

January, 2018



Smoky Mountain District † United Methodist Women † Western North Carolina Conference

Support The Legacy Fund!

The **Legacy Fund** is a key component of the celebration of the **150th Anniversary of United Methodist Women**. It is a permanent endowment of the national office of United Methodist Women. Its purpose is to help secure the work of United Methodist Women for the next 150 years. Income earned by this fund will support that work, along side the undesignated mission giving of United Methodist Women.

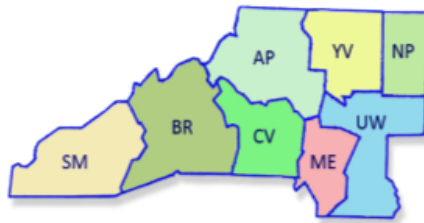
**Announcing our Western North Carolina Conference
United Methodist Women Legacy Fund
Endowment Campaign Goal:**

Our Conference Goal: \$1,500,000
Raised thru October 31, 2017: \$147,859.96

We can do this! Every single gift, small or large, will make a difference! This is our opportunity to leave a legacy for this amazing mission organization that we love. **Prayerfully consider what your Legacy Fund gift will be...and give generously.**

Our individual district goals:

Appalachian	\$107,000
Blue Ridge	\$103,000
Catawba Valley	\$248,000
Metro	\$306,000
Northern Piedmont	\$255,000
Smoky Mountain	\$ 72,000
Uwharrie	\$141,000
Yadkin Valley	\$268,000



Resources on our Western North Carolina Conference website:

- Legacy Fund Commitment Form & Frequently Asked Questions
Visit: www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund

Resources on the United Methodist Women Website:

- www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150



Announcing the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign

Our Goal: \$60 Million

17.4M 60M

Join us in laying the groundwork for our next 150 years in mission.

GIVE TODAY

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). It is not too late to catch up!

Our Western North Carolina Every Local Unit Legacy Fund Goal:

That every local unit of United Methodist Women make a gift to The Legacy Fund of **at least \$186.90 per year**, for five years (2015-2019), in addition to individual member gifts. It is not too late to catch up!

SMOKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MINI MISSION U

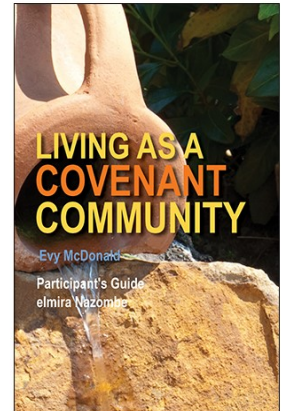
SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018

9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

CULLOWHEE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

416 Central Drive, Cullowhee, NC

(828) 293-9215



TO START: 9:00 –9:30 AM = Registration and a light breakfast.

LUNCH: Bring a sandwich, salad, or whatever you like. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH STUDY: “Living As A Covenant Community”

Leader: Ann Aldridge is a licensed sign language interpreter and an adjunct instructor at several universities. Ann taught this study at last year’s Conference School of Mission u at Pfeiffer University. Ann is no stranger to our District as she has taught a couple of courses for our Mission u Studies.

BRING TEXT or you can purchase a copy the day of the event.

Attending a Mission Study fulfills criteria #4 for a Mission Today Unit (the group spends a minimum of 4 hours in study).

Hands on Mission Project is UMCOR: HEALTH AND SCHOOL KITS

Participating in a hands-on project fulfills criteria #25 for a Mission Today Unit.

DIRECTIONS:

US 23/74 and Exit 85—Right Ramp to Cullowhee/Western Carolina University. Go straight on US 23 1.4 miles to its dead-end.

Turn left on NC 10 and proceed 5.8 miles.

Turn on Forest Hills Road and proceed 1/2 mile.

Turn right on Centennial Drive and proceed 0.2 miles.

Turn right on Central Drive. Park in back of church and enter back entrance of the church.

From Your President, Debbie Ray:

I'm sitting here looking out the window at the white world with the sun shining on it. It's a reminder that God brings us different seasons. I hope whatever season of your life you are in that you feel God's presence with you. I look forward to seeing you all at district and/or conference events this year. Please do not let a lack of transportation keep you from attending. We **do** carpool and anyone is welcome to ride along. Just give me a call. The district and conference events are listed in this newsletter, so you can update your calendars. Also included is the list of shepherdess assignments. Take advantage of the officers to present programs, install officers, answer questions, and other things that would be helpful to you. The contact information is listed in this newsletter for all the district officers.

