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Blue Ridge District Newsletter
United Methodist Women

The organized unit of 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.

Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women's
2017 Mission Study

Creating Clear Minds Through Study

Mission Study: Climate Justice
Study Leader: Bess Redmond

Saturday, April 29, 2017
Black Mountain United Methodist Church, 101 Church St, Black Mtn., NC 28711
9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Registration and Hospitality
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 pm (12:30 to 1:00 for lunch)

Lunch: Provided by Black Mountain United Methodist Women.
Bring: Study Book: Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action by Pat Watkins
No Pre-registration.
Child Care: Contact Gwen Harris by April 18th if you need child care.
Love Offering: In honor of Black Mtn. UMW for hosting Mission Study and providing lunch.
(The offering will help fund climate studies being conducted on the Blue Ridge Parkway.)
Hands on Project: Health Kits (see page 11)

Directions to Black Mountain United Methodist Church: From I-40 W, take exit 64 to NC 9 N toward Black Mountain, turn left onto NC-9. Go .5 miles and turn left onto W. State Street, go 351 feet and turn right onto Church St. Church will be on your left. **From I-40 E**. take exit 64 to NC-9 N toward Black Mountain turn right onto NC-9. Go .5 miles and turn left onto W. State Street, go 351 feet and turn right onto Church St. Church will be on your left.

More details on page 6 by Gwen Harris

Attending a mission study fulfills criteria #4 of Mission Today Unit!!!

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The Blue Ridge District Newsletter is published quarterly. Send any information you would like to have included to the Editor below. (Acceptance of articles will depend on space available and interest to the entire District.)

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2017 NURTURING PARTNERS (SHEPHERDESSES)

Your Nurturing Partner is a personalized connection between your district leaders and your unit. Please call your Nurturing Partner during the year if you have any questions or needs. She will be notifying you to remind you about special events throughout the year. Your Nurturing Partner would like to come visit your unit and would appreciate an invitation. Our goal is to visit every unit throughout the district during the year.

PLEASE ASK YOUR NURTURING PARTNER TO VISIT YOUR UNIT!

Nurturing Partner	Church
Karen Anderson	Fairview Sharon
828-628-9385	Oak Hill
	Trinity-Asheville
Barbara Blevins	Abernethy
678-234-2615	Bethel
	Biltmore
Carol Bryson	Avery's Creek
828-776-0678	Edneyville
	Emma
	Reeves Chapel
Maureen Carr	Hope UMC
828-277-7065	Marion First
	Skyland
	Windom
Lucy Earls	First Forest City
828-453-8566	Lebanon
828-223-1325	Mount Hebron
	Providence
	Tanner's Grove
	Trinity-Nebo
Carole Gilham	Acton
828-253-6712	Black Mountain
	Skyland
Gwen Harris	Bald Creek
828-682-4589	Caroleen
	Higgins Memorial
	Mars Hill
Anna Hull	Columbus
828-859-9468	Saluda
Fran Jordan	Piney Mountain
828-490-4682	St.Paul's
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828-255-0414	Fletcher
	Hendersonville First
	Mills River

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828-883-7289	Tryon
Beverly Hill Miller	Clinchfield
828-778-9309	East Marion
	Snow Hill-Morganton
	Spindale
Jo Pyatt	Concord
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	Gilkey
	Kistler's Chapel
	Nebo
	Oak Grove
	Pleasant Grove
	Pleasant Hill-Marion
Peggy Sanders	Central
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	Moores Grove
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828-649-1156	Alexander Chapel/Clark's Chapel
	Bell
	Ebenezer
	Gilboa
	Groce
	Montmorenci
	Old Fort
	Salem
	Spruce Pine
	Thermal City
	Wells Spring
Leith Tate	Asbury Memorial
828-669-5564	Sardis
	Swannanoa

A Message from Your President

Happy Spring! I heard the birds singing this morning and even though the air was crisp, spring is in the air. I love birds and if you come to visit me, you will see evidence of that in every room. They calm me, they refresh me and I feel their tweets and twitters are just for me. They are like prayers I send up all day—calming, refreshing, and reviving! Praying is so important for us, sending and receiving. These past two months I have felt the prayers for my family and especially my mother who was ill and had to be moved from her assisted living apartment to a room in a nursing home. Thank you for praying for one another.

