

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

**January 28, 2017...Membership Event (Community UMC, Daytona Beach)**

**March 18, 2017...Spring Day Apart (Palm Coast UMC)**

**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)**

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## **Bazaar and Baby Stockings at United Methodist Women, Clermont**

The Annual Holiday Bazaar was held Sat., November 5th in the Social Hall at FUMC, Clermont for the fourth consecutive year. It is one of the two major mission fundraisers of United Methodist Women. Several months prior to the event, under the leadership of Pat Hering and Carolyn Blankenship, shoppes are planned and shopkeeper volunteers step forward. As a result, months before the bazaar many members are busy working on items to be sold such as jellies, gifts-in-a jar, table runners, placemats, Fall and Christmas wreaths/decorations. The church congregation is asked for donations of gently used purses and jewelry. This year's shoppes were: The Country Store, Sew Pretty Shoppe, Fall Shoppe, Christmas Shoppe, Unique Boutique, Namely Yours and Opportunity Drawing. A new addition this year was the Sew Pretty Shoppe which also sold tickets for several months prior to the bazaar for the "opportunity" to take home a queen size Christmas quilt coverlet made by Pat Hackenberg. The monogramming of aprons was available in "Namely Yours," after a year's absence. Santa paid us a visit and Santa's Elf was available to take a photo



shot of you and Santa with your cell phone! There were goodies in the kitchen when volunteers could take a break from the holiday shoppers. The following donations were made from bazaar proceeds: \$1,000 to FUMC, Miracle on 7th Street event for parents in the community who need a helping hand with Christmas gifts for their children, \$1,000 to Food For South Lake Kids (backpack program to provide food over the weekend), and \$2,000 to Boys and Girls Club of South Lake. The photo array show setting up, volunteers right before the doors open, and bazaar day activities. Whether volunteering or coming to browse and/or shop everyone had a jolly time! We give God the glory for a very successful bazaar!

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The Threads of Kindness is a group of members of Grace United Methodist Women.

Pictured left to right: Ladye Cox, Elinor Teska, Sandy Dean, Sarah Smitley and Corrinne Wertz, (not pictured – Phoebe Lustre)

Their purpose is to sew, knit and crochet for as many people who need them. They spend their mornings on the first Thursday of each month sorting and organizing cotton material, fleece, yarn and flannel.

They also crochet and knit prayer shawls, baby blankets and cancer caps. In their spare time at home they also sew cancer caps and flannel baby blankets. The group's latest project is crocheting "plarn" (plastic shopping bag strips) into moisture-barrier mats for the homeless. The by-product of their meetings is lots of fellowship with each other!



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Mary Florence Harris, 98, of Orlando, Florida, passed away on November 28, 2016. Mary was born in North Freedom, Wisconsin, to the late William Miner and Pearl Hanger Miner. She was a devoted member of Conway United Methodist Church in Orlando since 1948.

She was Chair of the Building Committee, the first Youth Counselor, the Sunday School Director, the Chairperson of the Board of Education and President of the WSCS and United Methodist Women.

Mary was also a school bus driver for Orange County and made time to be the Family Cook. She is survived by her loving children Sue, David and Roy (retired UMC pastor), 10 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mary also found time to serve as an Orlando District Officer of United Methodist Women. She was selected as a 2004 honoree of The Orlando District United Methodist Women--like their predecessors Mary made a lifetime commitment to Christ's mission in the world.

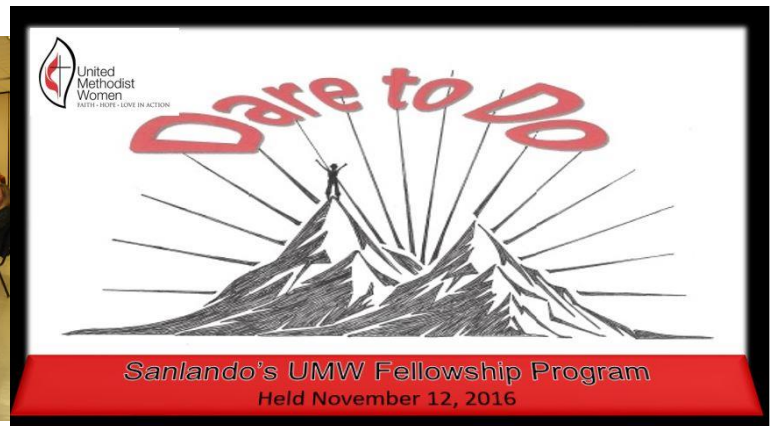
A visitation will take place at Conway United Methodist Church, 3401 S. Conway Road, Orlando, FL, on Monday, December 5, 2016 from 10:00 am until time of funeral service at 11:00 am. Interment to follow at Glen Haven Memorial Park, 2300 Temple Drive, Winter Park, FL.

Your Sister in God's Mission,

Joyce Waldon Bright

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### Sanlando United Methodist Women Come Together to 'Dare to Do'



More than 65 women and the guests attended the Sanlando United Methodist Women's semi-annual program, "Dare to Do," on Saturday, Nov. 12. Keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Geraldine McClellan, pastor of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Gainesville, encouraged the audience to be *risk-takers* and to *let, listen, and look* to God for strength in all that we do. Other program speakers included Dr. Tina Calderone, SUMC member and school board chairman of

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Seminole County Public Schools, who shared examples of what our schools are doing as they challenge students to be their very best. Also, joining us was Michelle Wilson, executive director of Hearts, Hands and Hope, a local non-profit organization dedicated to helping children and families in need by providing goods, services and/or financial support. A collection of \$250 was collected that day for this worthy service group. A special thank you to District President Linda Gustafson, District Chair on Nominations Celeste Hicks, and Nominations Committee Member Ladye Cox for joining us for the program.

During a short business meeting, United Methodist Women members voted to donate \$1,000 to SUMC's Children's Ministry in memory of Brianne Ortt and \$1,000 to several other worthy causes including The Sharing Center, Homer, and the Jeremy Scholarship Fund.

The 2017 slate of officers was also presented and approved. Leading Sandlando United Methodist Women next year will be:

President: Kirsten Germana Vice President: Delinah DuBose  
Ruffner

Secretary: Bettie

Treasurer: Jessica Feazell Program Resources: Ruth Bivin  
Kinner

Social Action: Betty

Spiritual Growth: Rev. Molly Warren  
Larson

Membership: Dorothy

Nominations: Deb Keely  
Carlnesale

Flea Market: Kristi



Photo: Dare to Do Speakers L-R: Michelle Wilson, Dr. Tina Calderone, and Rev. Dr. Geraldine McClellan

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### Grace United Methodist Women's Greatest Mission

Grace United Methodist Women were able to contribute equal funds to five of their local missions and the Mission Giving to the East Central District United Methodist Women. During the organization's December meeting, representatives from The Sharing Center, The Oasis, The Safe House of Seminole, Senior's Intervention Group and Lake Mary Elementary School (Families in Transition.) Mary Ann Murray, EC District United Methodist Women Treasurer, represented the global, national and state missions of the United Methodist Women. As a small organization of 35 women, mission to women, children and youth remain a priority.



Elinor Teska, President, (left) and Mary Ann Murray, EC District Treasurer, (right) greet local mission representatives.

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