



Greetings to all of our East Central United Methodist Women!

Tomorrow's Unrevealed Blessings

Although you can't see your way today,
Tomorrow holds unrevealed blessings

That you don't know about.
So does the next day and the next.

Never judge the situation by the appearance
But by the Creator, who has your best interest at heart.

God knows where you are in life.
He knew it before the foundation of the world.

Just believe.
Do what you can and let Him do the rest. (Written by Louvenia Duncan)

Your East Central District needs your help! We need an Education & Interpretation & Social Action Coordinator for 2018 & 2019. Both positions are appointed tasks and are very rewarding.

Proud to announce that that First United Methodist Church of Oviedo has agreed to host the East Central District Annual Meeting on October 20, 2018. We still have a need for a host church for the "Mission Studies Sampler" in September 2018.

Hope to see you all at the 12th Annual East Central District meeting on October 21, 2017.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS SO YOU DON'T MISS THESE IMPORTANT DATES!

October 21, 2017...District Annual Meeting (FUMC Clermont)

November 4, 2017...Conference Annual Meeting (FUMC Lakeland)

January 27, 2018...UMW Local Officer Training (FUMC Winter Garden)

March 17, 2018...Spring Day Apart (Grace, Lake Mary)

October 20, 2018...District Annual Meeting (FUMC Oviedo)

2018 Mission Studies

Spiritual Growth: Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living

Geographic: The Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States

Issue Study: What About Our Money? A Faith Response

Youth: Is It Just Money? Our Dollars, God's Economy

Children: Money Matters: A Study for Children

Have Quilt - Will Travel
(Submitted by Pam Anders)



Pictured with the Log Cabin quilt is Jan Becherer and Pattie Hackenberg, co-chairs of FUMC, Clermont Annual Holiday Bazaar, sponsored by United Methodist Women. Jan, Patti

and Priscilla Oliver are our “guru” quilt makers! This talented trio combined their skills and talents to make and donate this quilt to the “Opportunity Drawing” Shoppe. However, Jan, Patti and Priscilla debuted the Log Cabin Quilt at the United Methodist Women August Summer Luncheon where members and friends could purchase tickets for \$1.00 apiece, 6 tickets for \$5.00, etc. In the picture, they are showing the Morning Joy Circle the quilt at their September meeting in the Social Hall of FUMC. Jan and Patti will travel anywhere they are invited in the community to share the quilt and its beautiful history*; with opportunity to purchase tickets. The drawing for the OWNER of the quilt will be Sat., November 11 in the Social Hall at FUMC, Clermont. Bazaar hours are 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. You can purchase tickets during that time too. Just before 2:00 the ticket will be drawn for the quilt. You do not have to be present to participate. Just make sure you have purchased a ticket(s) if you would like the “opportunity” to take it home! The quilt is 80% cotton and 20% polyester, has been washed, dried and READY to SNUGGLE in!

A new Shoppe this year is MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) North Pole where Mr. and Mrs. Santa will be visiting from 9-11 am. Bring your cell phone for pictures of your children or grandchildren. Then give them some “private” time to browse and do some Christmas shopping for family members at very reasonable prices! Other shoppes to seek out: Made with Love Shoppe, Holiday Shoppe, Unique Boutique, more Opportunity Drawing Items in addition to the Log Cabin quilt. We would be pleased to have the presence of your company on Nov. 11th! The proceeds for this yearly United Methodist Women Mission event are presented to local charitable groups and United Methodist Women -designated mission giving.

*Log Cabin Block - a brief history: natural to assume originated in US pioneer days but similar designs have been found on ancient Egyptian mummies and in English quilts predating 1830. Variations of settings appeared with names reflecting themes of the times: white house steps, courthouse steps, eight-sided pineapple, barn raising and sunshine and shadows. Traditional log cabin block has light side and dark side, with a red center. Light side represents sunny side of the house; the dark side the shady side and the red center signifies the Hearth of the Home. Quilt pictured has pineapple block in the center which is a sign of WELCOME.

~Submitted by Pam Anders



Conversations of Courage

The week of November 5-11, friends, neighbors, and colleagues throughout the Orlando metro area will have honest conversations about gender bias and violence against women -- how they experience bias in daily life, how we unconsciously perpetuate bias, and how we can all work together to end violence.



You can help Harbor House by volunteering to host a Conversation of Courage at work, at your house of worship, or with friends and family, or by attending an event near you!

We need your voice at the table.

This is what Conversations of Courage is all about.



Anyone can host a Conversation of Courage. Gather neighbors, friends, family, or colleagues to have a conversation over coffee, a meal, as part of your book club or faith group. You don't have to be an expert to host; there is no right or wrong kind of conversation to have, just create a welcoming space where different points of view are welcome and respected.

Register to receive the free Conversations of Courage toolkit. You can start planning your own conversation or get information about attending an event near you.

