



CATAWBA VALLEY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

June 2014

Third Edition

“Celebrating our New Beginnings” 2014 Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 23, 2014
First United Methodist Church
Christian Life Center
311 3rd Avenue NE
Hickory, NC 28601
828-322-6058

9am - Walk for Mission
10am - Program

**Learn from yesterday,
live for today,
hope for tomorrow.**



- Albert Einstein

Our *New Beginnings* deserve celebration! During the past year, 86 of our Units have donated to **all five channels** of undesignated Mission Giving! We have 60 *Mission Today* Units and 63 *Justice Today* Units. 45 Units have participated in a Mission Study; 53 in the *Reading Program*; and 32 Units have had increases in their memberships. Let's give ourselves a hand - knowing we are about our Creator's business!

For directions to FUMC, Hickory, NC, please call Linda Carpenter at 704-263-0116 or email at gcarpenter003@carolina.rr.com.

Please send \$5 for each member attending to:
Gaye Dagenhart, 2947 8th St. Court NE, Hickory NC 28601

The "*Hands-On Mission*" will include the following Catawba County Missions:
Family Care Center (helping homeless families with dependent children transition to self-sufficiency and independent living) and **Women's Resource Center** (helping women in crisis and also those re-entering the work force)
Trash bags, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, dishwashing soap, laundry detergent

Reservation Form for Annual Meeting
Make one check for everyone attending.
Check should be made out to: **Catawba Valley District UMW**
Church name _____ Number attending _____ x \$5.00 = _____
Please mail to: Gaye Dagenhart, 2947 8th St Court NE, Hickory, NC 28601

President

Greetings to my UMW Sisters:

A big thank you from me, to all the ladies who attended the District Mission Study in May. We had around 100 ladies in attendance. Sherry Sink was wonderful as our study leader and your participation in this study helped all those in attendance to learn more about the Roma people. Thanks to the ladies at Messiah United Methodist Church for making us feel at home.

Mission u is on its way in July. Conference Annual Meeting is coming up in the September. As the Catawba Valley District, we offer a stipend for Mission u and stipend for Conference Annual Meeting. These stipends are offered to first timers only. If you have never attended either of these events, send in your name to me at this email address cvpresident@charter.net or call me at 828 - 217 - 4725. Please let me know which event you would like to attend and tell me why you want to attend this event. The stipend amount is \$175 for each event. You have to attend the event before you can receive your reimbursement.

Thank you to all the local units that will be sending cookies to Mission u and to all the local units who have sent in the extra \$25 to help defray the cost of our being the host district this year. We appreciate all those willing to be pages too. We appreciate your supporting district in this way.

I hope you have Saturday, August 23 on your calendars. This is the date of District Annual Meeting for 2014. It will be held at First United Methodist Church in Hickory. Please read the article by your vice-president, Nancy Luckey, for more details. We will be celebrating the accomplishments in the Catawba Valley District for 2013. Your local unit will be receiving their certificates at this time as well. [I hope to see you there.](#)

There will be some changes made next year in the way our meetings will be structured. If you are willing to host an event for 2015, please let me know. We want the larger churches to combine with the smaller churches in the same area so more units can participate in hosting our meetings. As always, if I can ever be of help, please do not hesitate to email or call me.

Your district officers appreciate all the support you as local women give to the Catawba Valley District. As one of your nurturing partners, I have enjoyed visiting with the local women in our district. If your nurturing partner has not contacted you by now, please let me know and we will get the process started. It may be we don't have the correct information for your unit. It is the local women who make mission possible for women, children and youth around the world. Thank you for all the support you give to the United Methodist Women.

In the service of Christ,

Karen



Purpose of United Methodist Women

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District Treasurer – Gaye Dagenhart
cvdtreasurer@gmail.com Phone: 828-381-2716

What a lovely turnout for the Spiritual Growth Retreat! I hope you feel as renewed as I do.

We are well into third quarter for 2014 and the year seems to be passing at warp speed. We are behind in receiving pledges, if we are going to make our goal of \$142,100. Half of \$142,100 is \$71,050 and counting all five channels for first and second quarter we have posted \$46,961.08. We are going to have to dig deep in these last two quarters. Please be in prayer that the Lord will guide all of us in our giving.

Not all of the churches in our district that have a unit are reporting any mission giving. Several came to the prayer breakfast or the mission study but have not made a remittance. I'll be sending out confirmations of each unit's giving with my treasurer's newsletter so that you can be assured that I have received and posted correctly all that you have remitted. Since so many of you don't use e-mail, I will be mailing it again. Look for it around the end of the first week of July.

Third quarter reporting is due to me by **September 1, 2014**. Please make checks payable to Catawba Valley District UMW.

