



United Methodist Women Uwharrie District News

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President's Message – Our Faith Journey

Our faith journey has many paths for us to take. Some paths are well trodden, others may be rarely traveled. All paths can provide opportunities for service and mission. Our journey will not be measured by its length or its end but rather by the footprints we leave for others to follow. Just think of the footprints our foremothers left for us. For the past 145 years we have followed the footsteps of those committed women who began this organization as well as those within our own districts and churches. We enjoyed a review of our history during late night at the Conference Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska.

**“Life is a journey, not a destination:
And happiness is not
“there” but here;
Not tomorrow, but today.”
- Sidney Greenberg**

The Uwharrie District Annual meeting was a huge success. Thank you, Central Monroe for your gracious hospitality. We enjoyed a delicious meal, heard about UMAR homes and conducted necessary business. The food, friends and fellowship made this a wonderful day!

Unit officers should attend the Leadership Development (officer training) to receive the latest information about your office and United Methodist Women. A registration form is included in this newsletter. There is no fee for attending and you may attend even if you do not register. However,

registrations allow your officers to prepare an adequate number of packets and our host to have enough refreshments for those who attend.

Thank you for giving the District Annual Meeting offering to Mission in my honor. I can think of nothing that I would rather have than to know that others will be helped through a gift for me. I am grateful that my faith journey brought me to the Uwharrie District. I have gained far more than I could possibly have given. The district team has provided support, encouragement and prayers. The high standards they set leave those who follow enormous footprints to fill. The team has been a joy to work with and I commend each one for a job well done.

I also thank you, the members of each unit for allowing me to serve as your president. You welcomed me into your meetings and church services and I learned much from you. I know that you will support your new president, Ginger Hightower and the other officers as they continue the work for the Uwharrie District United Methodist Women. I pray that you and the members of your unit will be moved, inspired and challenged to reach out to others as you renew your commitment to mission in 2015. United Methodist Women provides many opportunities for us to spread the gospel of God's love to everyone, especially to women, children and youth. Make your footprint one that others will follow.

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October 18
WNCCUMW UBUNTU Day

*Bethlehem Center Charlotte
Bethlehem Center Winston-Salem
Brooks-Howell Home (Asheville)
Pfeiffer University (Misenheimer)
Bennett College (Greensboro)*

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November 1
**Making it Happen in Uwharrie
Training for Local Officers**

Pfeiffer University

Mission Moment

The Mission Speaker during our Conference Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska was Deaconess Barbara Campbell. Her Mission Address, titled "By Faith we Journey" was extremely inspiring.



She said that Sara and Abraham stepped out in faith, our first two missionaries, in 1869 stepped out in faith, and we, as United Methodist Women step out in faith. She said, "We go (into the future) not knowing but we go out in faith."

She urges us to do four things to continue growing the legacy of the United Methodist Women. She said we need to...

1. Energize our Units
2. Reclaim our Purpose
3. Use our Resources
4. Reclaim our Educational Edge by knowing our Mission Institutions

Barbara E. Campbell is a retired staff member of the Women's Division who remains active in United Methodist Women. She continues to enjoy research and writing about the predecessor organizations of United Methodist Women and unheralded women pioneer leaders. A deaconess, she resides at Brooks-Howell Home, Asheville, N.C.



Secretary's Pen: Thank You!

As my tenure of serving as District Secretary draws to an end, I have been reflecting on the numerous blessings I have received by serving as a district officer: the opportunity to learn more about who we are as United Methodist Women and how our purpose can change lives across the world, visiting local units throughout the district and seeing the many things each of you is doing in missions, meeting and making new friends, and attending

district and conference events that provided such spiritual uplift! Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve in this capacity.

I also want to extend a welcome to our new District Secretary, Debra Helms. I am certain that she will be blessed as I have been. You will have the opportunity to meet her at the Leadership Training on November 1. I hope that many of you will be able to attend this training so that you can receive necessary information and address any questions you may have.

Betty Jo Armfield, Secretary

Social Justice: The Stranger & The Ebola Virus

Social justice issues are in the news every day; domestic violence, economic justice, illiteracy homelessness, hunger, human trafficking, poverty, racism, etcetera. The list of national and global issues seems endless. United Methodist Women must continue to be advocates to provide help and solutions.