This year again the conference has asked us to do school kits for UMCOR. I have purchased the bags and they will be available at our Mini Mission u studies day at Cullowhee UMC on March 17th. You can decorate them and bring them **UNFILLED** to Spiritual Growth Retreat in June at Lake Junaluska. Then we will take some bags home to fill and bring back to Annual Celebration in September. If you want to make bags that is great. Also, it would be appreciated if your unit can send anything to help offset the cost of the bags. Please mail a check to Judy Bromley, District Treasurer.

I would like to remind you that attending a mission study is one of the requirements to be a Mission Today unit. This study must be at least four hours and approved by UMW. Our district mission study will be hosted by the UMW at Cullowhee UMC and begins at 9am for registration and goes until 2pm. Remember to bring your lunch or we will have to look for a small boy with loaves and fishes. Bring friends and relatives (male and female) and young people in your churches. This event is free as all district events are free and anyone is welcome. There are scholarships available for first-timers who wish to attend Mission u or Annual Celebration. Let me know if you need information about these.

NEW this year, the only UMCOR kits we will be preparing are health, school, and cleaning buckets. These will be distributed only in the US so there is no need to remove US insignia. Donations will be sent overseas providing support for local economies.

For 2018 the conference has stopped the LUV program that encouraged units to invite an officer to visit and have their name included in a drawing. Smoky Mountain District **WILL** continue with our nurturing partner (shepherdess) visits just as we have been doing.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the units for your support last year. Being hostesses for conference events takes an effort by everyone. Thanks for stepping up. Also, to the units who hosted district events appreciation is due. I know that you all are active in your support of mission work in your communities as well as supporting UMW programs around the world. Thanks also for getting your year-end reports to me promptly.

We still need district officers: social action, mission & education, and nominating committee. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions as you are led. We provide resources and training so please don't be anxious about saying yes.

In His Service,
Deborah Ray, Smoky Mountain District President

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Nurturing Partner/Shepherdess Assignments 2018

Deborah Ray	Canton Central, Canton First, Long's Chapel, Shady Grove
Judy Bromley	Maple Grove, Maggie Valley
Esther Manchester	Ranger, Robbinsville, Oak Forest
Gail Powell	Sylva, Loves Chapel, Beaverdam
Reatha Cabe	Clyde Central, Finchers Chapel
Julie Leatherwood	Cullowhee, Mt. Zion
Bobby Payne	Crabtree, Waynesville First, Peachtree
Ellyne Stonebraker	S. Macon, Tomotla
Laura Sanford	Rockwood, Piney Grove, Elizabeth Chapel
Carol Harper	Bryson City, Webster, Hayesville
Velma Zeek	Andrews, Franklin First, Murphy
Sharon Cooper	Elizabeth Chapel, Francis Cove
Treva Upton	Plains, Cruso

A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER:

What a wonderful year 2017 was. The outreach we have had from many groups has been great. The Smoky Mountain District was the only one in Western North Carolina who surpassed the financial numbers from last year. Some of the Units in our district have dwindled in number, but are still doing everything they can to support the missions of the United Methodist Women. Part of what we do is mission and part is fellowship with each other and spiritual development. We know that wherever two or three are gathered the Lord is there with them. This year I look forward to meeting more women from our district as we work and learn together at our many district and conference activities. Here is a brief look at the giving in 2017.

Pledge to Mission	\$38,045.23
Special Mission Recognition	2,025.00
Gift to Mission	1,449.23
Gift In Memory	1,294.90
World Thank Offering	4,224.75
Walk for Mission / Other Undesignated	1,061.30
Total Undesignated Giving	\$48,100.41

We also had 27 units who gave in all five channels in 2017. Looking forward to working with the Smoky Mountain units in 2018.

Judy Bromley, Treasurer

Email: judithbromley7@gmail.com

Hello UMW Secretaries,

Let me introduce myself, Julie Leatherwood. Most of you know me as the former district president and former MEI coordinator. I have served on the District Team for the past eleven years in one capacity or another. Now I've accepted the position of secretary, at least until I tenure out for district offices at the end of this year. Even though it is my first time as secretary for UMW I, as I'm sure many of you, have been secretaries in other business, church or service organizations and are quite familiar with the responsibilities of this office.

