



THE UMW APPALACHIAN DISTRICT NEWS

2nd Quarter 2018

President's Message:

United Methodist Women 101 + Membership

United Methodist Women is the largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members whose mission is fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders and advocating for justice.

Members raise up to \$20 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world.

United Methodist Women principles and values include:

- promoting the empowerment of women, children and youth
- promoting anti-racism and multiculturalism
- promoting inclusion and equity
- promoting fair labor practices
- promoting economic and environmental stewardship and sustainability

The Vision of United Methodist Women is: Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world. We cannot continue to promote & do these things unless we continue to grow in Membership!! We must encourage, support, and recruit young women to join this organization!! I challenge you to think of ways to recruit and support young women so that this organization can continue to grow and provide faith, hope and love in action for many women, children, and youth around the world. We must nurture the women we have in our circles and investigate ways that we can invite others to join us! Start teen circles and look for ways to encourage young women to join our organization. Any woman who commits herself to the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women and to engage in mission, study, personal growth and social action can join. You don't have to be United Methodist or meet an age requirement to be a member.

One way of learning more about UMW is by attending district and conference events. On page 14 of this newsletter is an application for a Scholarship to attend Mission U and Annual Celebration if you are a first timer. Return this form to me by June 1st.

I would be happy to come and talk with your group about ways to recruit members. Please contact me or any of our district team to discuss ways we can grow in our membership.

Peace,

Lorraine Burns

Vice-President:

As we begin the second quarter of the Appalachian District UMW, I hope everyone is using the program book "Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Neighbor" in some manner in your local units. Remember that you don't have to use the entire program given in the book, but it is good to incorporate what fits your local unit needs. You need to use at least two for credit on the Mission Today Unit report for the year. I look forward to seeing you at Spiritual Growth in June and at Mission u in July. It's time for Local Unit Visits (LUVs), so be sure you invite your Nurturing Partner to visit your unit soon as part of the program.

And remember to keep the 'P' in VP with Purpose, Planning and Program!



Peace,

Katie Burns



Western North Carolina Conference 2018 Vision

Growing as a community of women who are one in Christ

Living the Vision - In an effort to fully realize our Conference Vision, we will:

- 1) Be intentional. Be purposeful. Be a mentor.
- 2) Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend.
- 3) Be welcoming, be open to each other's needs and remove barriers.
- 4) Listen, listen, listen! Let ALL voices be heard.
- 5) Accept, understand, change and surrender.
- 6) Try new things - don't be afraid to fail in new programs, events and endeavors. Be flexible.
- 7) Focus on what matters – including but not limited to; the reading program, social action, hands-on-mission, spiritual growth, leadership development...
- 8) Share all we can, learn all we can, give all we can.
- 9) Be authentic in our efforts.
- 10) Be "Limitless" (mentor, empower and let go).

Sincerely,

Your WNCC UMW Team

Secretary:

I enjoyed seeing so many UMW at our District Prayer Breakfast. “Hats off” to Sherry Summerlin for planning such a wonderful event, to the Taylorsville UMW for hosting us, and to the Taylorsville UMM for a wonderful breakfast. If you weren’t able to attend the Prayer Breakfast, hopefully you can join us at the District Mission Study at Sparta UMC on April 21st. The mission study, *Living as a Covenant Community*, examines major covenants throughout the Bible and what they reveal about God’s character and eternal love for us – enhancing our understanding of how God works with us, in us, and through us. This understanding is critical for living up to our UMW Purpose and in fulfilling our WNCC and District UMW 2018 Vision of *Growing as a Community of Women Who Are One in Christ*.

Blessings,
Jan Taylor



Nominations:

Hello My Sisters,

I just want to say how much I enjoy being with my UMW sisters. Whether it’s worshipping together at the Prayer Breakfast, learning together at the Mission Study and Mission u, or just spending quiet time at the Spiritual Growth Retreat, being a part of UMW is awesome. Members of UMW are always growing, always learning, and always advocating for women, youth, and children at home and around the globe. I see so many familiar faces when we have these events that I know you share in the desire to make the world a better place for all people. I hope you will consider taking the extra step and joining the district team. We welcome new faces and new ideas and we need your help. Please give me or any team member a call or email and we’d be glad to talk to you about the opportunities available.

Peace & Blessings,

Kim Smith

Communications/Newsletter:

We still need updated lists of 2018 Appalachian District unit officers. You can mail, email, or call to give information to Lorraine Burns or me, or you could provide the information through your nurturing partner. We want to make sure that District and Conference UMW information is passed to all units to pass on to all unit members. Also, I would love to have photos of local UMW unit events to include in our newsletters; you can email them to me at j.kay.tay@gmail.com.

