



# The Word

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United Methodist Women  
Monroe District Newsletter

## *From The President's Desk*

Our president's space this time will be used to highlight several things we need to know. Registrations for the Conference Annual Meeting in October will be available online on August 29. Also, if any of the units would like to nominate a worthy person for woman of the year, they need to get that name to me or Nancy Head by the end of August. See the list of District officers on page 3 for contact information.

Faith, Hope, Love in Action,

Donnell Wilhite

## *And from our Education and Interpretation coordinator...*

Hi everyone! It's report time again for the 2015 & 2016 year. Hopefully all of you have been busy with studies and working on a Gold or Silver unit. It's very easy to become one. Just check, you might be surprised at how many items you have done in the past year. May I make a suggestion on the studies. If you are a larger church, I would like for you to consider inviting some of the smaller church units to participate in the studies. It's very hard for smaller units to be able to do a study. My Epps unit is one of the smaller units. In the years past we have been invited by two units to participate, they did not do studies this year, so therefore we did not get to do any of the studies.

Mini Mission-u is fast approaching, hope all of you are planning to attend. This year it will be at The Epps United Methodist church in Epps on Saturday, August 20th. Registration at 9:30 and the Meeting at 10:00 until 2:00. Please bring a sack lunch, drinks and desserts will be provided.

*Directions:* 400 Old Delhi Rd. S., Epps, 71273, 318-926-3343. Take the Delhi exit off I-20 (Hwy 17) go North on Hwy 17 about 12 miles. At the traffic light take a right and the church is on the right.

Many thanks for all you who have already sent in reports. Hope to see all of you at Mini Mission -u.

Georgie Lee Roberson

**Mini-Mission u  
Hosted by Epps  
United Methodist  
Women  
Bring your sack lunch  
We have drinks &  
desserts  
August 20, 2016**

## In and Around the District

*Winnfield United Methodist Women* report on fellowship with Wesley Foundation and Autumn Leaves Nursing Home. The first picture is of the lunch at the Wesley Foundation at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA on April 5, 2016. We served a lunch of spaghetti and meatballs, salad and chocolate cake to approximately 70 students. These students are always so very appreciative and we love to provide this meal for them. UMW members pictured with several students are Jan Beville, Pat Kent, Sheila Price and President, Sue Adams.

The second picture shows UMW members, Sheila Price, Jan Beville, Missy Smith, President, Sue Adams, and Billie Ann Bates with one of the residents of Autumn Leaves Nursing Home at the monthly birthday party held on April 15, 2016. (We alternate serving with First Baptist Church). Every other month, we serve diabetic friendly deserts to the residents, with the nursing home providing, ice cream, chips and dips and drinks. The residents love to join us singing Happy Birthday to those celebrating birthdays and we also sing a selection of hymns with them. Reported by Sheila Price.



*Memorial United Methodist Women in Bastrop* have started a new project called “Birthday in a Box.” The women prepare boxes with items for parents to give a birthday party for their child. The boxes are distributed through Wellspring. Often in poor families children have never had a birthday party. This material helps parents give their child a happy experience. (This is good for parents too.) Wellspring loved the idea and welcomed it gladly. Below is their list of items suggested for preparing the boxes. The list can be adjusted as desired. Items can be purchased at places like Dollar Tree.

Items should be placed in a box or large bag. Item for the box are:

Cake Mix & Aluminum pan, Can of Cake icing, Sprinkles for decorations, Candles, Plates, Napkins, Plastic Ware, Plastic table cloth, Package of balloons, Birthday banner or streamers, and a party game such as “Pin the tail on the donkey.”

Parents may pick up a box at Wellspring and use the items to plan the Birthday Party.

Reported by Kay Arthur.

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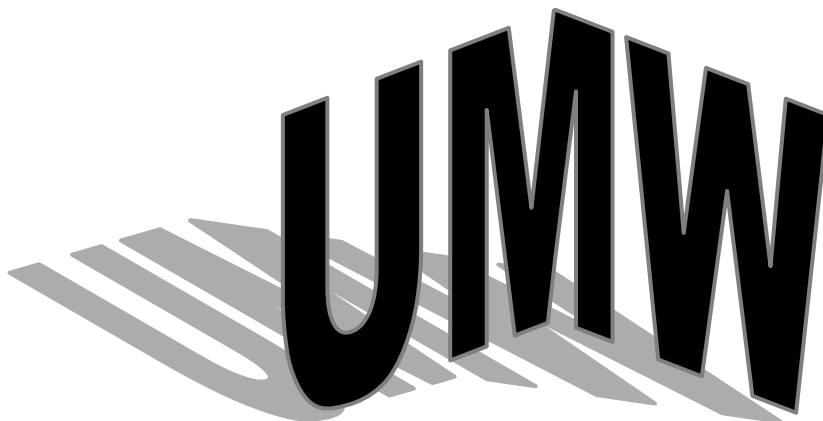
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Monroe District  
To all United Methodist Women's Units

We need to bring our files containing district information up to date. Please provide us with your 2016-2017 unit officer's information to assist us in getting the district newsletter as well as other important district information to the proper persons. Please let us know if you have members who need to be removed from the list also.

Thanks,

Marcia McNeill, Editor  
Monroe District UMW Newsletter

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Use another sheet if necessary.

# UMW CALENDAR 2016

## MONROE DISTRICT & LA CONFERENCE EVENTS

- August 20 District Mini-Mission u
- October 14-15 Conference Annual Meeting & Banquet  
District Elected Leadership Training (DELT)  
St. Matthew UMC, Metairie, LA
- November 5 District Annual Meeting  
Local Elected Leadership Training (LELT)  
Epps United Methodist Church

**Treasurer Report:** Due to District Treasurer —  
Feb. 15, May 15, Aug. 15, Nov. 15

Please mail your reports and checks to the District  
Treasurer.  
Nancy Wallace

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*Please make your checks payable to “Monroe District  
UMW,” not to an individual or “treasurer” as many have  
done in the past. Your treasurer feels this is a more ap-  
propriate designated recipient for those funds.*

**Send Address and Officer Changes:** To your Newsletter  
Editor as soon as they are available.

Marcia McNeill,

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## Program Resource Corner

The Resource Room will be available for Mini-  
Mission u. I am hoping that the Resource Center will  
be able to supply more items than were available for  
Mission u in July.

Come check out the resource room. Let me know if  
you have questions or concerns.

Ivy Strozier

## Thoughts from the editor...

I request your help  
collecting the information  
that needs to be conveyed  
to our members. Please  
share any news that  
promotes our Mission  
Purpose and Goals.  
Information and  
accomplishments of our  
members is also worthy of  
sharing. Many of these  
ideas will be used in the  
column “In and Around the  
District.”

If you have ideas for  
interesting articles that  
advance our purpose and  
goals, please share those  
also. The leadership team  
wants this to be your  
newsletter not just ours. If  
there is room we will try to  
get them all included.

If there are members of  
your unit that should be  
receiving our newsletter  
and do not yet, please let  
me know.

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**It is UPON US**  
**Mini-Mission u**  
**Annual presentation of studies for next year**  
**EPPS United Methodist Church**  
**400 Old Delhi Road S.**  
**Program Resources will be available**  
**August 20, 2016**

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