Gaye Dagenhart

Mission Coordinator Education & Interpretation

What a great Mission Study we had at Messiah United Methodist Church in Lincolnton. Leader Sherry Sink helped us learn about the Roma of Europe. Thanks to all the ladies who attended and helped make it great. Crisis Pregnancy Center of Lincoln County was overwhelmed by your generosity of items donated. If your unit attended the Mission Study, you met criteria #4 on the Mission Today List.

Make plans to attend our District Annual Meeting in August at First United Methodist Church in Hickory. We will have a Walk for Mission. Bring your donations to help women and children and learn more about missions as you walk.

Continue to work on becoming a Mission Today unit and let me know if I can help you.

Mary Ann Detter

Mission Coordinator Spiritual Growth

With the 2014 Prayer Breakfast behind us, I am already looking at 2015 and searching for ways to make it bigger and better. If you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Being the District Spiritual Growth Coordinator for the past 2 years has helped me grow so much in my Spiritual and Personal Life. Before becoming a member of the United Methodist Women, I never gave a lot of thought to Missions, Immigration, Love, Peace and Joy. They were just words I read about. My becoming more involved in our Meetings, School of Christian Missions (Mission u), Bible Studies, Worship Programs and visiting Mission areas has opened my eyes to how important these words really are. Not only have my eyes been opened but I feel closer to God, More so now than ever. All this by being a United Methodist Women!

So much is offered by this group of ladies. I tell people when I talk about UMW, "If you will only attend a few meetings outside your local unit, you will become excited and find yourself wanting to attend even more events to hear and learn more". Being able to fellowship with other women who have the same interest as you is wonderful also. We sing, pray, worship, laugh, EAT and just have a good time anywhere we go.

Sign up for as many events as you can, anytime you can. I promise, you will never be disappointed. I hope to see you at Mission u, July 17-19.

Patsy McNeely

Mission Coordinator Social Action

Greetings Ladies of the Catawba Valley District,

I hope you are taking time to enjoy these summer months, but please remember that we need to continue our efforts for issues and people here in the USA and around the world.

We have an opportunity to address a climate change issue by asking our Congressional representative (202-224-3121) to support the EPA's new Power Plant regulations and to move S.1392 and HR 1616, the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act of 2013, out of committee and to a vote. (Social Action Alert of June 12, 2014)

Perhaps you will have time to view the 40-minute documentary, *The Stranger*, created to introduce Christians to the stories and lives of immigrants living in this country. "This will change how you see immigration." Go to <http://www.thestrangerfilm.org>

Let's continue to fight the battle against domestic violence and human trafficking by urging Congress to take action on the International Violence Against Women Act now. I-VAWA has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives (H.R. 3571) and the U. S. Senate (S. 2307). Take a few minutes to read the Social Action Alert "World Cup 2014: Know the Facts About Sporting Events and Human Trafficking." This would also be a great time to donate to ([/donate/umwprojects/stop-human-trafficking](http://donate/umwprojects/stop-human-trafficking)).

Children, especially girls, around the world continue to be deprived of an education. Let's stay aware of opportunities to support education opportunities to raise them out of poverty.

And the pay gap continues here in the USA for women even after the Equal Pay Act of 1963. Please contact your senator to urge the passing of the Paycheck Fairness Act. This new executive action will update the Equal Pay Act by punishing employers for taking retaliatory action against employees sharing wage information. Pay practices need to be more transparent and employers need to prove that wage disparities are tied solely to job and business-related needs and not gender or other factors unrelated to job performance.

Please consider one or all of these important issues that affect so many.

Phyllis Leatherman
Social Action Coordinator

Historian News

FACEBOOK ALERT!

For those of you who have not caught up with District Events this year you really should get your son/daughter/grandson/neighbor/techie friend to set you up a facebook account or have them pull it up on their account so you can enjoy all the pictures of all the many goings on in the Catawba Valley District United Methodist Women. They can set you up a secure account providing you with all the privacy settings so you don't have to worry about anybody finding you if you don't want to be found, or seeing anything about you that you don't want to be seen. Then you go to the search box at the top of your facebook page and type in Catawba Valley District United Methodist Women, click the search magnifying glass and it will take you to our facebook page. I have put all the district events in their own photo album so if you click on the photo album for the mission study you will see all the pictures made at the Mission Study this past May 17th. Who knows if you were there you may be in one of the pictures! But before you leave our facebook page **BE SURE TO CLICK THE "LIKE" BUTTON** at the top of the page so you will be notified by email and facebook every time we post anything new to our Catawba Valley District United Methodist Women facebook page. Do it for yourself but also share it with your other unit members who don't have computers. It's a great way to stay connected and the pictures show up so much better this way than when printed out on small Kodak paper squares and viewed behind plastic in a photo album.