Have you sent a Gift in Memory card lately? Remember these cards can be used for many other occasions other than the death of someone. Give them in commemoration of Mother's and Father's Day, birthdays, and special times spent together.

Sending Gift to Mission cards are wonderful ways to encourage, thank, congratulate, and wish someone a happy birthday while giving a gift to mission. Have you seen the newly designed birthday and Christmas cards? They are beautiful. Use the Prayer Calendar to identify a deaconess, missionary, or home missioner and send that special person a Gift to Mission card.

I was talking to three ladies from Bald Creek UMW at our District Prayer Breakfast and they suggested we find out who has the oldest UMW unit in our district. Bald Creek celebrated their 100th year as a unit last year. Let me know if your unit is older than that. There will be a special gift for the unit that has been serving women, children and youth the longest!

I hope to see you at:

- District Mission Study at Black Mountain, April 29, study is Climate Justice
- Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska June 16-18

Keep on praying. The Lord is waiting to hear from you!

Joanie Strohm, *Blue Ridge District President*

Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women
Goals for 2017

- **Support the WNC Conference goals by achieving a net increase of 20% in participation in sending Gift in Memory Cards.**
- **Make 80 percent of our Nurturing Partner visits.** **(See page 3)**
- **100 percent participation in the Legacy Fund: Every unit donate $18.69 for every member of the unit for five years ending in 2019.**

Treasurer

It is wonderful to know that spring is just around the corner. Although, I am writing this article and there is snow in the forecast for the weekend. Isn't the mountain weather just great. Whatever the weather, we see God's wonder all around us.

It does not seem possible, but we have completed our first quarter of Mission Giving. We had ***$16,581.33*** in Undesignated Giving, which applies to our pledge of $80,000 for 2017. Legacy Fund contributions totaled ***$1,874.29***. Total amount sent to Conference Treasurer was ***$20,392.87***. We are off to a good start in meeting our goals for the year.

Remember the five channels of undesignated mission giving:

- Pledge to Mission : Making and meeting a pledge is the first criteria for a Mission Today Unit. Your pledge can be any amount determined by your Unit.
- Gift to Mission: Several types of cards are available for various occasions. These cards are $5 each and are an excellent way to remember a person at that special time in their life.
- **Gift in Memory** : Cards are free, with donations beginning at $5**. Our Conference and District financial goal this year is to increase use of Gift in Memory cards.** Be creative and think of ways we can recognize others with a card.
- Special Mission Recognition : Pins are available at costs beginning at $40. Purchasing a pin is not required and contributions begin with $5.
- World Thank Offering : This is an opportunity for us to respond to God's abundance and grace with gifts of gratitude.

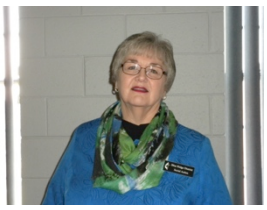
Undesignated mission giving is the foundation for UMW missions around the world. Many hours are spent in determining how best to administer our mission giving. Be in prayer for those who distribute the funds as well as those who receive the benefits.

As we work to fulfill our pledge to mission and other channels of giving, I encourage you to take time to gather information about the missions supported by United Methodist Women around the world. Some units have a "mission moment" devoted to a specific UMW mission at each meeting. By learning how mission dollars are spent, we become more a part of the missions we support.

I look forward to seeing you at our District and Conference events.

Carol Bryson, *Blue Ridge District Treasurer*

Spiritual Growth



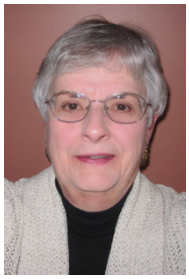
Spring is such a time of renewal as we move into the season of Easter and once again get to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. I hope all of the over 175 United Methodist Women that were able to attend our Prayer Breakfast experienced that time of celebration and renewal.

