



Important Missing Information District Duties

It has been brought to my attention that the East Central District is showing only 11 units reporting their membership. This should have been reported by the end of March and I am not sure why so many units (28) did not go online and fill out the information needed. It was noted in the last two Trumpet Sounds and an online notice to all Presidents. However, the website has been shut down as of March 31st.

I now need all of the 28 units to report their numbers to me ASAP once you have seen this notice in our Trumpet Sound. Use last year's end final number of members, deduct those who have died or moved and add any new ones who have joined. Then send your final number as of December 31, 2016, to my email address. (lindag65@cfl.rr.com)

I want to thank the following Units for being such good members by reporting their membership on time: Apopka, Flagler Beach, First Oviedo, Grace, Lake Helen, Peace, Riverview, Sanlando, Deltona, Clermont and Winter Garden.

That is 11 Churches out of 39 who took the time to follow through!

From the Bible it tells us.....

We are to take care of the most important tasks first. We should pray for God to remove procrastination and [idleness from our lives](#). We should seek to do God's will daily.

Reminders

24. Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 **There is a season for everything, and a time for every event under heaven:** a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot what was planted.

****Even Time to turn in your membership numbers.****

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

July 13-16, 2017...Mission u (Bethune-Cookman University)

September 23, 2017...Mission Studies Sampler (Sanlando UMC)

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

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

March 20th Alma Manney, a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, shared information with the Faith United Methodist Women on the subject of Human Trafficking. Several of the members read scenarios to the group of some women and men who have been unwittingly, and unwillingly, victimized by this form of slavery. The group learned it is possible to have a victim nearby without our knowing. Awareness was heightened to be on alert, and a toll-free number was provided to make a report: [888-373-7888](tel:888-373-7888). We all should be encouraged to look around ourselves and be praying for the Lord to make us aware of something that doesn't seem right. Reporting could save a life.



Challenge Reminder

As you may remember, your East Central Team issued the challenge to use as many of the 13 Principles of *Be Just. Be Green* as possible during this past year. Now it is time to make your reports! Please send me a list of which Principles you have used and how you have used them. Will you be the winner? Find out at the District Annual Meeting on October 21.

Please send the lists to me by June 30. Email is preferred, but I'll give you my address as well.

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Flagler Beach members chat with the speaker of the District Spring Day Apart. From the left, Paula Engle, Flagler Beach; Linda Gustafson, District president; Dixie Thompson, speaker for the day; and Carol Elliott, Flagler Beach unit president. Dixie spoke on "United Methodist Women as Keepers of the Light." She is a past president of the Winter Garden United Methodist Women; former chair of the Idea Seekers Circle; and serves on the executive board of the United Methodist Women.

The Bunnell, Flagler Beach, Palm Coast, Riverview and Tomoka units met March 20, 2017 in Bunnell for their annual mission study. Rev. Joseph Kim, pastor of Riverview UMC in Ormond by the Sea, was the leader of the study on "Climate Justice." He had taught the study at 2016 Mission u so was well prepared to give an in-depth presentation.

These photos show participants at the study.



Flagler Beach poses with
Rev. Joseph Kim



Ormond by the Sea
Riverview



Ormond Beach Tomoka



Palm Coast



Bunnell and Rev. Kim. The Bunnell unit hosted the event.

More than 20 women from **Sanlando United Methodist Women** gathered together on the Saturday morning before Palm Sunday for the annual making of palm crosses. Over 850 crosses were made while enjoying breakfast, engaging in fellowship, and having fun!



United Methodist Women Members Walk to Defeat ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis)

Saturday, March 18th, more than a dozen United Methodist Women members and their families represented First United Methodist Church of Oviedo in the annual Central Florida Walk to Defeat ALS. This was done to love, honor, and support our former Associate Pastor, Brinda LeBleu, who is now battling ALS. In collaboration with the "Be Just. Be Green" challenge, the group rented a van to drive to Lake Eola in downtown Orlando, where they surprised Pastor Brinda by showing up in matching red church t-shirts with the motto, "We Believe in Leaving the World Better Than We Found It." Pastor Brinda (also a member of the Mary Martha Circle) and her husband, Jim, were surprised and touched by this unexpected show of support. More than 1,000 people participated in the walk, raising nearly \$200,000 in pledges. God is good!



Pastor Brinda and Jim LeBleu are in the white shirts



Flagler Beach United Methodist Women gave Special Recognition Pins to three active church members in appreciation for their service to the church. The awards were made as part of the annual United Methodist Women Sunday on April 2 and were presented by President Carol Elliott.

Vice President Alice Pickett planned the two Sunday services, and included information about the organization, plus showing two short United Methodist Women videos. Pastor Jeanine Clontz delivered the sermon and distributed communion. The women of the Chancel Choir sang the anthem, *Come and Find the Quiet Center*. The church organist, Betty Seubert, is a United Methodist Women member, serving as the treasurer.

United Methodist Women members served as ushers at both the praise and traditional services.