Blessings,
Jan Taylor

Spiritual Growth:

Dear Sisters In Christ,

Thank you for your presence at the 2018 Prayer Breakfast held at First UMC Taylorsville and hosted by the First Taylorsville UMW. We remembered 28 Sisters during the Memorial Service. As a starfish was placed in the sand, our hearts overflowed with love and the joy of having known these United Methodist Women and the shared memories of our journey together.



We are so excited to have the “Glory Gifts” Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska, June 15-16. Registration is now, so get your move on and sign up ASAP. You do not want to miss this “Glory Gift”! The time away is renewing and refreshing, and I promise you will leave with your cup overflowing. Bring your Bible, comfortable clothes, your S.M.I.L.E., and your UMCOR Health Kits. The speaker is the Rev. Dr. Suzanne G. Michael of New Hope UMC.



The other exciting news is Mission u at Pfeiffer University in Misenheimer on July 19-22. Our hands-on mission project is School Kits. Again, you just don't want to miss this opportunity to grow spiritually and to learn more about mission. Grab a sister and register as soon as possible. You will be blessed beyond your imagination by spending three days seeking God in and through our studies. The friendship and fellowship will be life changing. The Spiritual Growth Study: “Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living” is calling us to participate and learn. The full-time leader is Dr. Patty Meyers and the overview leader is Sandra Williamson.

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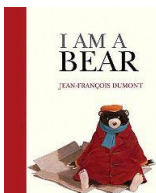
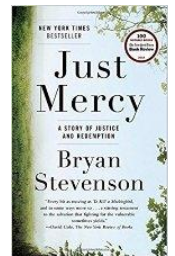
their communities, themselves, and God.”

So see you there...

Love and prayers,
Sherry Summerlin

Program Resources:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. The weather has given me more time for outside reading. Don't tell my family, but I love to take a book out to the swing on the back porch and lose myself in it. I want to recommend a 2016 Social Action book "Just Mercy". The author, Bryan Stevenson took on serving the unjustly incarcerated men in Alabama. These men are innocent and the system has done them wrong. To quote Stevenson, "Why do we want to kill all the broken people?" Then he goes on to say, "We are all broken by Something. We have all hurt someone or have been hurt. We all share in the condition of brokenness even if our brokenness is not equivalent." He was not able to save all those he worked with but he comes to terms with that. He says, "I didn't deserve reconciliation or love in that moment, but that's how mercy works. The power of mercy is that it belongs to the undeserving."



If you live in a city with homeless, you might begin to see more of them on the streets, now that they are out of the shelters. The children's book, "I Am A Bear", is a great book to help your children (and you) understand what living homeless really is. It is a 2018 Nurturing for Community book. I will have some available at the next district event.

Enjoy the nice weather. I look forward to seeing you again or meeting you on April 21st.

Micki Earp

Treasurer:

As we move forward into 2018, I would like for us to look back to 2017 at the Units that gave in All Five Channels of Undesignated Giving. These Units are:

Barbara Heck	First Jonesville	Mount Hermon
Bethlehem	First North Wilkesboro	Mountain View
Boone	First Taylorsville	New Covenant
Charity	Friendship-Statesville	Pine Grove
Clifton	Grace Chapel	Scott's Chapel
Cool Springs	Hiddenite	Shiloh - Sparta
Deerfield	Hudson	Union Grove
First Elkin	Millers Creek	Wesley Chapel
First Granite Falls	Mt. Bethel - Alexander	Wilkesboro

Congratulations to these units! I would like to challenge all Appalachian District Units to give in All Five Channels of Undesignated Giving in 2018. To do this, a unit must do these five things:

1. Mission Giving - make a unit pledge and meet that pledge.
2. Gift to Mission - give a card (\$5 each) to remember people on special occasions, say thank you, or let someone know you are thinking of them.
3. Gift in Memory - a card given in memory for whomever you wish to remember in the amount of \$5 (or more).
4. Special Mission Recognition - giving a pin (beginning at \$40) to recognize a special person in your unit, church, or community. May give in this channel without giving a pin in increments of \$5.
5. World Thank Offering - an offering to show thanks for blessings by giving to the UMW missions for women, children, and youth around the world.

Remind your units of the 2018 Financial Goal set by our UMW Executive Committee to increase membership by 5%. Increase in membership may seem like a strange Financial Goal, but membership growth is the fuel for the health of the future of United Methodist Women Mission. Our current membership must continue to support our giving to missions faithfully and generously and to continue to thrive and meet this world's growing need for mission, we need that next wave of women to step forward with us as we work together to "expand the concepts of Mission." Membership IS our Future. The following are some ways to help increase membership: go to website wnccumw.org for 125 Ideas for Recruiting New Members; invite, invite, INVITE verbally, hand out invitations, email, text and/or go get them; and look at meeting times and formats and make changes as needed.