I welcome you back to another rewarding year - a time to mark your calendars for all the wonderfully informative and inspirational programs scheduled by our district and conference. I encourage you to attend as many as possible.

There are some of you new to this position in your unit and others who have been at this for a few, if not many years.

Most important for secretaries is to take as accurate minutes as possible at each local meeting. Next is to type up those minutes as soon as possible while it is fresh in your mind and send them out to all members for proofreading of any necessary additions, deletions, corrections or clarifications before your next meeting.

If you have any questions or need information about your responsibilities, please feel free to call or email me.



Now, let me change hats, I am also your contact on the Western North Carolina Conference Team as our Smoky Mountain District Legacy Team "Energizer". There is one of us from each district on this team plus other key conference members, and we meet monthly by phone conference and at conference meetings.

If you haven't heard of the Legacy Fund by now let me explain. The UMW National Office began the Legacy Fund in 2014 with a five-year commitment to create an endowment where the interest on this fund would continue to support the important mission works of our organization for future generations. On March 23, 2019 United Methodist Women will celebrate their 150th birthday. We want EVERY member to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime happening!

Our Smoky Mountain District has been charged with raising \$63,314.57 toward the international goal of 60 million. To do that we are asking each member to contribute a minimum of \$18.69 for each of 5 years – in addition to her pledge – celebrating our founding in 1869 and each unit is asked to contribute \$186.90 for each of 5 years. You will receive a 150-year pin to add to your collection and can also purchase a special pin and/or a necklace that will go toward your contribution to the fund.

Your unit treasurer should have information about how to make your contributions.

I will be happy to come to your local meetings and present a program about this important commitment. **We can't, and don't want to, imagine a future of women, children, and youth in the world without the mission work done by the United Methodist Women.**

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(Updated 2/4/18)

A Word About Membership, Nurture and Outreach

It is both exciting and challenging to begin a new year with United Methodist Women. Exciting because God is calling us to do His work in His world with His people and we cannot even imagine where that may lead us. The one thing we do know is this: just as God promised Moses in Exodus 33:14 His presence will be with us to the end; challenging because even though our hearts tell us we can trust God to keep His promises to lead us on the journey, our heads tell us something else-that we are not experienced enough, not smart enough, lacking in faith and sometimes in hope. But God has chosen us not because we are impressive, faithful, or well informed but because there is work to be done and lessons to be learned. So, let us step forward and make this a year filled with enough challenges to keep us trusting, enough blessings to keep us joyful and enough time to get the work done.

Membership Nurture and Outreach is a new position for me and so I will need your prayers continuously. Please, please add my name to the list of persons you pray for daily so I may stay focused and get the work accomplished that God has in mind for me in this new role.

I would like to encourage all local unit officers to invite members of the District Executive Team to visit their units. All are prepared to help with programs-officer installations, updates on what is happening across the district and conference, talks about the reading program, book reviews, attracting new members and keeping all members active, Social Principles of the UMC, the five channels of giving and the Legacy Fund. The list of available topics goes on and on. We want to get to know each unit and we want all the units to get better acquainted with us. Please keep this in mind as you continue to plan for your programs. Contact information for each Executive Team member is available. Contact me at (ehm1@yahoo.com or 828-226-7481) or Deborah Ray, Smoky Mountain District UMW President, at (wsray@charter.net or 828-400-3499).

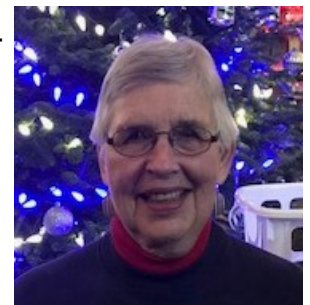
Esther Manchester, Membership, Nurture and Outreach

PROGRAM RESOURCES:

As Secretary of Program Resources, I want you to know that I will have 2018 Reading Program books at the Mini-Mission u at Cullowhee on March 17. Our study book for that day is *Living As A Covenant Community*. I will have several copies of that book so you can purchase them at \$10.00 each.

I hope that you are participating in the United Methodist Reading Program. There are many inspirational and informative books that can guide you on your Christian journey. This year the bonus books are *Massacre at Sand Creek* and *Hospital Planet*. These books can be counted in two categories of the Reading Program. I will also order a few *Prayer Calendars* for 2018 and 2018 *Program Books*. The Reading Program Brochure will be available. **HAPPY READING!** I look forward to seeing you in Cullowhee.

