

FALL ISSUE  
2017

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# SOUTH WEST DISTRICT SOJOURNER

## UMW Publication Florida Conference

Greetings South West District Ladies:

The month of September came with a vengeance. It came with its rains, storms, hurricanes and for those in Mexico, an earthquake. Due to Hurricane Irma, our Mission Sampler had to be cancelled. I know many of you were looking forward to attending and we apologize in not being able to bring that event to you. However, we have provided some information for you via our website. By going to [www.southwestdistrictumw.com](http://www.southwestdistrictumw.com), you can click on the "mission study" tab and obtain information provided by E&I Coordinator, Marti Daltry. She has provided some quality information and guidance for you to plan your own unit's or cluster group study.

Within days after the hurricane (and earthquake in Mexico), my 7-1/2 year old grandson, Landon asked the following question, "Why did God make an earthquake come right after the hurricane?" Thinking about what my answer was going to be, I thought and thought and then came up with the comment to him, "Why don't we ask Pastor Jeff" (our local pastor). So we texted him the question to which Pastor Jeff responded, "We are told that as God is the Master creator, he certainly has created all the good things we know in the world and all the natural things." But how can we understand why natural disasters occur? Why did Hurricane Katrina come to destroy so many homes and kill hundreds of people? How was the tsunami able to kill over 225,000 people in Asia? These questions do tend to shake our confidence, even question our faith. But we have to stop and remind ourselves about God's promise. In Genesis, God shows his promise of never again destroying the earth by flood with His sign of a rainbow. In the Book of Job, Job felt as his life was over, the only thing left was to die. But, Job's faith was great. It is written that even if God did "slay" him, Job would still trust Him. His faith never wavered.

Pastor Jeff mentioned the beautiful hymn, "My Hope is Built", written by Edward Mote. It begins with, *"My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' Name. On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand."*

So I pray that this edition of the South West District's Sojourner finds each of you safe and well. Stand firm in your faith that God provides and will provide and will always protect us. On Christ the solid Rock I stand.

Blessings to each of you,

Shelley Davidson  
President, South West District



# **PROPOSED 2018-2020 SLATE FOR SOUTH WEST DISTRICT**

**Submitted by the Chair of Nominations,  
Diane Killmaier and the Nominations Team**

## **Officers**

President	Mary Van Tol
Vice President	Pamela Freeland
Secretary	Roberta Swords
Treasurer	Open*
Chair on Nominations	Open*

## **Coordinators**

Communications	Open*
Education & Interpretation	Patricia Mc Shane
Program Resources	Sandy Segar
Membership Nurture & Outreach	Open*
Spiritual Growth	Sandra Barton
Social Action	Joyce Shelso

## **Nomination Committee**

Nominations Class of 2018	Diane Killmaier
Nominations Class of 2019	Gloria Heston
Nominations Class of 2020	Barbara Blomerley

\*Any individuals nominated by the members during the meeting must be notified before Annual Meeting on October 21, 2017. Please contact Diane Killmaier:

Email: [dianekillmaier@gmail.com](mailto:dianekillmaier@gmail.com)  
Call: 609-774-6350





**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**



**SOUTH WEST DISTRICT**

**12TH ANNUAL MEETING**

***“Faith, Hope and Love in Action”***

**Saturday, October 21, 2017**

**Guest Speaker: Kay Roach**  
**UMW Florida Conference President**

**Registration: 9:00 am – 9:45 am**

**Event: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church**

**Ft. Myers, FL**

**Lunch: \$8**



**Reservations Required**  
**(please see your unit treasurer)**



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
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September 30, 2017

Dear All United Methodist Women:

Please accept and share this letter of invitation with all the ladies of your Mission Team, Unit Ladies as well as the ladies of your congregation. The South West District Mission Team would like to invite you to their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual District Event. It will take place on Saturday, **October 21** at Wesley Memorial UMC in Ft. Myers. Our theme for the day will be **"Faith-Hope-Love in Action"**. Our guest speaker will be **Kay Roach**, the Florida Conference President of United Methodist Women. She will talk about how we, as United Methodist Women can use our resources effectively as we participate in helping others through missions throughout the world.