Also, remind your units of the 2018 Conference Love Offering Theme: A Gift to Mission in Honor of Deaconesses and Home Missioners: Past, Present and Future. I took a walk through the Mission Personnel in the back of the Prayer Calendar and read the names of several Missionaries and Global Mission Fellows that I have had the opportunity to meet and work with on mission trips. This Love Offering will give me the opportunity to celebrate them and what they have done and continue to do for their communities. You may bring your Love Offering to UMW's Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska; mail a check payable to Treasurer, WNCC UMW and send to Nancy Reigel, Conference Treasurer, 375 Troy Norris Road, Boone, NC 28607; or mail a check payable to Appalachian District UMW, designated Conference Love Offering, and send to me.



Thank you for your work on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world. I look forward to seeing you at the Spiritual Growth Retreat in June and/or at Mission U in July. If I can help you, please let me know.

Nancy Johnson



Western North Carolina Conference 2018 LOVE OFFERING & FINANCIAL GOAL

Love Offering

**A Gift to Mission in Honor of Deaconesses and Home Missioners:
Past, Present and Future**

Financial Goal

Increase Membership by 5%

Strategy ideas to help us reach this goal:

1. 125 Ideas for Recruiting New Members – On our wncumw.org website wncumw.org/membership-nurture-outreach/
2. People have to be invited multiple times... invite, Invite, INVITE!
 - Verbally
 - Hand out invitations
 - Email
 - Texting
 - Go get them
 - Social media / use the “events” options to be shared
 - Tell your United Methodist Women story
3. Look at meeting times, formats – how can you reach more women? What works for YOUR community / church?

Sincerely,

Your WNCC UMW Team Your WNCC UMW Team

wncumw.org • facebook.com/wncumw • unitedmethodistwomen.org • umwonline.org

Membership – Nurture – Outreach:

Greetings UMW sisters,

Let us remember the purpose of the UMW: 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. Remember, it is difficult to make a difference when working alone; however when we come together as a group we are a formidable force! Make your voices heard by being a part of our wonderful group!

Remember to use your nurturing partners this year! These partners are available to visit, help with your programs and give support in any way you may need.

With spring finally upon us, this is the perfect time to bring new life to your unit by adding new members! Reach out to friends to share the joy, excitement, and creativity, as well as the social stances of our UMW. Remember sometimes these invites will need to be numerous! Let them see how much you want them in our fellowship!

Getting involved, reaching out, and keeping informed will keep your local unit healthy and on the forefront in your community. Join us for the District Mission Study on April 21st! We will be looking for you in Sparta.

Peace of Christ to you,
Denise Harris



From your Appalachian District Legacy Fund Energizer:

I hope that everyone was able to attend the District Prayer Breakfast at First Taylorsville UMC in March. Sherry Summerlin put together a beautiful stage setting and a very touching and sincere ceremony of remembrance for our United Methodist Women sisters that we lost in 2017. As Sherry read each name, a candle was lit and a starfish was placed in a container of sand. There were pictures of almost every member and Sherry told us a little about each woman. It was a heartwarming tribute to these ladies.



That brings me to just one opportunity (of many) to give to the Legacy Fund. In June each year, I make a donation to the Legacy Fund in memory of my sister who passed away in 2015. You may have read about her before. She lived in a tiny town in Texas and attended the UMC there. Sometimes, there were only 3 ladies at the circle meeting, but never more than 6. As a consequence, they were not always able to fully qualify for what we know as an active circle. I would always write to her to share stories about my Sparta UMW and our many activities which, in turn, she shared with her UMW ladies. It brought her so much joy to know that my husband and I had found a home church. So when the formation and the purpose of the Legacy Fund was announced, I immediately thought of my sister and what a meaningful way to remember her church life and legacy. Surely, we all know women in our life who deserve to be honored/remembered in a way that will ensure the future of the mission of United Methodist Women – to help make better lives for women, children and youth here in the United States and around the world. I cannot think of a better way to pay tribute to a special woman than to make a donation to the Legacy Fund in her honor. Please consider this suggestion.