PREVIOUS GASTONIA DISTRICT MEMBERS ALERT!

The conference has directed us to stop keeping up with the reams of information from all the previous districts. I have four large boxes I am going through for Gastonia District right now. I am taking out the pictures and putting them in photo albums and bringing them to the Annual Meeting August 16, 2014. I will have them sitting out on a table. If you want to sit together and take them to your tables and go through them and take any you want to keep feel free. Any you do not pick up will be discarded.

SEE YOU ON FACEBOOK!

Belinda Worsham
Historian

Slate of Officers for 2015 for the Catawba Valley District UMW

The Catawba Valley District Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers:

Mission Coordinator Spiritual Growth for a two year term 2015-2016: Patsy McNeely

MC Membership, Nurture & outreach for a two year term 2015-2016: Pam Howell

Mission Coordinator Communications for a two year term 2015-2016: Janet Reep Morgan

Secretary of Program Resources for a two year term 2015-2016: TBD

Nominating Committee for a four year term 2015-2018: Catherine Chambers,

Priscilla Wise & TBD

The other officers that are serving the second year of their two year terms are:

President: Karen Wilkerson

Vice-President: Nancy Luckey

Secretary: Sharon Voigt

Treasurer: Gaye Dagenhart

Coordinator for Social Action: Phyllis Leatherman

Coordinator for Education & Interpretation: Mary Ann Detter

Nominating Committee Chair: Janet Bjork-Colton

Nomination class of 2015: Martha Houser, Nancy Clark

Nomination Class of 2016: Janet Quinn, Janet Bjork-Colton

Nomination Class of 2017: Sharon Voight, Nancy Fulbright

The Nominations Committee has worked together to provide new talent in the District. We may have need of you in the near future. First of all, one answers the call to service from God. All must understand and live the PURPOSE and the constitution and bylaws of United Methodist Women. Your District team supports you and each position has a partner on the Conference team, also. I hope to see you at Conference events and our District Annual meeting. Come to me and fill out a Talent Bank Information Sheet.

Ever Hopeful,

Janet



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Western North Carolina Conference

What: 41st Annual Meeting
Celebration of 145 Years in Mission

When: September 5, 6 & 7, 2014
Registration begins 1pm; Program 6:45pm

Where: Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium

Theme: Make It Happen!

Celebration Highlights:

Keynote Speaker: Yvette Richards, a native of North Carolina, highly involved in her career, church & community and currently serving as United Methodist Women National President. We look forward to having her bring some of Assembly 2014 in Louisville back to Western North Carolina.

Mission Speaker: Barbara Campbell, well-known deaconess, retired at Brooks-Howell Home. We look forward to hearing about her mission experiences.

Music Leaders: Kathy McNeil
Craig Summers

Hands-On Mission: Gift to Mission Cards and UMCOR Bedding Kits (2 full flat sheets, 2 std pillowcases, 2 std pillows in cardboard box; \$1 shipping)

Workshops: Immigration;
Catherine Ritch Book Review on You Raise Me Up: Making It Happen for Children of the Ark;

Conversations with Yvette

Other highlights:

- Hosting Missionaries for Lunch
- Late Night Entertainment— "Celebrating 145 Years!"
- Sunday School with Rev. Alvord
- Singing at the Cross
- UMW Choir
- Fellowship with UMW Sisters
- Walks along the Lake and Gardens!

Hostess District: Catawba Valley

Join Us by the Shore of the Lake!



Annual Meeting

Registration:

(Begins June 16, 2014)

- On-site registration at Lake Junaluska - \$20.00 per person
- Get a DISCOUNT! Register early and ONLINE! Online advance registration, June 16, 2014 through August 25, 2014 is only \$11.00 per person! Use the online registration link on our website at www.wnccumw.org.
- Advance registration fees are transferable, but non-refundable. If you pre-register and are unable to attend, your registration fee is not refundable, but someone else can attend in your 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 registration. Help other members of your local unit to register online — especially those who may not use a computer! Each registration must have a unique email.
- DO NOT mail Annual Meeting registration fee money to Lake Junaluska. Contact us if you have a question about registration.

Complete information about
Annual Meeting
is available on our website:
www.wnccumw.org

Mark your calendar!

Contact Persons:

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Lake Junaluska
Conference & Retreat
Center, Lake Junaluska, NC

Reservations Phone #:

1-800-222-4930 (Toll Free)

1-828-452-2881

**Lake Junaluska
Reservations:**

**Housing Reservations
Open June 16, 2014**

To book Lake Junaluska
lodging for the
Annual Meeting (Group #5851):

- 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.
- Reservations can also be made online at: <https://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=1004769&hotelID=77715>



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Western North Carolina Conference

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2014 Annual Meeting

September 5-7, 2014 - Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Lake Junaluska Accommodations & Rates

The Terrace Hotel or Lambuth Inn

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, elevator, WIFI)

Rates are per person, per day, room & meals.