Recently at our Conference Annual Meeting, Renee Hayes, Conference Social Action Coordinator hosted a session where we viewed the film ***The Stranger: Immigrants, Scripture, and the American Dream***. Learn more and view the trailer at www.thestrangerfilm.org.

The "About" section at thestrangerfilm.org explains that this 40-minute documentary film profiles three immigrant stories and includes interviews with local and national Christian leaders. By highlighting biblical teaching related to immigrants, sharing compelling stories of immigrants who are also evangelical Christians, and addressing some common economic and political

misconceptions, *The Stranger* seeks to mobilize evangelical Christians to respond to immigrants and to immigration policy in ways that are consistent with biblical principles

To order the film, contact Renee at renee.hayes1956@gmail.com.

Coming up in 2015... Be on the lookout for information from Renee regarding a special Social Action trip to Washington, D.C.

The Ebola virus in Sierra Leone has wrought social and economic devastation to the country writes Sierra Leone Bishop Yambasu. He is pleading with the United Methodist Churches in the United States to help. First he is asking for prayers. Second he urges the United Methodist Church and The United Methodist Women to donate directly to UMCOR Disaster Response (#982450). UMCOR can then partner with other organizations to send urgently needed money and supplies. Please remember Bishop Yambasu and the people in your prayers.

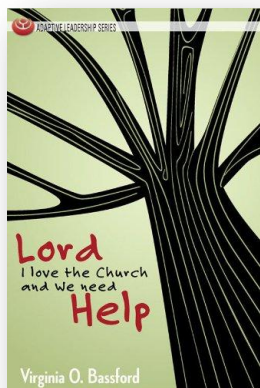
Betty Hunt, Social Action

Fall into your UMW Reading Program

Autumn is here. You still have a few months to complete your United Methodist Women's Reading Program. The following reviews may help you decide that last book or two you need to finish your reading.

Books from 2010 to 2014 can be counted for the 2014 UMW Reading Program. You can also count any books you read in 2013, but did not report on your list.

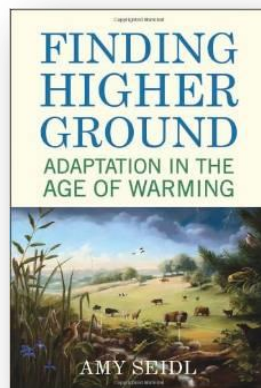
I hope you have read some of the terrific books that were offered this year and will join the 2015 Reading Program.



Leadership Development
\$11.99

Lord, I Love the Church and We Need Help by Virginia Bassford is a look at our Methodist heritage and a vision of our future. We need to learn from our past and then renew our commitment to God's call. God is calling us to new responsibilities to join together as individuals and as the Church. Dr. Bassford uses inspiring stories, some humorous, to call us to seek and serve. We must build on our relationships with God and other persons to work for the kingdom of God.

Finding Higher Ground, *Adaptation in the Age of Warming* by Amy Seidl is, for a change, a much more optimistic view of our changing world. Instead of wring her hands over an impending disaster, Amy Seidl and others have begun to



Social Action or Mission Education
\$16.00

seek new opportunities. Plants, animals, and birds are already changing migration times, changing breeding times, learning to eat new or different seeds and foods. Some of us have already begun to change. We may choose to buy more foods from farmers' markets or plant a garden in our backyard. Solar and wind driven sources are already lighting some parts of our country. People in large cities are gardening on vacant lots and even on rooftops. Learn of the new possibilities that are here now and some to come for future generations.

Finding Higher Ground is a bonus book and can be counted as 2 Social Action or as 1 Social Action and 1 Education for Mission.

Ginny Champion, Program Resources

**2015 Prayer Calendars & Programs Books
Available at the November 1st Training
And at Mission Resources**

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Spiritual Growth Corner

The Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska was meaningful to all present. Our National President, Yvette Richards, was outstanding, and her first keynote message titled, "Equipped for the Spiritual Journey" was inspiring. It was based on Psalm 32:8 -- The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you." She presented such important concepts such as, "setting a firm foundation," the importance of knowing who our "equipment manager" is, and that we need to, "surround ourselves with those who know our purpose."

A DVD of this keynote address, along with all of Annual Meeting is available via the JUMP Office at Lake Junaluska. While their online store will not be available until the first of November, you can call 828-452-2881 ext. 767 or email taping@lakejunaluska.com for a DVD request form.