I would like to share some information that I recently received from WNCC Treasurer, Nancy Reigel, as a way to reach the Conference goal of \$1.5 million for the Legacy Fund. Nancy writes that there are over 21,000 members in the WNCC. To easily raise what seems to be a HUGE amount of money, if each member were to give \$75 over the 5-year campaign, we could meet and exceed that goal. That is only \$15 per year, and, if someone is behind – the opportunity exists to make up the amount by the end of the fundraising campaign. We **CAN** reach this goal. **WE CAN MAKE THIS HAPPEN!!**

Beverlee Scott

Social Action:

Earth Day 2018: End Plastic Pollution

Countdown to April 22

This year's campaign is to End Plastic Pollution.

Stand up!

Join up!

Take action!

From poisoning and injuring marine life to disrupting human hormones, from littering our beaches and landscapes to clogging our waste streams and landfills, the exponential growth of plastics is now threatening the survival of our planet.

In response, Earth Day 2018 is dedicated to providing the information and inspiration needed to fundamentally change human attitude and behavior about plastics.

Earth Day Network is working to secure a future free of plastic pollution. Please join us! [Sign our petition.](#)

<https://www.earthday.org/end-plastic-pollution-petition/>

BE THE CHANGE

What is Earth Day, and what is it meant to accomplish?

A message from Earth Day President, Kathleen Rogers

Close to 48 years ago, on 22 April 1970, millions of people took to the streets to protest the negative impacts of 150 years of industrial development.

In the US and around the world, smog was becoming deadly and evidence was growing that pollution led to developmental delays in children. Biodiversity was in decline as a result of the heavy use of pesticides and other pollutants.

The global ecological awareness was growing, and the US Congress and President Nixon responded quickly. In July of the same year, they created the Environmental Protection Agency, and robust environmental laws such as the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act, among many.

Earth Day is now a global event each year, and we believe that more than 1 billion people in 192 countries now take part in what is the largest civic-focused day of action in the world.

It is a day of political action and civic participation. People march, sign petitions, meet with their elected officials, plant trees, cleanup their towns and roads. Corporations and governments use it to make pledges and announce sustainability measures. Faith leaders, including Pope Francis, connect Earth Day with protecting God's greatest creations, humans, biodiversity and the planet that we all live on.

Earth Day Network (EDN), the organization that leads Earth Day worldwide, today announced that Earth Day 2018 will focus on mobilizing the world to End Plastic Pollution, including creating support for a global effort to eliminate single-use plastics along with global regulation for the disposal of plastics. EDN will educate millions of people about the health and other risks associated with the use and disposal of plastics, including pollution of our oceans, water, and wildlife, and about the growing body of evidence that decomposing plastics are creating serious global problems.

From poisoning and injuring marine life to the ubiquitous presence of plastics in our food to disrupting human hormones and causing major life-threatening diseases and early puberty, the exponential growth of plastics is threatening our planet's survival. EDN has built a multi-year campaign to ***End Plastic Pollution***. Our goals include ending single-use plastics, promoting alternatives to fossil fuel-based materials, promoting 100 percent recycling of plastics, corporate and government accountability, and changing human behavior concerning plastics.

EDN's End Plastic Pollution campaign includes four major components:

- Leading a grassroots movement to support the adoption of a global framework to regulate plastic pollution;
- Educating, mobilizing and activating citizens across the globe to demand that governments and corporations control and clean up plastic pollution;
- Educating people worldwide to take personal responsibility for plastic pollution by choosing to reject, reduce, reuse and recycle plastics; and
- Promoting local government regulatory and other efforts to tackle plastic pollution.

All of Earth Day Network's campaigns, whether protecting forests, registering new voters or greening cities, help create a greener, more sustainable future. You can get involved now to make your mark in the urgent fight against climate change.

United Methodist Women calls for sound stewardship of the earth and environmentally friendly lifestyles that preserve creation for the benefit of present and future generations.

Get involved in environmental work:

"They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord." ~Isaiah 65:25

United Methodist Book of Discipline:

All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings. God has granted us stewardship of creation. We should meet these stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect. (**Social Principles, ¶ 160**)

Donna Parks Hill

Mission Education and Interpretation:

Greetings my Sisters!

Winter is over, and spring is in the air! Are you getting excited about what we can do for Missions! I encourage all our units in the district to go online and look over all the criteria that will help you to become a Mission Today Unit.

I hope you are making plans to attend Mission u at Pfeiffer University, July 19-22. What a wonderful time you'll have and you can meet new friends as well!

A helpful resource for your units is RESPONSE magazine....

As you go forth, think over just what is MISSIONS?

M- motivate
i- inspire
s- seek
s- share
i- ignite
o- oneness
n- nurture
s- steadfast

Be Blessed!

