

MARCH 2019

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South West District

# Sojourner

United Methodist Women Publication, Florida Conference

Greetings South West Sisters!

Happy Birthday! Read these words from Response March-April Issue:

“One can only imagine what that small group of strong, determined women who met on March 23, 1869, at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston would say now about what they started. I imagine they would be very pleased to see that the school, Isabella Thoburn College, and hospital, Clara Swain Hospital, founded by their first missionaries in India are still in operation today.

I hope they'd smile to see God's hands at work through United Methodist Women over the past 150 years. Their legacy lives on in the national mission institutions and colleges that Mission Giving supports today, in the impactful justice, mission and ministry work we continue to do to fulfill our Purpose, in the thousands of women in attendance at our last Assembly, all with the same shared passion for mission that they put into action so long ago.”

Many of you will be celebrating our **150<sup>th</sup> Birthday**, and I hope that you are willing to share how you have done that with each other by submitting articles and photos to our Communication Coordinator, Ruth Hollandsworth.

In February our Mission Team met and were presented with two women willing to join our team. Let us welcome Beverly Emonds from North Naples UMW who will serve on our Nominations Committee for Class of 2023 and Denise Feagin from Sebring First UMW who will serve as Member Nurture and Outreach Coordinator. Susan Webb from Wesley Memorial UMW was introduced to our team at our January training and is serving on the Nominations Committee for Class of 2022.

Along with the celebrations, I want to remind you to come to our Spiritual Growth Event **“BOLD Dreams”** led by Sandra Barton on March 30 at Wesley Memorial, Ft. Myers. A registration form is included with this newsletter.

As a reminder, please ensure that your Unit gets counted in the **2018 Census**. Just go online (<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/>) and click on the Census 2018 Logo to input your local unit membership numbers.

On **May 18**, we will have **Emily Jones**, Executive for Racial Justice for United Methodist Women as our guest speaker. She will be talking about what is involved in working with youths, parents and schools to help them break the tragic cycle of criminal lifestyles known as the school to prison pipeline. While the newspapers have sensationalized stories, what we need to do is learn the facts and ways we can affect change in our local communities, church and families. This is one of the four major initiatives National has committed to for this quadrennial 2016-2020. You won't want to miss this special half day event at Sarasota Trinity UMC.

Don't forget to sign up for Mission u! Early registration ends May 24. As an incentive to register early, study books may be ordered with a discount to be picked up at the school. There are scholarships available for first time attendees. Please contact me to request one.

Blessings,

*Mary Van Tol,*

*South West District President*

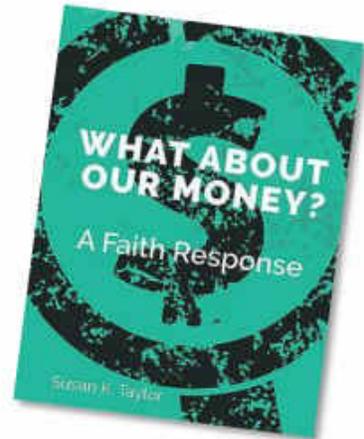
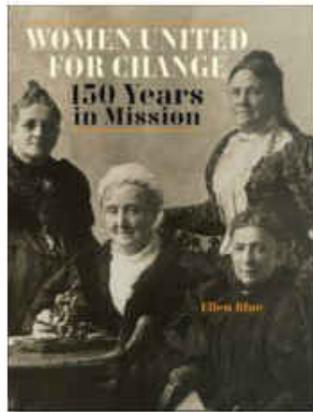
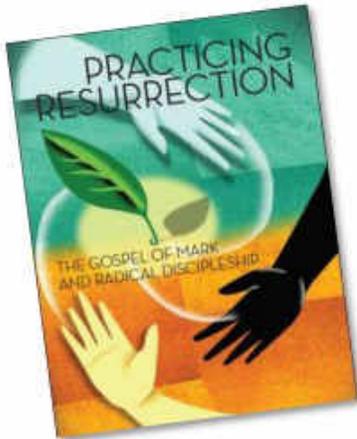
PURPOSE of United Methodist Women

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.

# RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP—THEN AND NOW

## Join United Methodist Women at Mission u 2019!

Take a deep dive into the Gospel of Mark, the topic of money,  
and the inspiring story of women organized for mission.