There are so many things I could say about our Prayer Breakfast. What a wonderful day! Many thanks to the UMW from Weaverville for a great job as our host, assisted by Clark's/Alexander Chapel UMW. Breakfast, prepared by Patty Kernan, was delicious. During our Worship Service, we were blessed by the musicial talents of Gail Price and Amanda Williams. Thanks to our Communion Celebrant, Rev. Majory Kiess, and to our servers, Karen Black, Jennie Greenway, Cameron Kempson, and Tracey Owens. We have had nothing but positive comments about our message from Deaconess Cameron Kempson. What a wonderful message as she shared words of hope and encouragement about "Praying Our Prayer"!

Thank you for everyone who assisted in making our Prayer Breakfast so special. I cannot express enough thanks to our president, Joanie Strom, for all her leadership and encouragement during the planning for our special day. Thanks to all who participated in the program. A big thanks to all who took the time to complete evaluations. There were so many positive comments and some wonderful suggestions on things we could improve for future meetings. Blessings and love to all of you.

Lucy Earls, *Blue Ridge District Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth*

Education and Interpretation



I would have been better prepared for this year's mission study had it been entitled "Climate ***Injustice***," instead of "Climate ***Justice***." The study emphasizes how the wealthy and powerful produce climate change to satisfy selfish desires while the poorest and most vulnerable pay the heaviest price. Many of the world's people depend on subsistence farming to eat. When abuse of the environment causes drought, the privileged pay more at the grocery store. Those living on subsistence farms simply don't eat or don't have enough to eat. Their lifestyle didn't cause the drought, but they suffer the most.

If your interest is stirred or you feel a bit guilty (as I did!), come to the district mission study on April 29 at Black Mountain UMC. Registration starts at 9:00. The study runs from 9:30 until 2:00 with a thirty-minute lunch break. Black Mountain UMW is providing lunch. Our own Bess Redmond is the study leader. There's plenty of time to order the study booklet, Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action, at www.umwmissionresources.org.

Because Black Mountain UMW has so graciously hosted this event two years in a row and has provided lunch both times at no charge to us, we plan to take an offering to honor them. The offering will help fund climate studies being conducted on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Black Mountain UMW goes to a lot of trouble (and expense) so that all we have to do is come and learn.

The hands-on project is health kits. As climate change causes more storms and more severe storms, those most vulnerable are hardest hit. The supplies in a health kit provide hope and help. They say to victims, "Someone cares."

Come on April 29. We will enjoy fellowship with women around the district. We will experience the hospitality of Black Mountain UMW. Most importantly, we will gain a better understanding of climate ***injustice*** so that we can do more to ensure climate ***justice***.

Gwen Harris, *Blue Ridge District Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation*

Social Action

I enjoyed meeting many of you at the Prayer Breakfast. If you are able to attend the conference Legislative Day in Mocksville on April 1 I think you will find it most informative. The Social Action Priorities for 2017 are Climate Justice, Maternal and Child Health, Economic Inequality and Criminalization of Communities of Color/Mass Incarceration. These are all issues that are affecting each of us today. I encourage you to educate yourself and become proactive on these issues. It is part of our mission call to improve and empower lives of those that are oppressed. *The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Psalm 9:9*

Kathy Kennedy, *Blue Ridge District Mission Coordinator for Social Action*

Program Resources

It was such a pleasure to attend the Blue Ridge District Prayer Breakfast! The Weaverville UMC was an ideal place to host us, and the entire program was meaningful—as we remembered our departed sisters, and heard Cameron Kempson give such a wonderful message .

It was great to see so many of you come through the Program Resource room to view the resources available for purchase, the free resources, and also the resources represented through book covers and reviews. I hope that you all came out of the Program Resource room knowing that UMW Mission Resources now has its own Amazon store! Often Mission Resources does not receive new Reading Program titles until sometime after they are announced, which is the case for new 2017 titles. Now- on the Amazon site- they are usually readily available to order, and are usually less expensive. I don't know about you but I am very excited about this more efficient way of obtaining the titles we want in a timely fashion. Please take advantage of this by visiting www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/astore.

Another exciting "e-fact" is that so many of our mission study books, leaders' guides, supplementary materials, kits,,brochures, handouts, you-name- it—are available as downloads from this UMW link: http://www.umwmissionresources.org/sp/downloads. How exciting! Once again, please remember that Reading Program books from the past six years all qualify as titles that can fulfill your reading goals.