Roberta Walker

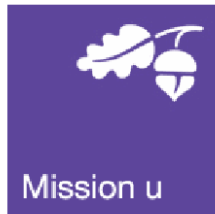


WNCC UMW
Mission u
July 19-22, 2018

*****Register by July 5*****

Pfeiffer University
48380 US Hwy 52N
Misenheimer, NC 28109

“Life...Abundantly”



What does God tell us about caring for Earth? Loving our neighbors? Loving ourselves? Being good stewards of financial and environmental resources? Join us as we learn about the abundant life Jesus promises.

**Workshop for Leaders of Children’s Study:
“Money Matters: A Study for Children”**

Leader: Sandy Hieronymus
Session Time: 4:15 pm Friday or Saturday
This workshop provides potential study leaders with suggestions and examples for hands-on learning experiences from the study.

Full-Time Youth Camp: “Is It Just Money? Our Dollars, God’s Economy”

Leaders: Sherry Sink and Renee Hayes
“This exploration of money as it relates to faith and justice will help youth deepen their understanding of the complex questions that surround making, having, giving, and using money.” The camp also offers opportunities for youth who are interested in relationship-building and hands-on mission.

Spiritual Growth Study: Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living

Full-Time Leader: Dr. Patty Meyers
Overview Leader: Sandra Williamson
“God has called us to live in covenantal relationship with all of creation and challenges readers to work toward stronger and healthier relationships with creation, their communities, themselves, and God.”

Issue Study: What About Our Money? A Faith Response

Full-Time Leaders: Laquetta Barbee, Anita Fox, Jennifer Burton Lineberry, Pamela Moye, and Steve Taylor
Overview Leader: Janice Lentz
“Through this connection between our faith and our money, readers discover how to live closer to God and God’s people, even in our North American culture that is so deeply defined by money.”

Geographic Study: Missionary Conferences of the UMC in the US

Full-Time Leader: Barbara Campbell
“This study gives an overview of the three missionary conferences in The United Methodist Church, the contexts out of which they grew and their current engagements.”

Put the ‘u’ in Mission u!

Local Unit officers and members of UMW, District and Conference UMW Officers, District Chairpersons of Mission Engagement, Clergy, interested men, women, and youth; in short—**YOU—are invited to attend!**

Registration is open May 1-July 5.

All Registrations must be received no later than JULY 5, 2018.

NO ONSITE REGISTRATION

Full-Time Studies/Fee range \$50-\$190

Check-in Thursday, July 19, 2:00-6:00 PM.
First session begins at 6:30 PM.

One-Day Overview Studies/Fee range \$30-\$40

Friday, July 20, and Saturday, July 21.
Check-in 8:00 AM-8:45 AM.
Class begins at 9:00 AM.

Hands-On Mission Project: School Kits

- 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 3 pads of paper (or packs of 100-150 sheets)
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener (remove from packaging)
- 1 30-centimeter ruler
- 6 unsharpened pencils
- 1 2-inch or larger-size eraser
- 1 24-count box of crayons (**only** this size)
- 1 14x16 inch cloth bag

Place items in cloth school kit bag.

(Please make check payable to UMCOR Sager Brown for at least \$1.00 per kit for shipping.)



(Instructions for sewing a bag and assembling kit: <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/School.>)

YOUTH CAMP is limited to 20 participants and will last the full time of Mission u. For youth participants, there are covenant and consent forms that must be completed and accompany the basic registration form. Those forms are available from the Mission u officers, District Presidents, and our Conference website at www.wnccumw.org.

DORM DETAILS: New Hall (\$190): private rooms with private bathroom. Limited availability based on order of registration.
Other dorms: single (\$175) or double (\$160) occupancy with **community bathrooms**.

Mission u Policies and Information

SPECIAL NEEDS: If you have any physical conditions that require consideration in room or classroom assignment, please explain on registration form or on a separate sheet of paper stapled to your form.

Child care is not available.

REFUNDS: There will be no refunds without at least 7 days' notice. (**\$50.00 of Resident Fee is not refundable.**)

HOUSING: Bring bed linens (including **blanket** and pillow), towels, clothes hangers, toiletries, bathrobe, and any other items necessary for your comfort away from home. (Wireless internet is available all over campus.)

CLASSES: Full-Time students take **two** studies: Embracing Wholeness and **either** Missionary Conferences **or** What About Our Money?

Overview students take **one** study: **either** Embracing Wholeness **or** What About Our Money? (Attend both days if you wish to take both studies.)

Study books are available from the Mission Resource Center and at all Conference events prior to Mission u. A **limited** number will be available in the Resource Room during Mission u. Participants are **strongly** encouraged to purchase and read the texts before arriving at Mission u.

CEU's and Advanced Lay Servant Certifications: Continuing Education Units and Advanced Lay Servant Certifications are available if requirements are met.