### THIS YEAR, OUR STUDIES ARE:

- **Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship** by Janet Wolf
- **Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission** by Ellen Blue
- **What About Our Money? A Faith Response** by Susan K. Taylor
- **Additional studies on Gospel of Mark for children and youth**

*Be inspired! Be challenged! Respond to God's call! Continue the powerful legacy of compassionate service and passionate advocacy!*

**LOCATION:** Florida Southern College, Lakeland, FL 33801

**DATE:** July 11-14, 2019

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Discounted registration opens February 1 and closes May 31, 2019. To register, go to <https://flconfumw.org> (new FL Conference United Methodist Women website) for registration forms for adults, children and youth.



# MISSION U

## *“Radical Discipleship”*

July 11-14, 2019

Florida Southern College

Lakeland, FL

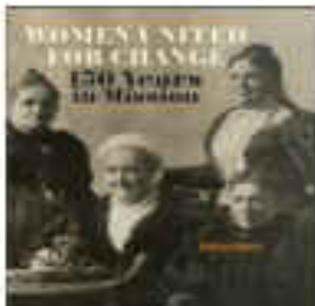
Discounted Registration Deadline: May 31, 2019

Classes are available in English, Creole, Spanish and Korean

Registration forms and information about costs can be found at [www.flconfumw.org](http://www.flconfumw.org)

Mission u study books can be ordered at [www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org) or pre-ordered when submitting your 2019 Events registration.

NOTE: There are a limited number of scholarships for all events. Contact your district president for applications.

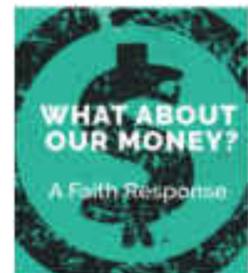


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## SAVE THE DATE

Join us in celebrating the 150th anniversary of United Methodist Women with a special Day of Giving on Saturday March 23, 2019

### Day of Giving March 23, 2019

Let us honor our foremothers by giving to the Legacy Fund to ensure United Methodist Women can continue serving women, children and youth around the world for the next 150 years. Generous donors have already committed to matching a portion of our gifts received on the Day of Giving.

**Together, we are building our legacy!**

**TO GIVE** - Go Online [unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund](https://unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund)

**Call** 800-278-7771 - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, Monday-Friday and Saturday March 23

**Text** 41444 and enter *Legacy150* in the message area.

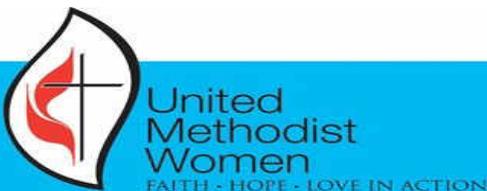
### Write a Check

United Methodist Women  
Attn: Development, Legacy Fund  
475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor  
New York, NY 10115

Write “**Day of Giving**” in the memo section.

**Legacy Story: The Work of Mary McLeod Bethune: Read her story at at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/education-and-equality-mary-mcleod-bethune>**

*The Legacy Fund is a permanent endowment to support the work of future generations of United Methodist Women.*



Spiritual Growth Event

# Bold Dreams

Presented by Sandra Barton

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

Saturday March 30, 2019

Registration: 9 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Program: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Lunch \$8.00

**Wesley Memorial UMC**

**4141 DeLeon Street**

**Ft. Myers, FL 33901**



Thomas Alva Edison (February 11, 1847 – October 18, 1931) Made his winter home in Fort Myers, FL. He is credited with developing many devices in fields such as electric power generation, mass communication, sound recording, and motion pictures and inventions, including the phonograph, the motion picture camera, and the long-lasting, practical electric light bulb. A true Bold Dreamer!!

Reservations required, contact your local Unit Treasurer

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February 12, 2019

Dear United Methodist Women:

Our next District event will be offered on March 30, 2019, at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in Fort Myers. With a focus on Spiritual Growth, Sandra Barton, South West District Spiritual Growth officer, will present a compelling program titled **Bold Dreams**. As United Methodist Women, we are challenged to be **BOLD** – bold in our faith, our service, our mission. Sandra will invite us to be bold dreamers! Please join us!

South West District Spiritual Growth Event: **Bold Dreams**

Saturday March 30, 2019

Registration: 9 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Program: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Lunch \$8.00

Wesley Memorial UMC

4141 DeLeon Street

Ft. Myers, FL 33901

Registration and a light continental 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 Wesley Memorial will be making preparations for your arrival. Reservations are necessary! **Please register with your Unit treasurer no later than March 22, 2019.** The cost for lunch is \$8. (I have attached a registration form for Unit Treasurer's to use to send in registrations for the Unit.)