I look forward to seeing you again at the District Mission study on Climate Justice, at Black Mountain UMC, on Saturday, April 29th. 'See you then!

Leith Tate, *Blue Ridge District Secretary of Program Resources*

Communications Coordinator

It looked like the Prayer Breakfast was a huge success. I am so sorry I could not attend, but Gwen Harris provided some great pictures. Below are the deadlines for the next two newsletters. I am always glad to get info from your Unit including pictures. Just send it via email!

2017 Deadlines for information for the District Newsletter are:
June 15, 2017 (Newsletter emailed or mailed first week of July)
Sept. 15, 2017(Newsletter mailed first week of October)

Peggy Sanders, *Blue Ridge District Communications Coordinator*

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Committee on Nominations

Our district committee still has a few vacancies to fill before our annual meeting in August. Please prayerfully consider serving. Let me know if I can help you with suggestions and support in filling positions in your local units. The few Saturday's I have given as a district officer have been wonderful with sharing, planning, renewal of purpose. I hope to hear from many of you soon.

Blue Ridge District executive committee has positions to fill for 2018 thru 2020:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- MC Education & Interpretation

The Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women have an abundance of dedicated and gifted members. We need you to help fill these positions. The responsibilities of each office will be explained and each new officer will be mentored. If you would like to serve or know of someone that would like to serve, please contact me or any of the officers.

Fran Jordan, *Blue Ridge District Nomination Committee Chair*

Program Advisory Group

In February I attended a three day Legacy Fund training at Scarritt-Bennett in Nashville, and I came home even more committed to promoting the Legacy Fund. We have a Conference Legacy Fund committee ready to help. Our Blue Ridge District has three members of that committee: Barbara Campbell, Betsy Letzig, and Martha Phillips. In celebration of 150 years of mission to women, children, and youth, we are inviting EVERY United Methodist Woman to commit at least $18.69 a year for 5 years to create a permanent endowment fund to ensure our mission work will continue for the next 150 years. That is less than 5.2 cents a day, affordable for everyone. We already have two groups who have 100% participation: the St. Paul's unit and the Have-a-Heart Circle at Skyland UMC. If your circle or unit has 100% participation, please let me know so that we ca recognize you. Everyone who commits to giving receives a 150 pin. If you have given and have not received your pin, please let me know, and I will get you your pin. If you have not yet given, there will be another opportunity at the district mission study on April 29. Questions? Call or e-mail me. 828-684-1831 or lliggett3@charter.net

Dixie Liggett, *Western NC Conference District Advisor for the Blue Ridge District*

More information on The Legacy Fund on pages 18 and 19.

Special Mission Recognition Gifts offer a meaningful way to honor members who have dedicated so much time and effort to service. It can be any amount. (It does not always have to include a pin.) Please don't forget to recognize your special members.

Blue Ridge District UMW

Bus Trip to Washington, DC

September 11-14, 2017

Get on the Bus with Blue Ridge District UMW to

Washington, DC September 11-14, 2017

…I, too, am America ~Langston Hughes

The UMW of the Blue Ridge District hits the road this fall for a Study Tour to Washington, DC with stops at

- Tour of **Pentagon 9/11 Memorial,**
- **National Seminar** at the Methodist Building on Capitol Hill provided by the United Methodist General Board of Church & Society,
- Guided **Illuminated Night Tour** of the Memorials,
- Visits to the **Smithsonian Museums** (African American, Native American & others).

A deposit of $200 received by May 8 reserves your spot on the bus and more information will be sent to you upon receiving your registration and payment.

Space is limited to 50 participants!

All transportation, accommodations and several meals are taken care of for you in this inclusive package!

Quad Occupancy: $515
Triple Occupancy: $545
Double Occupancy: $599
Single Occupancy: $790

Springhill Suites has 2 beds and a pullout sofa, microwave & refrigerator in each room. You will be responsible for snacks & meals not specified and spending money!