Derrol Sadler receives
her pin



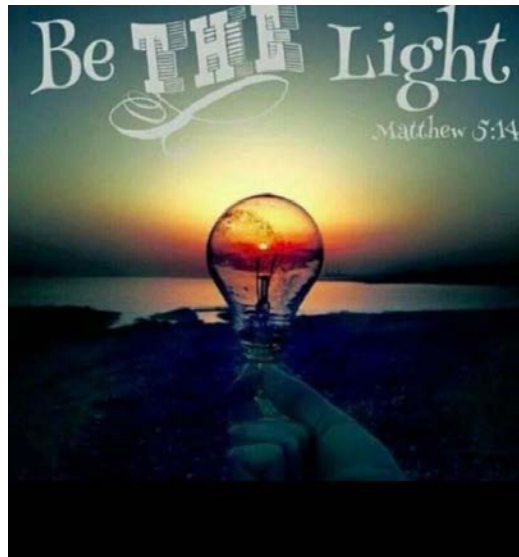
Richard Schultz was
most appreciative.



Bill Rosado was a
happy recipient.

VP Alice Pickett
talks about the mission
of the United
Methodist Women.





“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. [Matthew 5:14-16](#)

Ladies - I chose this scripture to share this month as it relates to an opportunity to create or bring change. The Committee on Nominations has the task of recommending qualified nominees for open Leadership Team positions. We now have a huge task of many positions becoming available. We need your help - you have, or know someone who has talents and gifts. They could be perfect for the roles noted below. It's time, we need your talents, gifts to shine on the hilltop, not on a stand under a basket.

Following are the positions/nominees that are needed:

Elected positions:

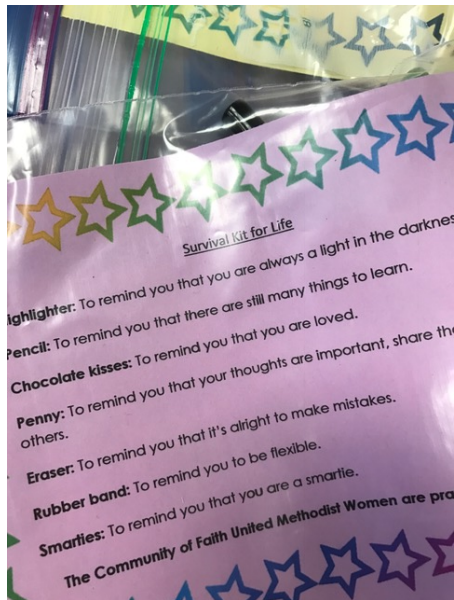
President	Vice President	Secretary
Committee of Nominations (2) 2021		

Appointed positions:

Social Action	Education & Interpretation	Membership Nurture & Outreach
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Let us know who has the gifts, talents that will continue to lead us as United Methodist Women through another year together! If you are interested, know someone who is interested or you have questions, please contact Celeste Hicks, Chairperson, Committee on Nominations. C3jrh57@gmail.com or [\(352\) 242-0979](tel:3522420979).

**Community of Faith, Davenport - United Methodist Women General Meeting - Submitted
By: Diane Abresky**



The United Methodist Women at their March meeting made "Survival Kits" for our college students. This is the time of year they need a boost!

At the end of the meeting we circle up, hold hands, pray and sing a couple rounds of a song we created. Sends the ladies off with praises and worship to God!



This meeting our guest speaker was Gillian Wolfe, Known by Love leader. She shared her journey with us and what her role involves.

A few notes about your submissions! I humbly ask that all submissions be sent in the font "Times New Roman 12". Also, guidelines dictate that United Methodist Women must be spelled out and never abbreviated. If you could help me out on this, I would be ever so grateful. It takes extra time for me to change all the fonts (I know you want to make it look so pretty!) and to change all of the abbreviations. Thank you!!! ~ Suzy Nagy, Communications

Coronado Community United Methodist Women



The Coronado Community United Methodist Women are taking a stand against world hunger. We're learning, planning and are ready to act!

The Coronado United Methodist Women is partnering with Rise Against Hunger, formerly known as Stop Hunger Now, an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable

people, mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030. Why food? Addressing hunger is a key strategy to increasing education rates and providing a way out of poverty in developing countries. Providing meals in schools increases enrollment and as education levels rise, birth rates and disease rates fall and communities begin to sustain themselves.

Rise Against Hunger gives people an opportunity to join in a **HANDS-ON IMPACT ON WORLD HUNGER IN THEIR OWN TOWN**. The Rise Against Hunger program is a volunteer-based initiative that coordinates the assembly-line packaging of highly nutritious, dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, and 23 essential vitamins and minerals. Later this summer, the Coronado United Methodist Women will host a meal packaging event for the church and community. Once prepared, these prepackaged meals will be sent all over the world. This is our opportunity to be a part of a hands-on international hunger relief project without leaving town!

Rise Against Hunger works closely with their Impact Partners to transport the meals safely to their final destination for distribution at schools, orphanages, clinics & vocational centers in 43 countries. Some recent examples include South Sudan and Haiti. Rise Against Hunger began its work in South Sudan in 2012 and committed to allocate necessary funding and technical expertise to provide ready-to-use therapeutic food for more than 500 children under the age of 5 suffering from severe acute malnutrition. After Hurricane Matthew devastated large swaths of Haiti in October 2016, Rise Against Hunger worked quickly with partners to distribute aid. Overall, 2016 was a banner year for Rise Against Hunger, serving over 1 million people around the globe. Along with meals, Rise Against Hunger has distributed \$17.6M in donated aid including medical supplies, clothing, soap and more. Rise Against Hunger distribution in the U.S. has been primarily in the form of crisis response.



Education is the first step and Action is the Next!