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Friday and Saturday Afternoon Activities (4:15-5:15)

Chair Aerobics

Workshop for Leaders of Children's Study
'A Way Forward'—UMW Responds

More information and updates may be found at our Conference website:
www.wnccumw.org

ADULT REGISTRATION - 2018 WNCC UMW Mission u

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Date	_____
Reg #	_____
Ck #	_____
Amt	_____

Full-Time Students:

- Resident - New Hall - \$190
- Resident - Single Room - \$175
- Resident - Double Room - \$160
- Non-Resident with meals - \$90
- Non-Resident without meals - \$50

Overview Students:

- One Day Over-View with Lunch - \$40
Attending _____ Friday _____ Saturday
- One Day Over-View without Lunch - \$30
Attending _____ Friday _____ Saturday

STUDENT INFORMATION: Please print clearly and complete all information.

Name: _____ First Timer? Yes
(Name for name tag)

Church: _____ District: _____ F M

Age Level: 18 - 29 30 - 39 40 - 49 50 - 59 60 & over

Address: _____
Street or P. O. Box City State ZIP

Telephone : (_____) _____ Email: _____

Roommate (if applicable) _____ (Forms must be sent in together!)

Emergency contact: Name: _____ Telephone: (_____) _____

Special housing or classroom needs (please be specific): _____
(First-floor dorm rooms are limited—please request only if essential. We may not be able to accommodate both roommate preference and a first-floor room. Please indicate if you can manage a 2nd or 3rd floor dorm room.)

Resident & Non-Resident Full-Time Students, which Mission Study do you prefer?

Note: All full-time students take the Spiritual Growth Study and choose one class from the two listed below.

- What About Our Money? **or** Missionary Conferences in the US

One-Day Overview Students, which Mission Study do you prefer?

- What About Our Money? **or** Embracing Wholeness

Workshop for Children’s Study Leaders (4:15 pm Friday or Saturday) I plan to attend this.

- PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:** Are you a ... Conference Officer District Officer
 Local Unit Officer Unit/Circle Member Scholarship Recipient Mission Personnel
 Deaconess Clergy Study Leader

PLEASE CHECK IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP AT Mission u as a:

- Full-Time Students:** Golf Cart Driver Class Hostess—Assist the study leader as needed
 Class Tech Support Class Secretary—Take roll in class

Overview Students: Class Secretary/Hostess (Take roll and assist study leader as needed)

REGISTRATION FORM & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 5, 2018

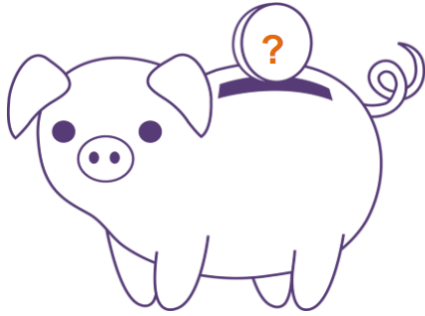
Make check payable to: United Methodist Women

Mail check and registration form to:

LaDonna Butts
865 Lake Lynn Rd
Concord 28025-9634

Mission u 2018
Residential Youth Camp
July 19-22
Pfeiffer University,
48380 U.S. Highway 52N
Misenheimer, NC 28109

Residential Youth Camp provides the opportunity for up to 20 high school students or recent graduates to participate in study, worship, fellowship and hands-on ministry.



Is It Just Money?
Our Dollars,
God's Economy

"This exploration of money as it relates to faith and justice will help youth deepen their understanding of the complex questions that surround making, having, giving, and using money.

Leaders: **Sherry Sink and Renee Hayes**

COST: \$150 per student. The expectation is that the student will pay \$50 towards the experience with their local church/UMW unit paying the balance of \$100.

AGE: Mission u Youth Camp is open to high school students who are rising 9th graders through those who have just completed 12th grade.

SPECIAL NEEDS: If you have any physical conditions that require consideration in room or classroom assignment, please explain on registration form or on separate sheet of paper stapled to your form.

HOUSING: Housing will be in a college dorm.

CONSENT FORMS: For youth participants, there are covenant and consent forms that must be completed and accompany the basic registration form. Those forms are available from the school officers, district presidents, and our conference website at www.wnccumw.org. **There will be a youth curfew in effect at 11:30 PM.**

WHAT TO BRING:

- **Your Bible (of course!)**
- Musical instrument if you play
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, body wash, etc. etc. etc.!!) Whatever you need to be clean & happy!
- Outdoor toiletries (bug spray & sun screen) Whatever you need to be comfortable!
- Sheets/blanket/pillow (Twin XL) or a sleeping bag instead of sheets/blanket
- Bath towels/wash cloths/hand towels
- Rain gear if forecasted
- Clothes, sleepwear, & footwear (SOCKS & SHOES) that will keep you comfortable & happy!