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Greetings in Christ:

I am Carol Harper, and I will be serving as the Smoky Mountain District Spiritual Growth Coordinator. I live in Franklin in Macon County and attend Asbury UMC.

I would like to thank Esther Manchester for her four years of service in this position, and I am grateful for her encouragement, and willingness to continue to mentor me as I learn the duties of the office.

The UMW' mission initiatives include providing opportunities to grow spiritually, and it is our job as Spiritual Growth Coordinators to understand and communicate the connection between personal spiritual growth and mission. It is also our job to promote the many resources and opportunities available to our members at the local, district, conference, and national levels of UMW. These include a number of reading and devotional resources, programs, websites, and events. I hope you will learn about them, use them, and share them with your units.

I hope to see all of you at our District Day Apart, which will be held on Saturday, April 21 at Oak Forest United Methodist Church, located at 990 Oak Forest Rd., Hayesville, NC. Our guest speaker will be Ann Miller Woodford, who is a native of Andrews, where she attended the one room, one teacher Andrews Colored/Negro Elementary School through 8th grade, and then she attended Allen High School, a Women's Division of Christian Service sponsored Methodist girls' boarding school in Asheville, NC (source: <http://annwoodford.com/about-ann-woodford/>). Ann is author of *When All God's Children Get Together: A Celebration of the Lives and Music of African American People in Far Western North Carolina*, and will be sharing from her book and experiences.

If you haven't already turned in the names of members of your units who died during 2017, please turn those names in to me or Debbie Ray as soon as possible. During Day Apart, we will recognize and celebrate the lives of those women.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Day Apart and at other events, including the Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska, June 15 – 16.

If you need anything or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: phone (828-349-3228) or email (cgh2arper@gmail.com).

Carol Harper, Spiritual Growth Coordinator



Ways to Give to the Legacy Fund

- ◇ Make a gift to the Legacy Fund through your local unit United Methodist women treasurer.
- ◇ Use our Western North Carolina Conference Legacy Commitment Form, available on our website at www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund.
- ◇ Online on the national office website at unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund.
- ◇ **By phone:** 800-278-7771 (8 am—6 pm EST, M-F)
- ◇ **Text** Legacy150 to 41444
- ◇ **By check:** note "Legacy Fund" in memo and mail to: United Methodist Women, Treasurer's Office, 15th Floor, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115
- ◇ **Other methods** include gifts of stock, life insurance, bequests, and other forms of planned giving. If you are interested in making a gift like this, contact the national office at 800-278-7771.



Spiritual Growth Retreat

Lake Junaluska • June 15-16

Hands-On-Mission Opportunity – Hygiene Kits



We all need a break from our busy lives, a time for reflection, a time to listen for God's guidance. We are so busy doing all the things we are called upon to do, we don't take the

time to slow down, to sit back and think about the things that are really important. Join us to pray, to listen, to study, to fellowship with United Methodist Women from across the conference, and to spend some quiet time in reflection.

Registration Open February 1

Retreat Leader: Rev. Suzanne Michael

New Hope United Methodist Church, Yadkin Valley District

Annual Celebration

Lake Junaluska • September 14-16

Hands-On-Mission Opportunity

Project AGAPE Christmas Shoe Boxes &
Gift to Mission/Gift in Memory Cards



WNCCUMW.ORG

Get more information, download event logos, registration forms, program books and more at our information packed website.

National Assembly

Columbus, Ohio • May 18-20



Join us for Assembly 2018 where we will be claiming our 150-year history as women who know how to organize and serve and are willing to be challenged to grow in our faith as we build deeper connections with one another, church leaders and partners in the work of justice for all God's children.

Mission u

Pfeiffer University • July 19-22, 2018

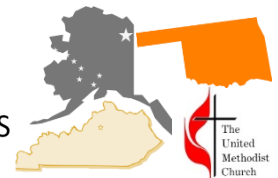
Hands-On-Mission Opportunity – School Kits

Spiritual Growth Study: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living



Issue Study: What About Our Money? A Faith Response

Geographic Study: UMC Missionary Conferences in the US



High School Youth Camp Available - Registration opens May 1

UBUNTU

Ubuntu Day of Service • October 20

Hands-On-Mission Opportunity – Site Specific

National Mission Institutions
& Brooks Howell Home

A Word About Education & Interpretation:

If you would like to volunteer for this position, please contact Debbie Ray, President, or myself. I will help you in any way possible, training, etc.