Round trip transportation aboard a luxury motor coach, 3 nights' accommodations & room taxes at the Spring Hill Suites in Centreville, VA; National Seminar; all touring and admissions as detailed (guide gratuity not included), 3 hot breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 2 dinners

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Return Reservations to:
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Make Checks to: Blue Ridge District UMW

Blue Ridge District UMW Study Tour

September 11-14, 2017

Name: _____
Address: _____

_____

Email: _____
Phone/Cell: _____
Church: _____

Rooming Preference: (price per person)
____Quad ($515) ____Triple ($545)
____Double ($599) ____Single ($790)

Roommate Name(s): _____

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_____

$200 deposit due with application
No refunds after June 16.

_____**QUAD Occupancy** ($515 per person)
$ 210 due by June 16.
$ 105 due by July 31 for a total of $515.

_____**TRIPLE Occupancy** ($545 per person)
$ 230 due by June 16.
$ 115 due by July 31 for a total of $545.

_____**DOUBLE Occupancy** ($599 per person)
$ 266 due by June 16.
$ 133 due by July 31 for a total of $599

_____**SINGLE Occupancy ($790 per person)**
$ 393 due by June 16.
$ 197 due by July 31 for a total of $790

Blue Ridge District 2017 Prayer Breakfast
Held at Weaverville UMC (pictures by Gwen Harris)

Registration and a delicious breakfast

Please read Lucy Earls message regarding the Prayer Breakfast on pages 5-6

Doris Morrison and an unidentified friend are having too much fun!

United Methodist Women in fellowship

The Speakers

Joanie Strohm, President, Blue Ridge District

Cameron Kempson presented a wonderful message

Rev. Marjory Kiess

Dixie Liggett

Lucy Earls

Amanda Williams provided special music

Communion Servers

Lucy Earls and Joanie Strohm, two dedicated and devoted United Methodist Women

Blue Ridge District
United Methodist Women

2017 Scholarship Application Form

One scholarship to the Mission u! (formerly School of Christian Mission) and one scholarship to the Conference Annual Meeting will be given this year. Each unit is encouraged to submit a name(s) of someone who will be a first-time attendee. Young women ages 15-20 are also eligible. **Please complete this form and return to the District President by the following deadlines:**

Mission u: April 25, 2017 Annual Meeting: July 6, 2017

Name: _____ Church: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Adult or Youth? _____

Please check if you would like to apply for either or both of these scholarships:

_____ Mission u! (formerly School of Christian Mission) (July 13-16)

_____ WNCC – UMW Annual Meeting (Sept. 29-Oct. 1)

Short Biographical Sketch (Just a paragraph or two about yourself.)

Why do you wish to attend the Mission u! (formerly School of Christian Mission) or Conference Annual Meeting?

Applicant's Signature _____

Recommendation of the UMW President of your local unit:

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail to: **District President - Joanie Strohm, 111 Collins Road, Marshall, NC 28753**

Feel the...

... From United Methodist Women

We offer to share our passion for:

- **United Methodist Women**
- **Our Purpose**
- **Reading Program**
- **Social Action**
- **Mission Giving**
- **ANYTHING Your Unit would like us to share...LUV!**

Invite a District or Conference Officer to your unit gathering starting August 25, 2016 through August 24, 2017. You will then be entered for a chance to win a C.P.R. "Feel the LUV" care package, which includes:

- **Program Book**
- **Copy of Response Magazine**
- **Prayer Calendar**
- **Reading Program Book**
- **A Few Other Surprises**

Committed to **P**urposeful **R**enewal

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Correction to February Newsletter. It was stated on page 11 that the Leadership Development Day was held at Biltmore United Methodist Church. The Leadership Development Day was held at Tryon United Methodist Church.

Health Kit

Health kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Health kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking classes. **Health Kit Value:** $12 per kit

Assembly

1 **hand towel**
- 15" x 25" to 17"x 27";
- Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable.

1 washcloth

1 comb
- Comb needs to be sturdy and at least 8" long;
- No pocket combs or picks please;
- Rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable.

1 metal nail file or nail clippers
- No emery boards, please

1 bath-size soap
- 3 oz. and larger sizes only;
- No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content;
- Do not remove from original packaging.

1 toothbrush
- Adult size only;
- Do not remove from original packaging.

6 adhesive bandages
- ¾" to 1"-size;
- Common household Band-Aids.

1 plastic bag
- One-gallon size sealable bag only.