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 March!

Blessings always,

Pamela Freeland

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Dear Unit Treasurers:

The South West District will meet Saturday, March 30, 2019, at **Wesley Memorial UMC in Fort Myers**. The theme, **Bold Dreams**, will be offered by Sandy Barton, the South West District Spiritual Growth officer. **As Unit treasurer, we are asking for your assistance in coordinating reservations for your Unit and collecting the \$8.00 per person to cover the luncheon being prepared by Wesley Memorial United Methodist women.**

Please send the Reservation Form below and the check to cover luncheons by Friday, March 22, 2019 to Phyllis Jackman at the address listed below. Make checks payable to Wesley Memorial United Methodist Women.

If you have questions, Phyllis can be reached by phone at [239-848-6484](tel:239-848-6484).

Blessings always,

Pamela Freeland

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**South West District United Methodist Women**

**Registration Form**

**March 30, 2019 Spiritual Growth Event**

**Please mail by March 22, 2019**

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

Number of registrants for the luncheon \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed check for luncheon reservations at \$8/person in the total amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Make checks payable to Wesley Memorial United Methodist Women)

**SEND RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK BY MARCH 22 TO:**

**Phyllis Jackman**

**c/o Wesley Memorial Methodist Church**

**4141 Deleon St.**

**Fort Myers, FL 33901**

[THANK YOU!](#)

# Units in Action

## Trinity Sarasota UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

This Unit hosted a party on Valentine's day for our precious preschool children, their parents/ grandparents and their wonderful teachers. UMW ladies each hosted a table to visit and serve those at their table, a team of UMW ladies served a great lunch and other UMW ladies decorated and made favors. Was a special Valentine's Day for all of us!  
Submitted by Sherrill Carr, Trinity Sarasota Unit President



# Units in Action

## Christ United Methodist Church in Venice, FL

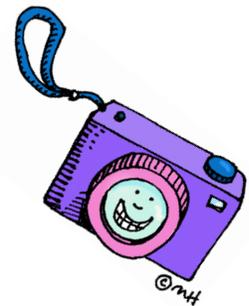
United Methodist Women had a program about Selah Freedom Sex Traffic for our February Unit meeting & Monthly Luncheon on February 19, 2019. It was a well presented video covering many areas and information. The next day we all read in the Sarasota Herald Tribune of the several arrests made in Florida.  
Lucy Boyce, Communications Coordinator



**How did your unit celebrate the UMW 150 year birthday?**

**Write and let us know. Photos are always welcome. Please share as other units get great ideas for their own events. Send article and photos to:**

[ruthhollandsworth.umw@gmail.com](mailto:ruthhollandsworth.umw@gmail.com)



# Upcoming Unit Events



## **Priscilla Shirer “Going Beyond”**

**Simulcast at**

**Englewood United Methodist Church**

Saturday, April 6, 2019

9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10 includes lunch

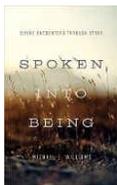
This is an outreach event.

Bring someone new to church or who hasn't been in a while and their companion ticket is \$5!!!

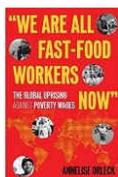


Tickets go on sale March 1 at [www.EnglewoodUMC.net](http://www.EnglewoodUMC.net)  
941-474-5588 \* 700 E. Dearborn St., Englewood

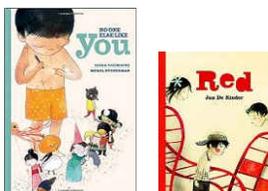
**2019 Reading Program Action suggestions to assist you:** The response | December 2018 issue contains a write up of all the books on our 2019 Reading Program. EVERYTHING you need to know for your Reading Plan goal!



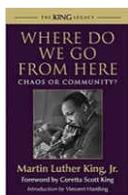
**Pray.** Books often raise concerns about people, countries and issues. Bring these concerns to God during your prayer time at home and at group meetings. Pray for those concerns. Read “*Spoken into Being*” and think about creating and telling your story.