The women of Wesley Memorial UMW will greet us from 9 am to 9:45 am with morning refreshments. Our program will begin promptly at 10 am. Lunch will be available for \$8 per person. **Please remit your reservation form and unit check to Wesley Memorial's unit Treasurer Phyllis Jackman. Checks should be sent to Wesley Memorial UMC, C/O Phyllis Jackman, 4141 Deleon St., Fort Myers, FL 33901. Her contact number is 239-936-2200.** Please use the reservation form provided. Deadline for reservations is Monday, **October 16<sup>th</sup>**.

Please encourage your members to attend as we will be acknowledging all the good work they have done throughout the year. In conclusion, we are honored to have our South West District Superintendent, Rev. Rini Hernandez who will be serving Holy Communion.

For your convenience, I have enclosed a flyer to post on your UMW bulletin board as well as in your church bulletin and newsletter. **Please share this announcement with ALL the ladies of your unit.**

Blessings,

*Mary Van Tol*

Mary Van Tol

For directions please visit our website at [www.southwestdistrictumw.com/forms](http://www.southwestdistrictumw.com/forms)



United  
Methodist  
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

The organized unit of United Methodist Woman shall be a community of woman 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.

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Dear Unit Treasurers:

The South West District United Methodist Women will hold their next event **October 21, 2017**. It will be their Twelfth Annual Meeting at Wesley Memorial UMC. **The address of the church is: 4141 Deleon St, Fort Myers, FL 33901.** We are asking for your assistance in coordinating reservations and collecting money for your unit to cover the luncheon that will be prepared by Wesley Memorial United Methodist Women.

**The reservations must be received no later than Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> by Phyllis Jackman, Wesley Memorial UMW Unit Treasurer.** Please use the form at the bottom of this page when you send in your reservation.

**Please make the checks payable to Wesley Memorial United Methodist Women.** Send the form with a check from your unit's checkbook when you make the reservation.

Should you have any other questions, please feel free to contact myself, District Treasurer Dorris Ann Wasson or Phyllis at the number listed on this form. Thank you for helping with this matter.

Blessings,

*Mary Van Tol*

Mary Van Tol

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Name of Church Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Picking up tickets for Unit \_\_\_\_\_

There will be (#) \_\_\_\_\_ persons eating lunch at \$8 per person  
We have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for reservations.

**SEND RESERVATIONS TO:**

**Wesley Memorial UMC**  
**C/O Phyllis Jackman**  
**4141 Deleon St, Fort Myers, FL 33901**  
**Phone: 941-485-5571**



**Forty-fourth  
Florida  
Conference  
Annual  
Meeting**

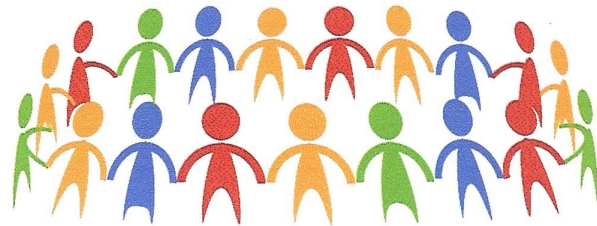


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**Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. (NRSV)**

**"A Call to  
Community"**



**November 4, 2017**

**10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

Registration begins at 9:00 AM

First United Methodist Church – Lakeland  
72 Lake Morton Drive  
Lakeland, FL 33801

**Guest Speaker: Dee Wooten Beggarly**

Florida Conference Representative  
to the Cuba Methodist Seminary  
MUIP (Methodists United In Prayer) formerly Florida/Cuba Covenant

**FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**  
**FORTY FOURTH CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING**  
 First United Methodist Church, 72 Lake Morton Dr, Lakeland, FL 33801  
 November 4, 2017 – 10:00 AM. – 4:00 PM

*“A Call to Community”*

Please complete the REGISTRATION FORM for CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING and **mail to reach the Registrar no later than October 15, 2017. All attending must register.** Please send each individual registration on a separate form (form may be duplicated). If registration is for more than one person, please attach all forms to the check. The registration of \$25.00 includes meeting and lunch. The **REGISTRATION FEE OF \$12.00 IS FOR THE MEETING ONLY (NO LUNCH).** On-site registration is available. If you register on-site, you will not be able to have lunch at the church. We need a count for lunch by the **15th of October.** Make check payable to **Florida Conference United Methodist Women.**

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting in the sanctuary lobby. There will be no refunds or cancellations after October 15, 2017.