I received the following information about UMCOR Kits. As of January 1, 2018, UMCOR will be collecting only Health/Hygiene Kits, School Kits, and Cleaning Buckets for distribution within the United States. Relief grants will be offered to international partners to allow for local purchase and assembly of the kits which are more culturally appropriate.

Hands on Projects will be Health/Hygiene & School Kits. Ask your congregation to help participate in making kits for all four of our District meetings. At the present time our Mission Response Center in Terrell, NC does not need Cleaning Buckets. Dwaine Morgan, Mission Response Center Manager, needs help with processing all the kits that are awaiting shipment, so if your local unit or church can go and volunteer, give Dwaine a call at 828-478-2106 to arrange a time.

I have been asked "What is UMCOR doing for the survivors in Puerto Rico recovering from Hurricane Maria." I received from UMCOR on January 18th the following information: Distributed 6,732 Cleaning Buckets, 11,760 School Kits, 32,256 Health/Hygiene Kits, and 48,960 bottles of water. UMCOR has also sent grants, generators and other supplies.

In this month's WOMEN TALK I have included a Collection Sheet for UMCOR Kits (bring this to the District events). Cost of Shipping: Health/Hygiene = \$2.00 which includes buying toothpaste; and School Kits = \$1.00. Bring money or checks payable to UMCOR SAGER BROWN (please do not put money or checks inside of the Kits).

Will your UMW Unit be a Mission Today Unit for 2018? Promoting our mission work through prayer, study and action, and also many other things that support women, children and youth.

Many of our Units may be small in the number of members, but we are BIG in heart and working for UMW.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance to you.

Beverly Bard,

Acting Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation

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Women with a heart for service

UMCOR Kits Record of Collection

Name of Unit: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

ITEM	NUMBER	X COST OF EACH	VALUE	+ SHIPPING COST OF EACH
School Kits		X \$11.00 each =	\$	\$ 1.00/each
Health/Hygiene Kits		X \$12.00 each =	\$	\$ 2.00/each
Cleaning Buckets		X \$65.00 each =	\$	\$ 1.50/each

List and number of bulk items:

ITEMS	NUMBER

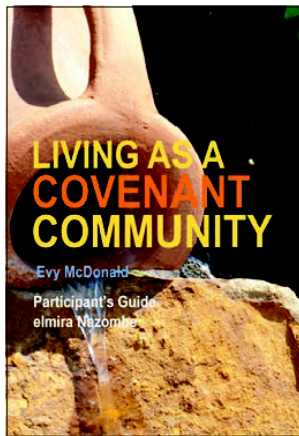
**Bring this accounting sheet when you bring your kits or bulk items
to the Smoky Mountain District meetings.**

United Methodist Women mission studies and spiritual growth studies offer opportunities to learn and grow. Mission u centers on these books which are the perfect resource for small-group studies, book clubs and Sunday school classes.

2017 Spiritual Growth study

Living as a Covenant Community

Evy McDonald; Participant's Guide, elmira Nazombe



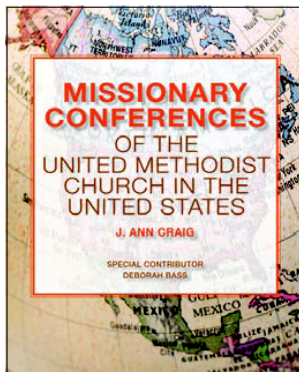
This study examines major covenants throughout the Bible and what they reveal about God's character and eternal love for us. It will enhance your understanding of how God works with us, in us, and through us. 194 pp.

\$10.00
English (M3291)
Standard Print Edition
Spanish (M3292)
Korean (M3293)
\$13.00 English
Large Print Edition (M3306)
\$5.35 Kindle English | Available
February 2017

Geographic Study

Missionary Conferences of The United Methodist Church in the United States

J. Ann Craig; Special Contributor, Deborah Bass



This study gives the reader a foundational understanding of mission and ministries of the three U.S. missionary conferences of The United Methodist Church: Alaska United Methodist Conference, Red Bird Missionary Conference and Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. 108 pp.

