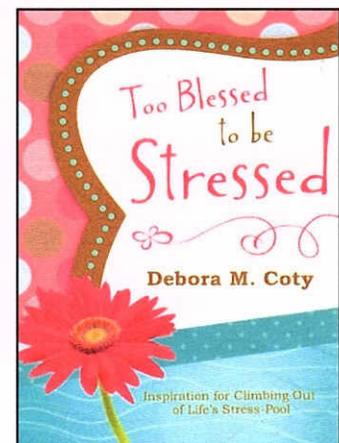
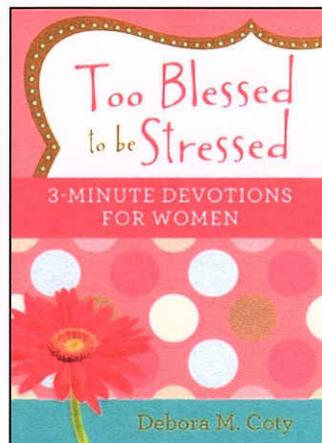
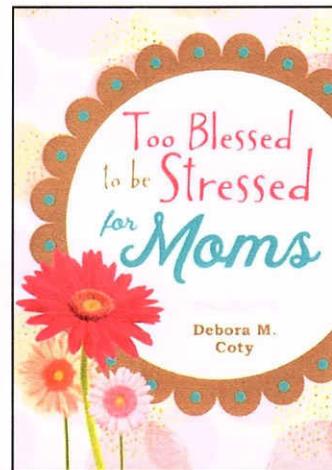
Bestselling author of the  
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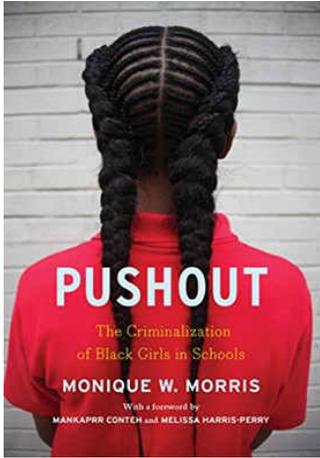
If you have any other questions, please  
call Lee Kraus at (443) 799-2822

# ***PROGRAM RESOURCES – your April Read:***

Recommended Reading to get you primed for our May Social Action Event is from our 2018 Reading Program listing! The write up is from Amazon and the author background is from Google.

## **About the Book:**

In a work that has rapidly become "imperative reading" on education, gender, and juvenile justice, Monique W. Morris chronicles the experiences of Black girls across the country whose intricate lives are misunderstood, highly judged — by teachers, administrators, and the justice system — and degraded by the very institutions charged with helping them flourish. Equally "compelling" and "thought-provoking", *Pushout* exposes a world of confined potential and supports the rising movement to challenge the policies, practices, and cultural illiteracy that push countless students out of school and into unhealthy, unstable, and often unsafe futures.



Called a book "for everyone who cares about children" by the *Washington Post*, Morris's illumination of these critical issues is "timely and important" at a moment when Black girls are the fastest growing population in the juvenile justice system. Praised by voices as wide-ranging as Gloria Steinem and Roland Martin, *Pushout* is a book that "will stay with you long after you turn the final page".

## **About the Author:**

### **Monique W. Morris**

Monique W. Morris, Ed.D. is an award-winning author and social justice scholar with three decades of experience in the areas of education, civil rights, juvenile and social justice. Dr. Morris is the author of other thought provoking books and has written dozens of articles, book chapters, and other publications on social justice issues and lectured widely on research, policies, and practices associated with improving juvenile justice, educational, and socioeconomic conditions for Black girls, women, and their families. Dr. Morris is an executive producer and writer for a documentary film exploring how exclusionary discipline impacts Black girls in the United States.



Submitted by Sandy Segur, Program Resources Secretary

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

**MISSION STUDY REPORT**

Please complete one form for each study completed

Send form to: Name \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF STUDY \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF STUDY FACILITATOR: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF HOURS \_\_\_\_\_

FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS \_\_\_\_\_

PARTICIPATING UNIT (S)\* \_\_\_\_\_

WERE YOU THE HOST FOR THE STUDY? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

IF NO, HOW MANY PARTICIPATED FROM YOUR UNIT? \_\_\_\_\_

ACTION (S) PLANNED/TAKEN AFTER THE STUDY \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Person Completing Form \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*Participating unit must send their individual report to receive credit.

**SEND IN REPORT BY JUNE 1, 2019**

Florida South West District United Methodist Women



**Florida Conference United Methodist Women  
MISSION TODAY ANNUAL REPORT**



To qualify as a MISSION TODAY UNIT, the unit must participate in at least eight of the following criteria, five of which must be marked with an asterisk (\*).