$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

Assembly Directions

Set the $1.00 for toothpaste aside to be included in a separate envelope. Lay out the hand towel flat on a table. Lay the washcloth flat in the center of the hand towel. Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth. Fold over the sides of the hand towel to cover all of the items. Fold over one end of the hand towel so that it covers all of the items. Grasp the bundle of items tightly and roll over the remainder of the hand towel tightly. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag. Remove as much air as possible and seal the bag.

Important Notes

- All items must be new.
- Do not wash any of the items as they will be considered used.
- Please remove all packaging, unless otherwise specified.
- All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Due to the fact that strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items, nothing more.
- Do not include any personal notes, money, or additional material in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.
- **UMCOR is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent. *Do not put single dollar bills in each kit*. Collect all money for toothpaste and shipping, then *place it in a separate envelope and send along with the kit donations.***
- UMCOR does not require that the source of manufacturing be removed from kit contents. If an item in a kit has stamp that says, "Made in USA" or "Made in China," that stamp does not need to be removed.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Western North Carolina Conference

2017 Spiritual Growth Retreat
June 16-17, 2017

Opening Session 6:45pm

Ends Noon Saturday

Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium

Rev. Ashley Thomas, Retreat Leader

Our 2017 Retreat Leader is **Rev. Ashley Thomas**, Pastor at Stokesdale UMC, in Stokesdale, North Carolina.

Music Leaders: Joyce Brooks, Song Leader with musicians Matthew Stafford, Acoustical Guitar and Gary Chapin, pianist .

Hands On Mission Project:

UMCOR Layette Kits

Layette kits provide basic supplies for many women to swaddle and care for their newborn babies that they welcome into the world

See UMCOR Layette Kits at: http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/Layette

Retreat Registration: (Begins February 1, 2017)

- On-site registration at the retreat - $25.00 per person
- **Get a DISCOUNT! Register early and ONLINE!** Online advance registration, February 1, 2017 through June 11, 2017 is only $15.00 per person! Use the online registration link on our website at **www.wnccumw.org**.
- **Advance registration fees are transferable, but non-refundable**. So, if someone registers for the retreat, and is unable to attend, their registration fee is not refundable, but it is ok for someone else to attend in their place.
- **Register yourself AND others!** Our online registration offers the opportunity for you to register up to 35 guests at the same time that you do your own retreat registration. Help other members of your local unit to register online — especially those who may not use a computer!
- **DO NOT** mail Spiritual Growth Retreat registration fee money to Lake Junaluska. Contact us if you have a question about registration.

Complete information about the retreat is available on our website:

www.wnccumw.org

Mark your calendar!

Register ONLINE!

Join us at the lake!

Contact Persons:

Retreat Information

Martha Efird, Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth, mjefird@bellsouth.net
704-992-8727

Questions about Online Payments

Nancy Reigel, Conference Treasurer
nancy@reigelridge.com
828-268-0637

Questions about Online Registration

Lynne Gilbert Webmaster
lgilbert.umw@gmail.com
336-207-3479

Lake Junaluska
Conference & Retreat Center, P. O. Box 67
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

Reservations Phone #:

1-800-222-4930 (Toll Free)
1-828-452-2881

Lake Junaluska Reservations:

Housing Reservations Open February 1, 2017

To book Lake Junaluska lodging for the Spiritual Growth Retreat:

- **Call the Lake Junaluska reservations department at 1-800-222-4930.** Then select 1 for the Reservations Department, and the next available agent will be glad to assist you. The Lake Junaluska reservations team is on duty from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. **Our Group Code is 28810108130.**
- **Reservations can also be made online using the Group Code at:** www.lakejunaluska.com

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2017 Spiritual Growth Retreat

June 16-17, 2017 - Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Lake Junaluska Accommodations & Rates

The Terrace / Lambuth Inn

(Private baths, Free WIFI, air conditioning, phone, elevator)
Rates are per person, per day, **ROOM & MEALS**, before applicable taxes.