**FREE CHILD CARE** will be made available beginning at 9:00 AM at the church. If needed, please indicate on the registration form. Advance reservations necessary.

Be sure YOUR NAME IS PRINTED ON THE FORM AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT ON YOUR NAME TAG. **Send the registration form to:** Ethel Ewing, 823 Lakeside Ct. Lakeland, FL 33815 TN# 863-680-4072 Home 863 370-8757 Cell E-mail: [ethelewing@msn.com](mailto:ethelewing@msn.com). Be sure to use **Conference Annual Meeting** in the subject box.

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FLORIDA CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING 2017      Reg # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency notify: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name, area code, phone number)

Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy# \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Medical Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_ Health/Dietary Needs \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Local Unit \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply: Conference/District Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Current 2017 Local Unit President \_\_\_\_\_ Local Unit Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bishop \_\_\_\_\_ Deaconess/Missionary \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ District Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_ Member of Conference CON \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member of District CON \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate, replacing Local President as a voting delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Visitor \_\_\_\_\_

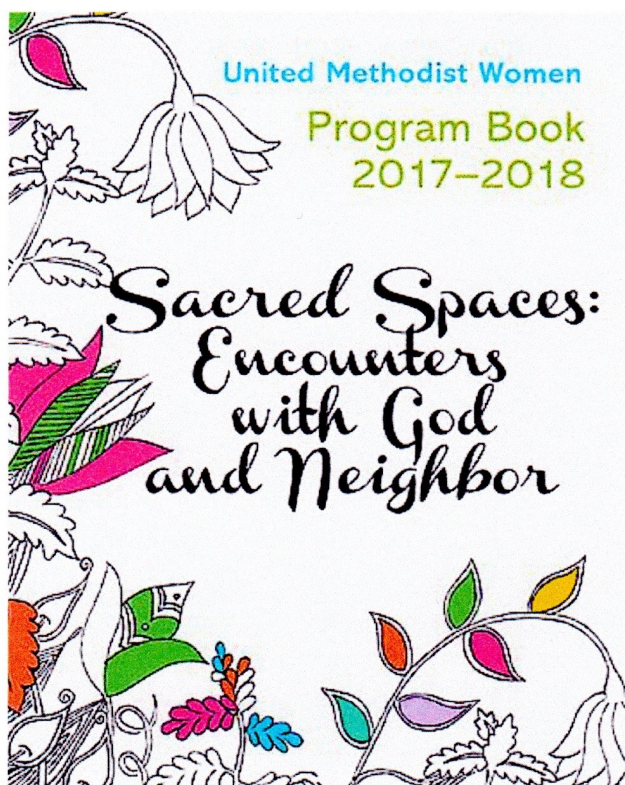
Child Care Needed \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of Children: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Request: Signing for hearing impaired \_\_\_\_\_ Need language translation (language) \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 (meeting and lunch) \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.00 (meeting only)



**United Methodist Women PROGRAM BOOK Currently Available** [www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org) **800-305-9857:**



Price \$10.00 No. M3301

You know how we need to have something to do with our hands - well, this year's Program Book has just the thing. Each month there is a relevant to-be-colored page. Make copies for your Unit meeting and have everyone bring a packet of colored pencils; then "get on with the program!"

**INTRODUCTION:** Sacred spaces are not only places of religious significance but sacred because of the interactions that take place between God and humans there. In the Bible, some of these encounters occur in physical locations. For example, Moses met God in the burning bush and God asked Moses to remove his sandals

because the ground had become hallowed through God's presence. The encounter resulted in God calling Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. For others, like Jacob and Hannah, that God encounter happened in their inner beings. Each encounter helps the person to see God clearly. When we interact with God, we learn something about ourselves and we discover God's purposes for our lives. So, too, our encounters with people become sacred when we consider that humans bear God's image and are recipients of God's love and grace.

