

## Louisiana Conference UMW

### February 2017 Newsletter

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Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name! Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say Rejoice! Greetings to all! Isn't it just so amazing how good God is to us! No matter what we do, what we say or how we act, he just keeps on blessing us. From the rising of the sun until the going down of the same, God's grace and mercy takes care of us even when we may not deserve it.

I would like to wish all who will be celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this month, a happy birthday and a blessed anniversary. Take time out on your special day and enjoy and celebrate yourselves, for this is truly a gift from God.

Although most of our churches may have already celebrated United Methodist Women's day, there are still several churches that will be celebrating this month. I was blessed to have the pleasure of serving as the speaker for UMW day at St. Landry's UMC in Gonzales, La. under the leadership of Rev. Constance Sason. We really had an awesome time in the Lord. The spirit of the Lord was truly in that place. The hospitality shown to my family and I goes beyond words. On Sunday, February 19, 2017, I will be speaking at Abbeville UMC for their United Methodist Women's day observance.

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The Leadership Development Days training was held on January 27-29, 2017 in Charlotte, North Carolina. There were 7 ladies represented from the Louisiana Conference: Marjorie Franklin, Cynthia Logan, Ouida Smith, Linda Resendez, Sandie Webb, Rosa Watts and Belinda Hearnnes. This was a wonderful experience and enjoyed by all. We met ladies from all over the United States who all share the same purpose in UMW. The singing, praise and worship, the workshops, caucus groups and guest speakers were wonderful.

Our spiritual growth retreat is scheduled for Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the "Owl" center in Ruston, La. There is still time to register if you haven't already done so. Vickie Bolinger, our Spiritual Growth chairperson and her team are doing an excellent in the planning of this great event. The application and more information can be found on our UMW website. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Leadership team meeting for this year will be held on the Friday, March 3, 2017 at 6pm.

A friendly reminder to our District presidents and other team members to please continue to work on getting all of our UMW members in our local units registered through the internet. The deadline is fast approaching and we want to make sure that no one is left out. Any questions about the process can be directed to our Conference MNO chairperson, Margie Manuel.

Special thanks to each of you for making our Louisiana Conference UMW the best that it can be. God has called us to be a community of women organized for mission to serve the present age. May the God of eternity and time help us to serve this present age as fully redeemed persons, filled with his Holy Spirit for his ever new and forward looking mission!

With Love, Blessings and Peace

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