	Terrace Rooms	Lambuth Rooms	Meals* Both	**Terrace Total**	**Lambuth Total**
Single	$114	$100	$26	**$140**	**$126**
Double	$57	$50	$26	**$83**	**$76**
Triple	$45	$37	$26	**$71**	**$63**
Quad	$39	$30	$26	**$65**	**$56**

* BOTH FRIDAY DINNER AND SATURDAY BREAKFAST ARE REQUIRED WHEN STAYING IN THE TERRACE AND THE LAMBUTH INN: COST $26/PERSON.

Note: In response to evaluations, Saturday lunch eliminated from meal plan

Lakeside Lodge

(Private baths, air conditioning, TV, phone, no elevator)
Rates are per person, per day, no meals, before applicable taxes.

Single	$72	Triple	$33
Double	$43	Quad	$27

Junaluska Apartments

(Private baths, air conditioning, TV)
Rates are per person, per day, no meals, before applicable taxes.

Single	$72	Triple	$33
Double	$43	Quad	$27

Type A, C, & D have kitchens with small refrigerators, counter top burner, microwave, and limited equipment and dishes.

Important Lodging Information: Lodging reservation deposit : (1) Preferred -paid by credit card upon booking reservation; or(2) Due and payable by check or credit card no more than seven business days from booking reservation. To facilitate a quicker check in, please contact reservations prior to arrival to make changes in roommates or billing. All meal charges for Terrace and Lambuth will be included in reservation deposit at the time of reservation. If reservation deposit is not received within 7 business days following booking, the room will be released back to th room block reserved for WNCC UMW SGR Event.

Individual lodging deposit refund policy: Cancellations 15 days or more before an event receive a full refund minus a $15 processing fee. 14 days or less before an event will not receive a refund.

CHECK IN TIME FOR 2017 for all facilities is 4:00pm; CHECK OUT is 11:00am. *CREDIT CARD AND ID WILL BE REQUIRED AT CHECK IN. YOU CAN PAY IN FULL PRIOR TO ARRIVAL TO GET EXPRESS CHECK-IN ONCE YOU ARRIVE. For those who do not have credit cards, the Lake suggests purchasing pre-paid credit cards prior to arrival.*

Important Meal Information: The confirmation letter you receive after making your reservation will include lodging charges, meal charges (if staying in Terrace or Lambuth Inn), and taxes. Optional meals when staying in other lodging facilities :Guests may purchase Friday dinner for $16 and/or Saturday breakfast for $10. Saturday lunch will not be available on campus.

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Spiritual Growth Retreat

S.M.I.L.E.

See Miracles in Life Everyday

June 16-17 - Lake Junaluska

Registration Opens February 1st

Hands-On-Mission – UMCOR Layette Kits

Global Justice

Legislative Day

2016-2020 Social Justice Areas Overview

"For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom...God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise."

1 Corinthians 1:25a & 27

Mission u

Spiritual Growth Study
Living as a Covenant Community

Social Issue Study
Climate Justice

Geographic Study
UMC Missionary Conferences
In the United States

July 13-16 • Pfeiffer

Hands-On-Mission – UMCOR School Kits
High School Youth Camp Available
Registration opens May 1

CHANGE IS GOOD

Annual Celebration

September 29-October 1 • Lake Junaluska

Hands-On-Mission

UMCOR Health Kits & Gift to Mission and Gift in Memory Cards

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"I am human because you are human"

October 14th

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THE LEGACY FUND

Celebrate United Methodist Women! 150 Years and Counting...

United Methodist Women has a rich legacy as a mission movement since 1869, and we are building for the next 150 years of service in God's mission on behalf of women, children and youth in communities down the street and around the world.

Make your Legacy Fund gift today!

Please retain for your records

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My Legacy Fund gift:

Every member is encouraged to make a gift to The Legacy Fund of at least $18.69 per year, over and above her Pledge to Mission, for five years (2015-2019).

☐ $1,869 ☐ $500 ☐ $300 ☐ $200 ☐ $50 ☐ $18.69 ☐ Other_____

☐ monthly ☐ annually ☐ beginning _____20___ (month/year)

Turning Faith, Hope and Love into Action since 1869.

All donations tax-deductible. Give your Legacy Fund commitment form and your gift to your local United Methodist Women treasurer.