The programs will explore sacred spaces where you can experience God and neighbor. As Christ's disciples, we are entrusted with creating spaces of wholeness and abundance for all.

*Program for OCTOBER 2017:*

***God's Word: The Sacred Space for Encountering God***

*Objective: To hear stories about sacred encounters with God and to discover ways of engaging and connecting scripture to real life.*

***"Your word is a lamp before my feet and a light for my journey."***

***Psalms 119:105***

Respectfully, Sandy Segur SPR  
[sandyrsegur@gmail.com](mailto:sandyrsegur@gmail.com) 941-626-8384



## 2018 South West District Calendar

<u><b>JANUARY</b></u>  <u><b>LOCAL UNIT</b></u> <u><b>OFFICERS TRAINING</b></u>  <u>When:</u> January 27  <u>Where:</u> Sebring First Lunch: \$8	<u><b>FEBRUARY</b></u>  No District Activities Scheduled  * <b>MTM</b> <u>When:</u> February 17  <u>Where:</u> Clewiston First	<u><b>MARCH</b></u>  <u><b>SPIRITUAL GROWTH</b></u>  <u>When:</u> March 24  <u>Where:</u> TBD  <u>Lunch: \$8</u> <u>*<b>MTM</b> to follow</u>	<u><b>APRIL</b></u>  <u><b>SOCIAL ACTION</b></u> <u><b>EVENT at ECHO</b></u>  <u>When:</u> April 28  <u>Where:</u> Ft. Myers
<u><b>MAY</b></u>  No District Activities Scheduled  * <b>MTM</b> <u>When:</u> May 12  <u>Where:</u> Punta Gorda Friendship	<u><b>JUNE</b></u>  No District Activities Scheduled	<u><b>JULY</b></u> * <u><b>MISSION u</b></u>  <u>When:</u> July 12-15  <u>Where:</u> Bethune-Cookman Daytona, FL  <small>*Scholarships available: contact District president.</small>	<u><b>AUGUST</b></u>  No District Activities Scheduled  * <b>MTM</b> <u>When:</u> August 4  <u>Where:</u> Port Charlotte
<u><b>SEPTEMBER</b></u>  No District Activities Scheduled	<u><b>OCTOBER</b></u> <u><b>ANNUAL MEETING</b></u>  <u>When:</u> October 13  <u>Where:</u> Cape Coral First Lunch: \$8	<u><b>NOVEMBER</b></u> <u><b>MISSION STUDY</b></u>  <u>When:</u> November 10  <u>Where:</u> Christ Venice Lunch: \$8	<u><b>DECEMBER</b></u>  No District Activities Scheduled  * <b>MTM</b> <u>When:</u> December 8  <u>Where:</u> Sarasota First

\*MTM=Mission Team Meeting, District Officers Only



### October 5, 2017

3rd Quarter pledges due  
Send to District Treasurer,  
Dorris Ann Wasson  
1430 Oak Street  
Nokomis, FL 34275  
941-412-0847

### October 21, 2017

**District Annual Meeting**  
Wesley Memorial UMC, Ft. Myers  
Registration due October 16  
See flyer and forms pages 3- 5

### November 4, 2017

**Conference Annual Meeting**  
First United UMC, Lakeland  
Lunch Registration due October 15  
See flyer and form pages 6-7



### Has Your Information Changed?

People move, get new email and new phones. Please remember to send any updates anytime this happens to **Sharon Wilson** at the address below. Please include their name, address, phone number, cell number (if available) email and their office.

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"To effectively communicate, we must realize that we are all different in the way we perceive the world and use this understanding as a guide to our communication with others."

*Anonymous*

## Article Deadline

Please submit articles for our next Sojourner issue by the **20th** of this month. We want to highlight your activities for the month, whether it is a fund raiser, social action, spiritual growth retreat, UMW Sunday or a mission study...all stories are welcome!

**Mary Van Tol**

Vice President/Communications Coordinator

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