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Program Calendar

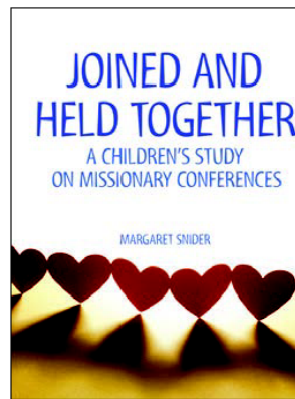
The Program Calendar 2017-2020, also known as the Quadrennial Calendar, is a four-year monthly pocket calendar that showcases United Methodist Women events leading up to the 2016 General Conference of The United Methodist Church. 60 pp.

\$10.00 (M7039)

Mission Study: Children's Guide 2017

Joined and Held Together: A Children's Study on Missionary Conferences

Margaret Snider



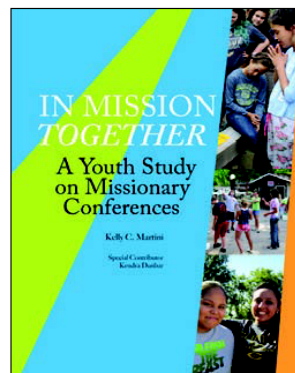
Children will learn how the missionary conferences connect us to each other and to the history of our church. The four sessions explore our connections and differences, encouraging children ages 5–12 to see how both strengthen our community and our place within it. 60 pp.

\$10.00 English (M3288)

Mission Study: Youth Guide 201

In Mission Together: A Youth Study on Missionary Conferences

Kelly C. Martini; Special Contributor Kendra Dunbar



The youth study focuses on the three U.S. missionary conferences of The United Methodist Church: Alaska United Methodist Conference, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and Red Bird Missionary Conference. It also offers opportunities for youth who are interested in relationship-building and hands-on mission. 90 pp.

\$10.00 English (M3289)



COMMUNICATIONS...Do You Hear Us?



Deciding to be your next Communications Coordinator is a step out in faith for me; although I know that so long as I follow in God's footsteps, I won't get lost. I believe "Communications" is a multi-facet word as it requires at least two and usually MANY people participating in order to succeed! I will try my best to relay to you or "communicate" the various programs, ideas and thoughts of the members of our district. In return, I am asking that you open your ears, your minds, and your hearts to continue hearing and understanding the word of God and His children as we reach out to help those around us and throughout our world.

On a different note, I realize that many find the world around us changing very rapidly and sometimes it's hard to keep up! The days of snail mail correspondence are being quickly diminished by electronic correspondence. Since our feet are firmly planted in two different eras, we continue to utilize both methods. However, the cost of printing and mailing a newsletter can be significantly reduced by using email. If you have an email address that you use regularly, I would appreciate your advising me of same and that it is OK to forward the newsletter to you via email. (Disclaimer: Your email addresses will not be given out to anyone or used for any other purpose rather than UMW communications!) If you do not use this method of correspondence, it is certainly fine to continue receiving the newsletter in printed form. My goal is to (1) update our mailing lists and send out as many newsletters as possible by email, and (2) make sure all the appropriate individuals are receiving the newsletters. To this end, I have added a form below which I would appreciate your completing and returning to me by snail mail, email or telephone.

In addition, I welcome any questions, comments, suggestions, feedback, etc. Remember: Communications takes all of us to work! Thank you in advance for your support and commitment to United Methodist Women and the Smoky Mountain District of the WNCC!

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WNCC—UMW Calendar of Events

June 15 – 16	Spiritual Growth Retreat - Lake Junaluska
July 19 - 22	Mission u – Pfeiffer University
Sept. 14 –16	WNCCUMW Annual Celebration – Lake Junaluska
Oct. 13 -	Leadership development (district officers) - First UMC, Morganton
Oct. 20 -	Ubuntu Day of Caring

SMD—UMW Calendar of Events

March 17 –	Mini Mission u – Cullowhee UMC from 9am to 2pm 416 Central Drive, Cullowhee, NC 28723
April 21 -	Day Apart – Oak Forest UMC from 9am to Noon 990 Oak Forest Rd., Hayesville, NC 28904
August 25 –	SMD Annual Meeting – Shady Grove UMC from 9am to Noon 3570 Jonathan Creek Rd., Waynesville, NC 28785
November 3 -	Leadership Training – Crabtree UMC from 9am to Noon 5405 Crabtree Rd., Waynesville, NC 28785