Cut along dotted line / Keep top portion

Yes! I want to celebrate United Methodist Women's 150th anniversary and help ensure we continue to put faith, hope and love into action for another 150 years.

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

My Legacy Fund gift:

☐ $1,869 ☐ $500 ☐ $300 ☐ $200 ☐ $50 ☐ $18.69 ☐ Other_____

☐ enclosed ☐ monthly ☐ annually ☐ beginning _____20___

☐ In honor / memory of _____

☐ Please contact me about including United Methodist Women in my **estate planning**.

☐ Please contact me about the **major gift program**.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
E-mail: _____
Address: _____
City, State, ZIP: _____
Conference: *Western North Carolina Conference* District: _____

Give your Legacy Fund commitment form and your gift to your local United Methodist Women treasurer.

Frequently Asked Questions about The Legacy Fund / 150th Anniversary Celebration:

Our Western North Carolina Every Member Legacy Fund Goal:

That every member of United Methodist Women make a gift to The Legacy Fund **of at least $18.69 per year**, over and above her Pledge to Mission, for five years (2015-2019).

What is The Legacy Fund?

- A key element of the 150th Anniversary celebration in 2019.
- A designated fund (endowment) of the national office of United Methodist Women. (Only interest can be expended.)

What is the purpose of The Legacy Fund?

- To assure the continuation of ministries with women, children and youth, worldwide, into the next 150 years.
- To enable United Methodist Women to respond more adequately to new and emerging needs.
- To minimize the risk of severe budget fluctuation in years of recession, regional financial crisis, or change in giving by the membership.

How will the funds be used?

- The total program of United Methodist Women is mission. Interest from The Legacy Fund will be added to Mission Giving funds to formulate the national budget of United Methodist Women. (Mission Giving is the largest source of that budget which includes grants to National Mission Institutions such as the Bethlehem Centers in Charlotte and Winston-Salem, international programs and projects, program resource production, training, and more.)

Why should I give to The Legacy Fund?

- The Legacy Fund is OUR special anniversary gift to future United Methodist Women members and ministries.
- To "pass on" the legacy we have inherited. "To stake out our legacy for future generations." (January 2015 response, page 3). Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, India, is an outgrowth of the work of the first missionary of our organization. The College motto is: "We Receive to Give."
- Because we believe in the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women and want our daughters, granddaughters, nieces and friends to share our sense of meaningful "sisterhood."
- To be part of the joyous celebration in 2019 culminating 150 years of ministry.

How does the money get to the National Office?

- Gifts are given to the local treasurer who sends the Legacy Fund money and commitment cards to the District treasurer following regular procedures. There is a line on the local treasurer Remittance form for The Legacy Fund.

Does a Legacy Fund gift count for the individual or Unit Pledge to Mission Giving?

- No. This is a special additional gift to celebrate the 150th anniversary. In fact, it is critical that we sustain and even increase our Pledge to Mission Giving during this five year campaign; the needs have never been greater.

How do we give? Annually? All at once? What about non-cash gifts?

- Each person can determine her schedule of giving; any schedule is appropriate.
- Non-cash gifts of stock, property, life insurance, etc., can be given through the United Methodist Women National Office. Contact the Treasurer's office at 212-870-3740.

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How do I get a Legacy 150 pin?

- When you turn in a Commitment Card, you will receive a pin at your district annual meeting.

For more information visit:

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women - **www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund**

United Methodist Women National Office - **www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/give**

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%CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
27 CHURCH STREET
ASHEVILLE, NC 28801-1218

Mark Your Calendar for 2017:

Blue Ridge District UMW Events for 2017:

April 29	**District Mission Study,** Black Mountain
August 26	**District Annual Celebration**, TBA
Oct. 14	**Ubuntu Day of Service**
Nov. 4	**Blue Ridge District Leadership Training,** Central United Methodist Church

Western North Carolina Conference UMW Events for 2017:

June 16-17	**Spiritual Growth Retreat,** Lake Junaluska
June 23-25	**UMC Annual Conference,** Lake Junaluska
July 13-16	**Mission u,** Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer, NC
Sept 29-Oct 1	**Conference Annual Celebration,** Lake Junaluska.
Oct. 21	**Leadership Development Day for District Officers**, First UMC, Taylorsville

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