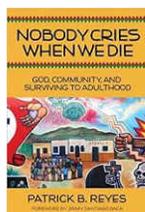
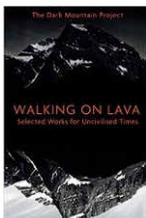
**Host a program.** Read “*We Are All Fast-Food Workers Now*” and continue the discussion on economic injustice around the world.



**Teach a Sunday School Class.** Read “*No One Else Like You*” and celebrate diversity and tolerance. Read “*Red*” and continue your discussion around bullying.



**Be Inclusive.** Continue your action on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies of The United Methodist Church. Read “*Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?*”



**Bonus Books:** Bonus Books count as two books in Education for Mission or Social Action, or as one book in either of two categories. For example, *Walking on Lava* and *Nobody Cries When We Die* count as two books in Social Action

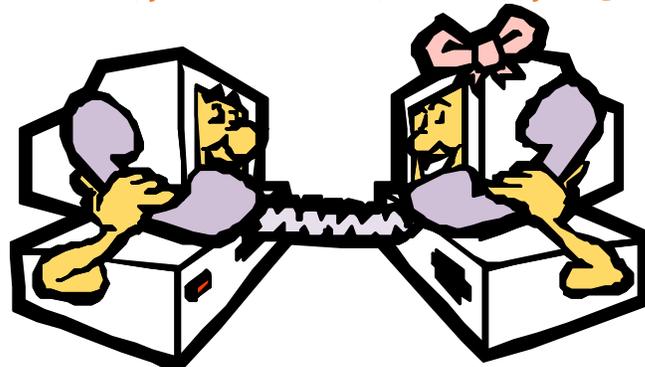
## 2019 SOUTH WEST DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<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>
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<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>

## 2019 LOCAL UNIT REPORTS DUE TO SOUTH WEST DISTRICT OFFICERS

Unit Officer/ Coordinator	Name of report	Due date	Submitted To
President/ Communications	Sojourner Articles	20 <sup>th</sup> of Each Month	Ruth Hollingsworth, District Communications Coordinator
E & I Coordinator	Mission Today Units	June 1	Pat McShane, District E & I Coordinator
E & I Coordinator	Mission Studies Report	June 15	Pat McShane, District E & I Coordinator
President or Membership, Nurture, & Outreach Coordinator	Input membership numbers directly on the UMW website; encourage members to input their information	March 30	UMW website ( <a href="http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org">www.unitedmethodistwomen.org</a> )
Secretary of Program Resources	Reading Plan participants for the Annual report	August 15	Sandy Segur, District Secretary of Program Resources
Secretary	Unit Officer Roster; Unit leaders' contact information	January 31 and as changes occur	Gloria Heston, District Secretary
Secretary	Unit Year Book/Directory (if available)	January	Mary Van Tol, District President and Gloria Heston, District Secretary
Social Action Coordinator	Charter for Racial Justice Report	September 1	Joyce Shelso, District Social Action Coordinator
Spiritual Growth Coordinator	Deceased Members (for the Annual report)	September 15	Sandy Barton, District Spiritual Growth Coordinator
Treasurer	Unit's Annual Budget	January	Phyllis Jackman, District Treasurer
Treasurer	Rainbow Givers	January 31	
Treasurer	5 Star Unit Report	January 31	
Treasurer	Annual Sampler Packet	April 1	
Treasurer	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	April 5	
Treasurer	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	July 5	
Treasurer	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	October 5	
Treasurer	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	December 10	

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**March 30, 2019**

## **Census 2018 DUE**

**March 30, 2019**

## **Spiritual Growth Event**

Wesley Memorial, Ft. Myers

Registration: 9-9:45am

Program: 10am-2pm

Lunch \$8.00

**April 5, 2019**

## **1st Quarter Pledge DUE**

**April 6, 2019**

## **Simulcast Event**

Englewood UMC

700 E. Dearborn St., Englewood, FL

9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10 includes lunch

**May 18, 2019**

## **Social Justice 1/2 Day Event**

Trinity UMC, Sarasota  
 Registration: 9a—9:45p  
 Program: 10a—NOON

MTM to follow  
 District Officers only, plan for 2020  
 12:30 p—2:30 p

**July 11-14, 2019**

MISSION u

Florida Southern College  
 Lakeland, FL.

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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**[www.facebook/southwestdistrictumw.com](https://www.facebook.com/southwestdistrictumw.com)**

## Treasurer's Reminder

1st Quarter Pledge is Due April 5, 2019.

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