Submitted by Alma Manney



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic violence is real when we are silent, so let's speak out against the violence. Throughout the month of October help Harbor House of Central Florida raise awareness about domestic violence by being a champion for survivors and their families.

5 WAYS TO BE A CHAMPION

1 Wear Purple

Wear PURPLE, the color for Domestic Violence awareness, to show your support.

2 Share Awareness

Help Harbor House raise awareness by sharing DVAM posts on social media. #BeAChampion

3 Get Involved

Visit www.harborhouse.org/get-involved for more information.

4 Give Help

\$65 donation provides one bed for one night. Harbor House had 27,675 bed nights last year. Visit www.harborhouse.org/donate to assist survivors.

5 Attend an Event

Visit www.harborhouse.org/DVAM to see a list of Harbor House events for domestic violence awareness month.



August 27th was **United Methodist Women Sunday** at the First United Methodist Church of Oviedo where all eight Circles participated with their service, dedication and servant hearts at all three services. Members spoke during the Mission Moments, participated in the women's choir, presided over the lighting of the candles at the prayer tables at the end of each service as Co-President Denise Clonts beautifully sang "Light a Candle" and also served as greeters and ushers. This year's United Methodist Women Sunday services were a blessed time of worship.

~Submitted by Cindy Sloan

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OVIEDO
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN INVITE YOU
TO THEIR NOVEMBER WOMEN'S NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP

FUMCO's United Methodist Women hosts a Women's Night of Fellowship (WNOF) four times a year where members of the eight Circles and their guests enjoy dinner and fellowship with one another. The next WNOF entitled "Sowing Seeds of Kindness" is Tuesday, November 14th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall hosted by the Koinonia Circle. Everyone will enjoy a delicious meal along with a program and the election and installation of new officers, presentation of the 2018 Budget and the collection of the World Thank Offering. Please join us! We would love for YOU to be our guest on November 14th. If interested in attending, please contact Co-President Denise Clonts by email at mdclonts@att.net or by phone [407-257-0925](tel:407-257-0925). ~Submitted by Cindy Sloan

Community of Faith's 7th annual Women's Retreat was held on September 23rd at the Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park. It was a beautiful day with thirty women enjoying the day together, especially after the stressful weeks just prior to that. We focused on being the light of Christ in our world by looking at seven loves that we need to cultivate and reflect. Our day included praise and worship, learning, making lighthouse and necklace crafts, creating cards to send to shut-ins, different opportunities for prayer, good food and times for fellowship and the "You are My Sunshine" stretch. It was an inspiring day together and we are already looking forward to next year's women's retreat! ~Submitted by Diane Abresky and Gillian Wolfe



Coronado Community United Methodist Church United Methodist Women Fight Hunger!

The United Methodist Women of Coronado Community United Methodist Church partnered with Rise Against Hunger to package over 10,000 meals Saturday, August 26th. It was fun, it was easy and it was certainly rewarding! Our Rise Against Hunger Engagement Manager, Jason, showed up at 8:00 am sharp with a truck full of raw materials: rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables,





vitamin packets and packaging material. The Fellowship Hall was set up, the NSB High School Interact Club organized our assembly line & assembled boxes, the packaging volunteers arrived – over 80 of them! – and we started. Jason trained everyone, kept the team motivated throughout the morning, and took care that the assembly line from raw materials to bags to boxes continued to run smoothly. In just about

2½ hours, over 10,000 meals were packaged and a quick clean up began. Wow! What a small effort on our part to fight hunger in Madagascar. Our 10,120 meals were part of a 20-pallet shipment which flew to Madagascar 3 days later.

Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable. Over 800 million people go to bed hungry each day, not knowing if they'll even have a meal the next day. Rise Against Hunger is making a difference. In 2015, 25,000 people died every day from lack of food; in 2016, that number declined to 21,000 people. This is still an unspeakable number, but we united to make that number even smaller in 2017. When children eat these nutritious meals with special vitamin packets, their malnourishment starts receding in just 2 weeks! That translates into increased enrollment in school and, as education levels rise, birth rates and disease rates fall and communities begin to sustain themselves.

Supporting Rise Against Hunger by doing a meal packaging event is a mission you can do at home, right in your local church. Please prayerfully consider organizing your church to donate time, money and talents to help with world hunger! ~Submitted by Cindy Sloan





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The 35th Annual Holiday Bazaar

Sponsored by the
United Methodist Women

TWO DAYS!!!

November 11, Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

November 12, Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Over 14 different shops for you to do all
of your holiday shopping at great prices!

Fun for the whole family!

Art Gallery
Unique Boutique
Glass Menagerie
Christmas Shop
Fall Decor & More
Gift Certificates
Shabby Chic

Country Store
Traveling Treasures
Bake Shop
One of a Kind
This & That Kiosk
Faith Kiosk
One of a Kind

Saturday ONLY

Kid Zone/Children shopping
Children Activities and Crafts
Pictures with Santa
Pizza, Sandwiches, Drinks for sale

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