Your Pledge: the Heart of Making Mission Happen

This has been another generous year of giving from United Methodist Women in the Uwharrie District. I am optimistic that we will make our District Pledge of \$83,000.00. Treasurers will be receiving their 4th 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.

I look forward to seeing a lot of you at Officers' Leadership Development on November 1st at Pfeiffer University. This is very important if you are a new Treasurer, or even if you are a

We are lucky to have Yvette on our team working for women, youth and children around the nation and the globe.

Soon it will be time for electing and installing officers. Remember that God gives us special abilities and talents. If you are taking a new office this next year, thank you! I know that it will be a growing experience for you in all ways.

**Do not neglect the gift that is in you
1 Timothy 4:14**

I pray that you have the opportunity to grow spiritually as well. If you are leading your unit in Spiritual Growth, know that I am here to help. Don't forget to create a worship center for each of your meetings to help keep Christ at the center of all your business.

Carolyn Briggs, Spiritual Growth

seasoned veteran. There are always changes on remittance forms. If you have not sent in your 2014 pledge form and your list of recipients of pins or cards, please do so as soon as possible. If you need a form, please let me know. It is not too late to make a pledge for 2014. Remember, making a pledge and meeting this pledge is required to be a Mission Today unit.

With your fourth quarter remittances you will be returning your forms with your mission recipients for 2014—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.

Linda Tutterow, District Treasurer

**Congratulations Western NC Conference
#1 in Mission Giving 13 Years in a Row**



Responsively Yours: Pass On the Legacy

by *Harriett Jane Olson*

Adapted from the 2014 July/August
Issue of response Magazine

... In 2019 United Methodist Women will reach the milestone of 150 years in mission. The next five years leading up to this anniversary is a time for celebration! It is also a time for reflection, a time to ask, "What will our legacy be?" How can we be as creative and effective as our foremothers were in leaving a strong women's mission organization and the means to provide for the needs of women, children in youth long after we're gone?

Gathering and telling the story of United Methodist Women is one way to celebrate and pass on this great legacy of mission. Every telling of the story is an invitation to some woman to join us in mission.

Giving to The Legacy Fund is another way.

The Legacy Fund is a forward-thinking permanent endowment with income dedicated to strengthening United Methodist Women.

Recently a small group of retired deaconesses and former staff and directors have led us to establish a five-year fundraising plan for The Legacy Fund. The total program of United Methodist Women is mission. United Methodist Women service, advocacy and transformative

learning opportunities equip members to be agents of change and promotes the empowerment of women that is essential to address the root causes of so many conditions harming women, children and youth. The Legacy Fund will provide for administration of United Methodist Women's grants, scholarships and mission personal and finance technological updates like operating systems for data and communication, and more. Ensuring a regular source of support for these core expenses will free future generations to budget Mission Giving to connect directly with the needs of women, children and youth. It will allow our successors to promote Mission Giving in a totally different way. You will hear more about this campaign through your Conference United Methodist Women. We invite every member to contribute to The Legacy Fund monthly or annually between 2015 and 2019. We also invite every member to name The Legacy Fund in her will or as a beneficiary of an insurance policy or pension. And, we will continue to tell the story and invite others to participate.

We have a great legacy, and every one of us is part of extending that legacy to those who come after us. I can't wait to see what we can do as a part of this celebration.

Making it Happen In Uwharrie

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Leadership Training for Local Officers

Saturday, November 1, 2014

Registration & Refreshments
begin at 9:00

Training begins at 9:30

Pfeiffer University

Stokes Student Center
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**Please RSVP via the
included registration form**

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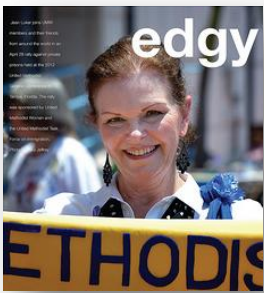
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The Purpose of United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Out of the Purpose are four mission foci that relate to the the mission initiatives and priorities of United Methodist Women.



To be a community of women ■ To know God

To develop a creative and supportive fellowship

To expand concepts of mission



Making It Happen in Uwharrie

Uwharrie District Officer Training

Saturday, November 1, 2014

Registration & Refreshments begin at 9:00am

Training Begins at 9:30am

Pfeiffer University

Stokes Student Center Community Room

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REGISTRATION FORM

Church: _____ County: _____

President: _____ Phone: _____

Total Number of Officers Attending: _____

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