On Friday and Saturday, we will be going out into the community for hands-on ministry experiences and activities. You will need to wear a T-shirt or tank top (no spaghetti straps), shorts are fine (not too short), socks and closed-toed shoes. (You MUST have closed-toed shoes).

- Medicines (Please bring them in prescription bottles/containers)-Need parent/legal guardian's permission/advisement regarding your medicine schedule
- Copy of your health insurance card & vaccination records
- List of any dietary restrictions/concerns
- Jacket, sweat shirt, hat, sun glasses
- Small amount of spending money if desired
- Camp Chair
- It's OK to bring electronic devices (computers, e-readers, tablets, cell phones, etc. etc. etc.) **BUT you are responsible for them.** (Wireless internet is available on the campus.)
- **DO NOT BRING: Expensive items or items of sentimental value that you would be unhappy if they were lost or broken!**
- **Also plan to bring Open Minds, Open Hearts, & Open Hands!**

United Methodist Women Appalachian District Scholarship Application 2018

Each year the Appalachian District awards stipends for attendance at the following events:



for Mission u



for the North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women Annual Celebration



for a teen girl to attend one of the above events

Each unit is encouraged to submit applications from your unit based on only two considerations:

A person who has never attended before

A person who is interested in learning more about United Methodist Women

Please encourage women in your unit to apply for one of these great opportunities to grow their faith! The recipients of the stipends will be chosen by the District Executive Committee by June 1, 2018.

This application is for: (check one)

- Mission u at Pfeiffer University July 19-22, 2018
- North Carolina Conference Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska September 14 16, 2018
- Teen Application for Mission u at Pfeiffer University July 19-22, 2018
- Teen Application for North Carolina Conference Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska Sept. 14 16, 2018

Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone

Mobile Phone

Work Phone

E-mail Address

Local Church

Please share why you want to attend your chosen event and how you plan to use the knowledge you will gain:

Recommendation statement from a fellow United Methodist Woman:

Signature

Date

Return completed form to Lorraine Burns, PO Box 473, Granite Falls, NC or lorraineburns@gmail.com.

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2018 UMW Appalachian District Nurturing Partners

Church / Unit	Nurturing Partner	Church / Unit	Nurturing Partner
Arbor Grove	Jan Taylor	Jefferson	Jan Taylor
Banner Elk	Sherry Summerlin	Littlejohn	Katie Burns
Barbara Heck	Kimberly Smith	Maple Springs	Jan Taylor
Baton	Margo Bowman	Millers Creek	Jan Taylor
Bethelview	Pamela Reid	Monticello	Linda Greer
Bethlehem	Linda Greer	Mount Bethel (Hickory)	Sherry Summerlin
Boone	Jan Taylor	Mount Hermon	Sherry Summerlin
Broad Street	Linda Greer	Mount Zion (Lenoir)	Margo Bowman
Calvary	Nikki Vance	Mountain View	Nikki Vance
Charity (Elkin)	Donna Parks Hill	New Covenant	Margo Bowman
Chestnut Hill	Nikki Vance	Pine Grove	Belinda Johnson
Christ Boulevard	Brenda Kimberlin	Piney Creek	Donna Parks Hill
Clifton	Nancy Reigel	Piney Grove	Kimberly Smith
Colliers	Katie Burns	Pisgah (Hiddenite)	Beverly Curtis
Cool Spring	Micki Earp	Providence	Sara Reid
Cox's Chapel	Beverlee Scott	Scott's Chapel	Katie Burns
Deerfield	Roberta Walker	Shiloh (Sparta)	Beverlee Scott
Ebenezer (Granite Falls)	Lorraine Burns	Smethport	Martha Phillips
First (Elkin)	Beverlee Scott	Snow Creek	Sara Reid
First (Granite Falls)	Beverly Curtis	Sparta	Kimberly Smith
First (Jonesville)	Kimberly Smith	Stony Point	Nancy Johnson
First (North Wilkesboro)	Jan Taylor	Temple Hill	Kimberly Smith
First (Taylorville)	Sherry Summerlin	Union Grove	Sara Reid
Friendship (Statesville)	Beverly Curtis	Warrensville	Denise Harris
Gamewell	Lorraine Burns	Wesley Chapel (Hamptonville)	Kimberly Smith
Grace Chapel	Sherry Summerlin	Wesley Memorial	Denise Harris
Grassy Creek (State Road)	Kimberly Smith	Wesley's Chapel (Elkin)	Kimberly Smith
Harper's Chapel (Patterson) NC	Margo Bowman	West Jefferson	Donna Parks Hill
Hiddenite	Nancy Johnson	Wilkesboro	Lorraine Burns
Hudson	Lorraine Burns		