	Room	Meals*	Total
Single	\$88	\$30	\$118
Double	\$54	\$30	\$84
Triple	\$37	\$30	\$67
Quad	\$31	\$30	\$61

*Lake Junaluska operates The Terrace and Lambuth on an American Plan, and meals are required with the room.

Lakeside Lodge

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, no elevator)

Rates are per person, per day, no meals.

Single	\$70
Double	\$41
Triple	\$31
Quad	\$25

Mountainview or Sunnyside Lodge

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, no phone, TV, WIFI)

Rates are per person, per day, no meals.

Single	\$58
Double	\$36
Triple	\$28
Quad	\$25

Junaluska Apartments

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, no phone, no TV)

Rates are per person, per day, no meals.

Single	\$58	Quad	\$25
Double	\$36	Quintuplet	\$22.80
Triple	\$28	Sextuplet	\$21.33

Plus \$14 per additional person over six people

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

Lake Junaluska Lodging Information:

The minimum deposit for all Lake Junaluska facilities is \$35 per person. Reservations are not confirmed until deposit is received. Deposits must be received or room(s) will be released. In order to cancel a confirmed reservation, a **cancellation request must be made 30 days prior to arrival date to receive a refund of the deposit less a \$15 per person processing fee.** Deposits are on an individual basis; for group or family reservations in which individuals do not attend, the deposit will not be refunded or allowed to apply against charges for those who come. **Check In at all facilities is 5:00pm; check out is 11:00am.**

Meal Information:

The room rate that shows on your confirmation letter is the room rate only, meals are an additional cost. Meals are optional for all facilities other than the Terrace Hotel or the Lambuth Inn. Guests staying in optional meal facilities may purchase a 3 meal package at the same cost of \$30.00 per person for each 3 consecutive meals, or individual meals can be purchased: \$9.00 for breakfast, \$11.00 for lunch and \$13.00 for dinner. Children 6 through 11 years of age receive meals at half price, 5 years of age and under eat free. **Meal package of \$30.00 per person, per day will automatically be added for each person staying in the Terrace Hotel or the Lambuth Inn.**

**First United Methodist Church
217 North Main Street
Stanley, NC 28164**

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2014 DATES TO REMEMBER

July 17-20, 2014	Mission u	Pfeiffer University
August 23, 2014	District Annual Meeting	FUMC Hickory, NC
September 5-7, 2014	Conference Annual Meeting	Lake Junaluska
November 1, 2014	CVD Leadership Training	Salem UMW Denver, NC



Register online

July 1st through October 1st.

No registration fee

www.wnccumw.org

Ubuntu is a unique word. A Zulu phrase, it can be translated “I am only because we are, and since we are, therefore I am.” Or “I am human because you are human.” It recognizes each human being as part of a community. It moves us to action on behalf of our neighbor. Ubuntu is a celebration of being in community with people as mission.



Bring a bag lunch (except if serving at Pfeiffer University or Bennett College where lunch will be provided). Drinks will be provided at each location.

PURPOSE

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Nurture and Outreach
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**Western North Carolina
United Methodist Women**

UBUNTU DAY OF SERVICE



Saturday, October 18, 2014

9 am until 3 pm

UMW DAY OF SERVICE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL MISSION INSTITUTIONS IN OUR WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Brooks Howell Home

Asheville



Projects: Landscaping, cleaning, etc.

Hands on Project: Gift cards from Home Depot or Lowes (will be used for needed repair items)



Bethlehem Center
OF CHARLOTTE

Bethlehem Center

Charlotte

Project: Cut out 1000 stars and write names of children on each star

Hands on Project: Napkins, plastic forks and spoons, Kleenex and two pocket folders



Bennett College

Greensboro

Project: Landscaping, classroom projects, etc.

Hands on Project: To be determined



Pfeiffer University

Misenheimer

Projects: Beautification/landscaping and clerical projects

Hands on Project: School supplies to benefit Pfeiffer student ministries, clubs and organizations on campus as well as extras for Richfield Elementary which Pfeiffer supports



Bethlehem Center

Winston Salem

Project: Cleaning, yard work, etc.

Hands on Project: Paper towels, Clorox liquid, disinfectant spray, liquid laundry detergent, Play-Doh, crayons, markers, glue sticks

Ubuntu Day of Service Agenda

9:00 am—9:15 am	Orientation
9:15 am— 9:30 am	Commissioning
9:30 am —2:45 pm	Mission Service (with lunch break)
2:45 pm—3:00 pm	Debriefing and Closing

Agenda may differ slightly at each location.