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**A Special Notice** for the United Methodist Women's units which will be leaving us to enter another district.

Goodbyes are not forever. Goodbyes are not the end.

They simply mean we'll miss you until

We meet again.

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It has been a wonderful time traveling to events, having meetings in your churches and sharing mission ideas with all of you. Blessings to each of the following Churches as they go on to meet new friends.

Community United Methodist Church in Daytona Beach  
Edgewater United Methodist Church

Coronado Community Methodist Church in New Smyrna Beach

First United Methodist Church of New Smyrna Beach

First United Methodist Church of Ormond Beach

Riverview United Methodist Church of Ormond Beach

Tomoka United Methodist Church of Ormond Beach

First United Methodist Church of Bunnell

Flagler Beach United Methodist Church

Palm Coast United Methodist Church

Pierson United Methodist Church

Trinity United Methodist Church of Seville

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW UNITS STARTING JANUARY 2018

Mount Dora United Methodist Church  
Groveland Edge Memorial Methodist Church  
Tavares United Methodist Church  
Dundee United Methodist Church  
First United Methodist Church of Auburndale  
First United Methodist Church of Lake Wales  
New Horizon United Methodist Church of Haines City  
St. Johns United Methodist Church of Winter Haven

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

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

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

**July 12-15, 2018...Mission u (Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach)**

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



### *A Legacy of Mission Giving*

The Conway United Methodist Women had a great time at Conway Days with our Bake Sale. Thanks to all of our great bakers, we had a lot of selections and sold everything!! All the money we raised we gave in Memory of Mary Harris. We sure have missed her all year, especially at Bake Sale time!

Mary, affectionately known as Mary, Sr., was a former District Officer of United Methodist Women as well President of our local unit. She was one of the women recognized by the Orlando District United Methodist Women for their commitment to being in Mission.

An excerpt from the song written and performed by Mabel Jones in honor and recognition of their commitment to Mission is:

“We’re in mission to please our God  
Vowing never to stop until we see it through  
Right from the start to the finish  
We’re about our Father’s business.  
The word of God is what we hear and do.

“All that we do is in Jesus’ name  
Our desire is to please him--not fortune or fame  
We meet, greet, help and give  
From day to day that’s how we live  
And it’s all because, it’s all because

“We’re in mission to please our God...”



## Pictures from the 2018 East Central District United Methodist Women District Annual Meeting



## United Methodist Women of FUMC, Clermont, Called to Action!

Remember February's Call to Prayer and Self Denial Program from the 2016-17 United Methodist Women Program Book? To refresh your memory the focus was on maternal and child health. Our members were aghast to learn that girls in many countries could not attend school during their period because they had no protection (i.e. sanitary pads) for blood flow. Do the math on number of days NOT in school if we are talking about 10 months of school at 6-7 days of absences/month. And, of course, in some countries girls do not even have the privilege of attending school. We also learned of the devastating effects on mothers and infants, when pregnant women had no access to maternal care. Opening our purses to support the efforts of United Methodist Women to help women, infants and girls to improve their health and educational needs was a NO-brainer! But we also felt a need to reach out to our community.

From lack of personal hygiene needs, our thoughts gravitated to our local school clinics. Were there unmet needs we might be able to provide? We connected to South Lake Schools' liaison for Clinic Representatives to learn if there were needs that we might provide to promote good personal hygiene. An e-mail was sent out to the clinic reps asking them to send in a "Wish List" of needs. From Social Action Coordinator, Noelene McCall and Pam Anders in September each circle was given specific schools with their Wish Lists attached. Circles were to purchase items listed, then bag at their October meetings, ready for delivery to their assigned schools. On those Wish Lists were: sanitary pads, deodorant, combs, lice combs, hair brushes, toothbrushes/toothpaste, hair elastics, hair clips, shampoo, baby wipes, powder, soap, boy's & girl's underwear (elem.) See photos of bags prepared for delivery by each of our three circles, left to right, Morning Joy, Lunch Bunch and Daughters of Lydia. This was a small but caring and compassionate way we could be the hands of our Lord and Savior.



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### TO ALL THE TREASURERS FOR 2018: DO NOT SEND YOUR REMITTANCE FORMS TO THE CONFERENCE!

Send them to: Mary Ann Murray, Treasurer  
East Central District  
2936 Golden Birch Lane  
Longwood, FL 32750  
Phone 407-321-0706

This includes all orders for cards, SMR pins and anything else you may need.

Blessings,  
Mary Ann Murray  
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Gifts of Hope



Harbor House works all year long to ensure an empowering atmosphere for the families we serve. We need your help to create a festive and safe holiday season. Here are a few ways you can help Harbor House ensure that the children and their parents experience a sense of belonging, hope, and empowerment:

**Give a Holiday Meal Basket.** Fill a laundry basket with nonperishable items to prepare a holiday meal, such as: stuffing, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, canned potatoes, pie fillings, bread mixes, turkey, and a gift card so survivors can purchase items that may be unique to their holiday tradition.

**Adopt a Family for the Holidays.** You and your family or neighbors can embrace a family this holiday season and purchase specific items from a family's wish list. Please complete this [form](#) or contact us at 407-703-2890, and we will match you with one of our Harbor House families.

**Fill the Holiday Gift Shop for Moms.** Help the children staying at Harbor House surprise their moms with a gift this year. Children living in our shelter will have an opportunity to select gifts as they shop in the holiday gift shop for Mom. Purchase ladies pajamas (any size) or items from Bath & Body Works or TJ Maxx. By donating a gift, you can give our children the joy of shopping for that special item for mom.

**No time for shopping?** Give any amount to Gifts of Hope and know your gift will keep giving throughout the year! Visit [our website](#) to give the gift of hope today.

The deadline for receiving all donations is December 10, 2017. We will accept drop off donations the following dates and times:

November 27th - December 10th  
Monday to Friday 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. and  
Saturdays 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Drop off Location:  
Massey Services, Inc.  
3100 Clay Ave  
Suite #151  
Orlando, FL 32804

For more information or to schedule an additional drop off time, please contact our Donation Coordinator at 407-703-2890 or [donate@harborhousefl.com](mailto:donate@harborhousefl.com).

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OVIEDO UNITED METHODIST WOMEN INVITE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO BREAKFAST WITH SANTA DECEMBER 2, 2017 8:00 am – 11:00 am**

Please bring your family for a morning of holiday fun which includes a pancake breakfast, holiday crafts, carolers, storytelling and a picture with Santa himself! Tickets are \$8.00/person and children under 2 are free.

Online ticket purchases are available at <https://squareup.com/store/united-methodist-women>



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