

Emanuel ...Emanuel... God is with us !!

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UMW Conference President Speaks at Fall Festival



Mattie Ordaz, UMW President, Texas Annual Conference, gave a heart-felt inspirational and informative message to the attendees of the South District's Fall Festival. The topic, "We All Need Someone to Lean On" covered the joy and challenges of sisterhood as evidenced in our

daily sisterly relationships and those examples of sisterhood seen in Martha and Mary's relationship and also with Elizabeth and Mary mother of our Lord. She spoke of how our mission as United Methodist Women calls us to be a sisterhood of women who strive to follow Christ's teachings, and "know God" by studying His Word. Using the prayer calendar daily, attending the Texas Conference School of Mission, attending Spiritual Growth retreats were some of the ways to become more equipped to carry out our mission. Mission stories of modern day women like Hazel Decker were given as examples of how we must continue to change the world through Faith, Love, and Hope in Action. She prayed that we are surrounded by the Holy Spirit to run the race before us.

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- Jan 7 - District Officers Training (Lakeview)
- Jan 28 – Local Officers Training (Chapelwood, Lake Jackson)
- Mar 2 -3 – Conference Spring Retreat (Lakeview)
- Apr 21 - Spring Retreat (TBA)
- Jun 4-7 – Texas Annual Conference (Galveston Texas)
- Jul 26-28 – School of Christian Mission (Lakeview)
- Aug 18 – School of Mission (TBA)
- Sep 21 -22 –Fall Festival (Lakeview)
- Oct 27 - Fall Festival (TBA)

The South District's Year 2011 in Review



Spiritual Retreat - Sunset UMC in Pasadena: Rev. Kay Alelwine, speaker



School of Mission – "All Things Made New" Wesley Tabernacle UMC, Galveston



Moody Memorial UMW Chartering Ceremony



South District School of Mission

The South District School of Mission held at Wesley Tabernacle in Galveston proved to be truly an enlightening and beneficial event. The assembly topics focused on Forgiveness and Reconciliation. Sandra Fojtik, led a skit on reconciling oppressive relationships. Joyce Moore, Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator, discussed the biblical foundations of forgiveness epitomized by the Passion. Classes were led by Rev. Lisa Beth White (Joy to the World), and Kathie Mann (Haiti).



Fall District Meeting – First UMC in Angleton: over 85 women attended.

South District Officers Return (cont'd from pg. 1)

The returning District officers for the 2012 year were reinstated at the District meeting in October. Officers are: Theresa Graham (President), Jerry Barber (Vice-President), Debra Wroblewski (Secretary), Ritchie Holt (Treasurer), Velmanel Petty (Spiritual Growth.), Dorann Jones (Social Action), Pattye Jenkins (Education & Interp.), Karen Clay (Membership, Nurture & Outreach), Valerie Adame (Program Resources), Frances Fagan (Nominations), and Helen Childs (Communications). Nominations committee members include: Maxine Jones, Sandra Fojtik, Thebe Worden, Sandra Taylor, and Billie Murray.



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