Program year being reported: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit/City: \_\_\_\_\_

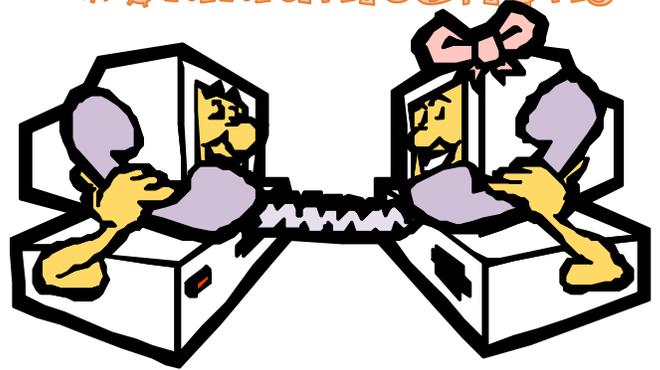
Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_

1. \* \_\_\_ Made and met our Pledge to Mission. \*
2. \_\_\_ Was a Five Star Unit by contributing through all 5 channels of Mission Giving.
3. \* \_\_\_ Used the Prayer Calendar at every unit meeting. \*
4. \* \_\_\_ Used at least two programs from the Program Book for UMW during the year\*.
5. \* \_\_\_ Had at least two members subscribe to *response magazine*. \*
6. \_\_\_ Had a regular Response Moment at circle/unit meetings where one article is lifted to tell the mission story.
7. \_\_\_ Had at least two members complete Plan I of the Reading Program and encouraged all members to participate.
8. \* \_\_\_ Conducted or co-sponsored at least one Mission Study during the year\*.
9. \_\_\_ Had at least one member, other than a 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 actively involved in the UMW Action Network.
- 14\* \_\_\_ Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice in at least one way. \*  
Example \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 \_\_\_ Participated in the Campaign for Children in at least two ways.  
a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16 \_\_\_ Honored God's Creation (environment) in at least one way. Example(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- 17 \_\_\_ Helped to address the needs of women, children and youth in at least one way. Example \_\_\_\_\_
- 18\* \_\_\_ Added at least two new members by reaching out to all women of the church. \*
- 19 \_\_\_ Connected with the larger organization by inviting at least one conference or district officer to speak at a meeting during the year.

# South West District Calendar 2019

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JANUARY 26</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unit Officer Leadership Training</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sebring St. John</b></p> <p>Registration starts: 9:00 am Program: 10:00 am - 2:30 pm Lunch \$8.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FEBRUARY 23</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mission Team Meeting (District Officers Only)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Christ United Venice</b> 10:00 am -2:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MARCH 30</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Spiritual Growth Event</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wesley Memorial Fort Myers</b></p> <p>Registration starts: 9:00 am Program: 10:00 am - 2:30 pm Lunch \$8.00</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APRIL</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>No Events</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MAY 18</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Social Justice Event (Half Day)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sarasota Trinity</b></p> <p>Registration starts: 9:00 am Program: 10 am – 12:30 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mission Team Meeting (District Officers Only)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:00 pm - 3:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JUNE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>No Events</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JULY 11-14</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mission u</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Florida Southern College Lakeland</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AUGUST 17</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mission Team Meeting (District Officers Only)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Good Shepherd North Fort Myers</b> 10:00 am -2:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SEPTEMBER 21</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mission Sampler</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Port Charlotte</b></p> <p>Registration starts: 9:00 am Program: 10:00 am - 2:30 pm Lunch \$8.00</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OCTOBER 19</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>South West District Annual Meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Englewood</b></p> <p>Registration starts: 9:00 am Program: 10:00 am - 2:30 pm Lunch \$8.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOVEMBER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>No Events</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DECEMBER 14</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mission Team Meeting (District Officers Only)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Charlotte Harbor Trinity</b> 10:00 am - 2:00 pm</p>

# Communications



Please submit articles for our next Sojourner issue by the **25th** of the month. Send them to the Communications Coordinator listed below. All Unit activities are welcome for submission. Digital photos are preferred.

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## **Mission Study & Mission Today Forms. Send**

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**May 11, 2019**

### **Women's Luncheon**

First UMC, Naples

338 1st Ave South

Programs: 11am-1pm, tickets \$20

**May 18, 2019**

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE—1/2 DAY EVENT**

Trinity UMC, Sarasota

4150 South Shade Ave, Sarasota 34231

Registration: 9a-9:45a

Program: 10a—NOON

**MTM (to follow)**

**District Officers only, plan for 2020**

12p—2:30 pm

**June 1 & 15, 2019**

**Mission Study & Mission Today  
Forms DUE**

**June 4-8, 2019**

**Church Annual Conference  
Lakeland, FL**

**July 11-14, 2019**

**MISSION u**

**Florida Southern College  
Lakeland, FL**

**Registration deadline: May 31**