

Welcome Beverly Maddox

2017 Laity Sunday, October 22!



Our 2017 Laity Sunday Speaker will be Beverly Maddox. Beverly was elected the new Alabama-West Florida Conference lay leader at the 2016 Annual Conference session. She is lifetime member of Clear Springs UMC, where she currently serves as the Worship Leader, Choir Director, and Children's Church leader. She has taught Sunday school for all ages beginning when she was 16 years old, and

directs Vacation Bible School and other children's programs, she also has served on every committee in her local church many different times, and served as Lay Leader from 2003 – 2014.

She has served in the Pensacola District leadership starting in the 90's serving in various positions with the Pensacola District United Methodist Women becoming the District President in 1995 and served until 1997. She served as the Pensacola District Lay Leader from June 2006 for a total of 10 years. As District Lay Leader, she served actively on the District CORE Team, and in many other District committees. She has led many Local Church Lay Leader trainings in the Pensacola District. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Pensacola United Methodist Community Ministries since it was started and it has been a blessing to see the change and development of this ministry. Beverly has also been a Certified Lay Speaker since 1998 and served on the Pensacola District Lay Servant Committee.

She has taught many District Lay Servant classes through the years. She has lead a Bible Study and heads up the Ministry team for Wesley Haven Villa in Pensacola, Florida, and a member of the ministry team for Our Lady of Peace Haven Retirement, Rehab and nursing facility and has led worship services and Bible studies there since 1999.

Beverly's conference service includes the Conference Board of Laity for the past 10 years, the Committee on Episcopacy 2008 to present, Conference CORE Team, Committee on Investigations, Conference Lay Servant Committee and helped plan and facilitate at the Lay Academy for Lay Servants. Beverly has also served as Delegate to Jurisdictional Conference 2008, 2012 and 2016, Delegate to General 2012 and 2016.

In her role as Conference Lay Leader she supports the Bishop and the cabinet in the ministry and mission of the Alabama-West Florida Church and supports the District Lay Leaders in areas of lay ministry. She desires to educate and empower all laity to serve in the ministry and mission of the church – to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Beverly feels for clergy and laity to best work together to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, several things need to happen. The first is to build trust between the two – clergy and laity. WE do kingdom work together, not as clergy and laity, but as members of the Kingdom of God and the AWF Conference. We can rejoice that we recognize that together we are better and we are continually moving to improve that relationship.