Join us at The Lake

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

2018 Spiritual Growth Retreat



June 15-16, 2018

Opening Session 6:45pm • Ends Noon Saturday
Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium • Rev. Dr. Suzanne G. Michael

Retreat Registration Opens February 7th
Early Bird ONLINE Registration \$15/person

Advance registration fees are transferable, but non-refundable. So, if someone registers for the retreat, and is unable to attend, their registration 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 you complete your own registration. Help other members of your local unit register online and save.

On-site registration at the retreat \$25/person

DO NOT mail Retreat registration fee money to Lake Junaluska. Contact us if you have any questions about registration.

2018 Retreat Leader



Rev. Dr. Suzanne
G. Michael,
Senior Pastor
New Hope
UMC,
Winston Salem

Music Leader Justin Snyder
Forest Hill UMC, Concord
Song Leader Lindsay Megill

Complete information
about the retreat is
available on our website:
www.wnccumw.org

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Mark your Calendar
Register **ONLINE** and
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Questions?

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Hands on Mission Project: Hygiene Kits
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Lambuth Inn Newly Renovated • Saturday Lunch Option @ the Terrace

Lake Junaluska Accommodations & Rates

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

To Make Reservations

Housing Reservations
open February 7th

Group Code: 2881918390

Call Lake Junaluska

1.800.222.4930 / 1.828.452.2881

Select 1 for the reservations department, the next available agent will be able to assist you. The reservations team is on duty from 8:00am until 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.

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The Terrace Hotel / Newly Renovated Lambuth Inn

(Private baths, Free WIFI, TV, air conditioning, phone, mini-fridge, elevator)

Per person rates include: Room (11% tax) & Meal Plan (7% tax)

(meal plan includes Friday dinner & Saturday breakfast and is not optional)

	TERRACE per person	TOTAL	LAMBUTH per person	TOTAL
SINGLE	\$133.20 + 27.82	\$161.02	\$122.10 + 27.82	\$149.92
DOUBLE	\$ 66.60 + 27.82	\$ 94.42	\$ 61.05 + 27.82	\$ 88.87
TRIPLE	\$ 52.17 + 27.82	\$ 79.99	\$ 48.84 + 27.82	\$ 76.66
QUAD	\$ 44.40 + 27.82	\$ 72.22	\$ 43.29 + 27.82	\$ 71.11

Saturday Lunch Option @ the Terrace \$13 +tax

Hillside Lodge (fka Lakeside Lodge) & Junaluska Apartments

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

Per Person Rates include: **ROOM w/11% tax**

SINGLE \$79.92 - DOUBLE \$47.73 - TRIPLE \$36.63 - QUAD \$29.97

Apartments: Type A, C & D have kitchens w/small refrigerators, countertop burners, microwave, and limited equipment and dishes

Important Lodging Information:

- Telephone Reservations: Payment by credit card required at time of making reservation (room rate + meal plan. Specifically excludes incidentals or room damage).
- Exception: Payment by check: Check must be received by Lake Junaluska within 10 days of reservation or room released back to WNCC Room Block.
- Photo-ID and Credit Card required of each guest upon check-in.
- 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 – 4:00pm; Check-Out 11:00am (All facilities)
- 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 for guests staying off-site: Friday dinner - \$16, Saturday breakfast \$13 plus 7% tax – No Saturday lunch reservations accepted after May 14, 2018.

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Registration Open February 7

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



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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

Mission Study

Sparta United Methodist Church Saturday, April 21, 2018

Hands on Mission Opportunity: UMCOR School Kits



Theme: *Sacred Spaces with Neighbors*
Study: *Living As a Covenant Community*
Registration: 9:30 a.m.
Study: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
(with a working lunch)

Study Leader: Ann Aldridge

Love Offering: Gift in Memory of Linda Young

Annual Meeting

Broad Street UMC Statesville • Saturday, August 25, 2018

Theme: *Celebrating Sacred Spaces*

Registration: 9:30 am/Meeting: 10:00 am

Drawing to be held at the District meeting this year for the C.P.R. “Feel the Luv” care package; all units who requested a LUV visit will be entered for a chance to win!



Leadership and Membership Development Training

First Elkin United Methodist Church Saturday, November 3, 2018

Theme: *Developing Sacred Spaces*

Registration: 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Training: 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

