



*Happy Summer to all the Units in the East Central District.*

Wherever the summer activities take you, may you see and feel the wonderful world that God has given us. Whether it is the smell of a rose or the beautiful colors of a rainbow, may it be a lasting memory for you.

I hope I will see you at *Mission u* where we will have a chance to study about our climate and learn how we can make a difference by the way we use our daily resources.

This may be one of the best summer experiences with all the additions our *Mission u* team has made with the programs.

If your Unit does not offer you a retreat, then carefully consider attending the Spiritual Enrichment Retreat at the Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park. Here is what they are promising you if you attend: Worship, Fellowship, Craft Classes, and a Talent Show. Hope to see you all there!

*Linda*

Linda Gustafson, President  
East Central District United Methodist Women

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

**July 7-10, 2016...Mission u (Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach)**

**September 17, 2016...Mission Studies Sampler (Sanlando UMC, Longwood)**

**October 22, 2016...District Annual Meeting (First Winter Garden)**

**November 5, 2016...Conference Annual Meeting (LEC)**

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## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OVIEDO UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

At the April 12th Oviedo First United Methodist Church Women's Night of Fellowship, the United Methodist Women overwhelmingly opened their hearts and let the sunshine in by showing their love for the Florida United Methodist Children's Home which was the recipient of a sizeable collection of "bedding" items given at this year's annual linen shower. Pictured left to right: Trista Calvin, Community Relations Manager at UMCH, Carlee Grantham, resident of UMCH Independent Living Program, Lee Bennett, UMCH house parent and Cathy Howell, FUMCO United Methodist Women President.

Oviedo First United Methodist Church United Methodist Women Vice President Angela Relyea and United Methodist Women President Cathy Howell greeted church family and friends as they gathered to enjoy a few hours of fun, fellowship and relaxation at the 2016 Mother's Day Brunch entitled "A Morning in Paradise."



### From your District Treasurer



## Treasurer Report

Our second quarter is about to come to an end and I need your reports sent to me by July 5.  
I want to thank the ones that have already sent theirs.

Blessings,  
*Maryann Murray*  
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# Book Reviews and Housekeeping

By Yvonne Lorah

I am writing to all the Program Readers in the East Central District. I hope you have enjoyed this year's books. I have a couple to recommend to you:

**Just Mercy** written by Bryan Stevenson  
2016 Social Action

Bryan Stevenson founded the Equal Justice Initiative charity. He has defended several very desperate individuals on death row. This book will rick havoc with your views on the death penalty. He had me in tears as I read the book to its end.

**Miss Brenda and the Loveladies** by Brenda Spahn and Irene Zutell  
2016 Nurturing for Community

Brenda was a successful businesswomen who felt the call from God to enter the ministry. Upon completing her theology studies, she began to minister to women within prison. She saw that under the current rehabilitation system, few women were able to change their lives upon release. She asked for and was given the opportunity to house seven hardened parolees. The book tells the ups and downs of her ministry. You will love reading this book!

This year's reading calendar is from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. To enable me to report to the conference, I ask for the names of readers and plans completed within your United Methodist Women unit by July 15<sup>th</sup>. My home address and email address is given below.

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## Where Shall I send Information?

What to Send/Date Due	District Officer	Name
Year End Report/December 10	President	Linda Gustafson
Unit Leadership Update/December 31	Secretary & Communications chair	Judith Norton/Suzy Nagy
Unit Membership/Feb. 28	National Office via/online survey	The unit Membership person
Reading Program Participants/July 15	Sec. of Program Resources	Yvonne Lorah
Memorial Names/Sept. 15	Membership/Annual book Editor	Linda Gustafson
Mission Today Units/Mission Studies	Education and Interpretation	Lana Siak/August 15

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**The Trumpet Sound will be enjoying a summer vacation. Look for the next issue in September. But, as always, any important announcements will still go out via e-mail!**

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