



# United Methodist Women Uwharrie District News

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## Ginger's Habits of Highly Effective United Methodist Women Units...

What makes a great United Methodist Women Unit? I was recently thinking about this during an early brainstorming session for our upcoming Officer Training. While the list kept on growing, I whittled it down to these seven. Is that to say there are not many more? Absolutely not... start the conversation on our facebook page...

1. Read *response*
2. Read & Use the Prayer Calendar
3. Have at least one member attend every conference or district event and report back to the Unit
4. Know & Share the United Methodist Women Story
5. Know our Purpose & Vision
6. Make a Pledge to Mission & Contribute to the Legacy Fund
7. Attend Officer Training



## OFFICER



**Saturday, November 7, 2015**

Registration & Refreshments begin at 9:30am  
Training Begins at 10:00am

**Salem United Methodist Church • 20987 NC 73 Hwy. Albemarle, NC 28001**

Join your District UMW Team and your fellow Unit Officers as we come together to learn more about OUR United Methodist Women! All offices are encouraged to attend, especially if someone is new to leadership. Contact Ginger Hightower to register [gingerhightower@gmail.com](mailto:gingerhightower@gmail.com) or 704-207-3349. There is no charge for Officer Training!

## Upcoming Events

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**October is Domestic  
Violence Awareness Month**

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**Uwharrie Local  
Officer Training**

November 7<sup>th</sup>  
Salem UMC, Albemarle

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**World Thank Offering**  
November

**2016**

## Conference Events!

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June 3-5  
**UMW Quadrennial Meeting**

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June 10-11  
**Spiritual Growth**

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July 21-24  
**Mission u**

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September 9-11  
**Annual Meeting**

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October 15  
**UBUNTU**

# Enjoying Every Moment...

I want to say it has been a pleasure working on the District Team; I have enjoyed every moment of it. Remember to keep working hard to be a Mission Today Unit and don't forget to invite one of the District Officers or Conference Officer to one of your meetings, we are here to help. Look for the 2016 Walk to Mission dates coming out the first of the year. We have grown our Mission Walks over the last several years and I look forward to hearing how they continue to go and raise funds for Mission Giving. I look forward to seeing you at future District and Conference events. If you need me I am only a phone call away.

Love you all, Deborah Matthews



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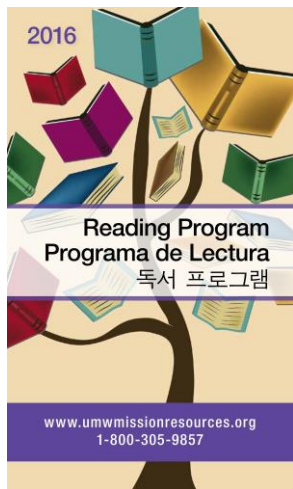
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## 2015 – 2016 Reading Program



Have you been reading? It's not too late to qualify for recognition in the reading program. I encourage you to read the recommended books and turn in your progress before December 1 to either your local Program Resources Secretary or your local Unit President.

Program Resources will be available at Officer Training making it possible for you to purchase 2016 Program Books, 2016 Reading Program Books and 2016 Prayer Calendars. There will be a few 2015 books available at a reduced price. Be prepared to take advantage of the PR Center on November 7. Hope to see you there!

## Spiritual Growth & Fellowship

When incorporating Spiritual Growth in your unit, please consider having a devotion or spiritual emphasis at the beginning of meetings. It's as easy as starting off your meetings with reading the Prayer Calendar. Look for upcoming district events where you can socialize with other women from our district and share ideas. Also it is not too early to think about your Prayer Breakfast.

Carolyn Briggs,  
Spiritual Growth

## Teamwork with Nominations

The Committee on Nominations would like to welcome our new team members who were voted in during our annual meeting. Thank you all for your willingness to serve.

Treasurer- Diane James, Milford Hills UMC, Salisbury; Secretary- Carolyn Thompson, Linwood UMC, Linwood; Membership Nurture and Outreach- Sarah Lee, First UMC, Norwood; Nominations Co-Chairs- Tina Lanier and Cathy Ward, Central UMC, Denton; Nominations 2019- Vanessa Brooks, St. Luke UMW, Asheboro and Mary "Sis" Bowers, Linwood UMC, Linwood.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to the outgoing officers for their dedication and hard work. Linda Tutterow, Treasurer; and Deborah Matthews, Membership Nurture & Outreach

Carolyn Thompson,  
Chair of Nominations



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## Sign up for the Uwharrie News & Conference Gram

Visit [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org) and sign up to get either newsletter through the mail or via email! Stay up-to-date with all the happenings in the District & Conference!

## Created for Happiness – Spiritual Growth Mission Study Online

Created for Happiness Spiritual Growth by Mission U leader Rev. Ellen Robinson is online! To see the PowerPoint and much more go to: <http://wnccumw.org/events/mission-u-2015/>. This is a great resource to use for programs on the local level.

## 2016-2020 Social Action Priority Areas

United Methodist Women National Office is offering three prerecorded webinars as basic information for three of our 2016-2020 priority areas: Mass Incarceration, Maternal and Child Health, and Climate Justice. View these webinars at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/national-seminar/webinars](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/national-seminar/webinars)



## Making Mission Happen: Treasurer's Vault

This has been another generous year of giving from United Methodist Women in the Uwharrie District so far. I am optimistic that we will make our District Pledge of \$83,000.00. Treasurers will be receiving their 4<sup>th</sup> quarter letter from me around the end of October or the first of November. You will receive a printout of your giving so far this year so that you can check it against your records and see where there may be a possibility for additional giving. Remember that making a pledge to mission and meeting it is a requirement to be a Mission Today unit. The Conference Goal is to increase the percentage of churches giving in all five channels: Pledge, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, World Thank Offering. Let's make a special effort to increase our 54% in 2014 to the largest in the Conference. A \$5 gift in any category is all you need.

I look forward to seeing you at Officers' Leadership Development on November 7th at Salem United Methodist Church. This is very important if you are a new Treasurer, or even if you are a seasoned veteran. There are always changes on remittance forms. With your fourth quarter remittances you will be returning your forms with your mission recipients for 2015—Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, and Gift in Memory. If you need a form, please let me know so that I may send you one with your fourth quarter letter.

I will be turning over the Treasurer position to Diane James. My tenure is up, and I wish I could continue. Diane is a very capable person and will be able to answer any questions. I have enjoyed getting to know a lot of you, even if just by telephone.

Linda Tutterow, District Treasurer

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From the  
United Methodist Women

Invite a District or Conference Officer to your unit gathering starting **January 1, 2016 through August 24, 2016** and be entered for a chance to win a C.P.R "Feel the LUV" care package.

**We offer to share our passion for:**

- United Methodist Women
- Our Purpose
- Reading Program
- Social Action
- Mission Giving
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- Program Book
- Copy of Response Magazine
- Prayer Calendar
- Reading Program Book
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