



Blue Ridge District Newsletter

United Methodist Women

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

Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women's 2018 Annual Meeting

Join the United Methodist Women Annual Meeting Celebration



Come! Be Inspired! Hear what our Blue Ridge District UMW units have done, are doing and will do!

When: August 25, 2018, 9:30 registration, 10:00 meeting

Where: Abernethy United Methodist Church, 1418 Patton Ave, Asheville, NC 28806

Speaker: Dr. Phyllis Worthy Dawkins, President Bennett College

Love Offering: In honor of Dr. Phyllis Dawkins and the Faculty and Staff of Bennett College.

Hands on Project: Project AGAPE Christmas Boxes for the Children of Armenia (See page 10)

Program Resources: The resource room will be available to pick up program and reading books and UMW cards.

Directions to Abernethy United Methodist Church: From East of Asheville: take I-40 West towards Asheville to exit 53B for I-240 West. Stay on I-240 W. Keep left at the fork to continue on US-19 S/US-23 S/US-74 ALT W. You will pass by First Citizens Bank on the right. Destination will be on the left.

From West of Asheville: Take I-40 East towards Asheville to exit 44 for US-19/US-23. Turn left onto US-19 N/US-23 N/US-74 ALT E. Destination will be on your right. **From South of Asheville: Take I-26 West towards Asheville. Merge onto I-40 W. Take exit 44 for US-19/US-23. Turn left onto US-19 N/US-23 N/US-74 ALT E. Destination will be on your right.**

Attending the annual meeting fulfills criteria #11 of Mission Today Unit!!!

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(Acceptance of articles will depend on space available and interest to the entire District.)

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2018 NURTURING PARTNERS (SHEPHERDESSES)

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

PLEASE ASK YOUR NURTURING PARTNER TO VISIT YOUR UNIT!

Nurturing Partner	Church	Nurturing Partner	Church
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A Message from Your President

Hello everyone, hope your summer is going great. When I wrote of beginning our journey together, I never dreamed the road would take so many detours. For awhile, I thought there were more valleys than mountaintops. I am certainly not the only person who feels or has felt this way. It was at these low points, your beautiful cards with such uplifting messages came, your calls and most of all your prayers that made me realize the valleys were only temporary. Thank you for caring for me.

We're halfway through our 2018 journey and so much is coming up. The District Annual Celebration is August 25 at Abernethy United Methodist Church in Asheville. We are so excited to have Dr. Phyllis Worthy Dawkins, President, Bennett College, as our speaker. Our Love Offering will go to undesignated giving in honor of Dr. Dawkins, faculty, and staff. Hands on Project is Christmas Shoe Boxes for the Children of Armenia. This meeting will include the election of 2019 officers. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Mission u at Pfeiffer University, July 19-22. The District Executive Committee approved two scholarship applications at the June 9 meeting. The recipients are a mother and daughter from Addie's Chapel.

Congratulations to the UMW at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Asheville for reaching 100 percent in giving to the Legacy Fund. There is a wonderful article on this in the June issue of response magazine.

We're all working hard to achieve the District's 2018 goals: Honor the Western North Carolina Conference Goal to increase membership by 5%; make 80 percent of Nurturing Partner visits, and achieve 100 percent participation in the Legacy Fund. Continue to use Gift to Mission and Gift in Memory cards.

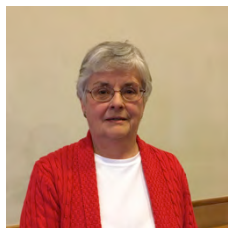
Thank you for the wonderful work you are doing to improve the lives of women, children a youth in countless ways. God bless you.

Fran Jordan, *Blue Ridge District President*

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”
–Mahatma Ghandi

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

Vice President



As summer heats up, I'm getting excited about our district celebration on August 25 at Abernethy United Methodist Church. The front page of this newsletter provides all the pertinent information about this year's event. Celebration is a special time because we look back at what our UMW units have accomplished in the preceding year and challenge ourselves to continue our work for women, children, and youth.

In recent years, our district annual celebration has featured one of the five mission institutions located in our conference, and we've invited a representative to tell us about his/her organization. This year we planned to feature Bennett College. And we hit the jackpot: Dr. Phyllis Worthy Dawkins, the president of Bennett College, agreed to be our speaker! Bennett College is a private, historically Black liberal arts college for women located in Greensboro and has a rich association with Methodism and Methodist women. For almost a century, it has been supported by United Methodist Women and our ancestor organizations. I'm excited to hear what Dr. Dawkins has to share and hope all of you will plan to attend.

Here's more information about Dr. Dawkins:

Asheville native Dr. Phyllis Worthy Dawkins was appointed President of Bennett College on July 5, 2017, after serving as Interim President for nearly a year and as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. During her tenure, Bennett College has signed Memorandums of Understanding with American Language Academy, Pfeiffer University and Winston-Salem State University. Also under her leadership, the College started its English as a Second Language program, online courses and Mini-mester (abbreviated) courses, and alumnae giving has topped \$1.5 million during the current fiscal year that ended on June 30.



Dr. Dawkins has been highly visible in the Greensboro community and has reinvigorated Bennett's relationship with various denominations, particularly its founding denomination The United Methodist Church. Before coming to Bennett College, Dr. Dawkins worked at Cheyney University in Cheyney, Pennsylvania, Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana, and Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina. Dr. Dawkins earned a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University, a Master of Arts from The University of Michigan and a Bachelor of Science from Johnson C. Smith University.

She is married to Dr. Bobby G. Dawkins, and they have two adult daughters: Malia Dawkins Jennings (Derek), M.A., an actress, writer/producer and account manager for NCompass International; and Demi Dawkins, M.D., who is in a Neurosurgery Residency at the University of Wisconsin.

Gwen Harris, *Blue Ridge District Vice President*

Secretary



Thanks to deaconesses Betty J. Letzig and Barbara E. Campbell for an informative district mission study April 29 on the three missionary conferences of the United Methodist Church—the Alaska Conference, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and the Red Bird Missionary Conference in Kentucky. Those in attendance learned much about the history and current status of these conferences. Our expert leaders provided helpful handouts that included a list of suggested follow-up actions that we might take, such as:

- * Pray for the ministries of the missionary conferences.
- * Organize a missionary conferences study in your church or UMW unit.
- * Use missionary conference articles from *response* magazine for UMW programs.
- * Visit Red Bird Mission/Henderson Settlement and consider sponsoring a craft fair showcasing their work.
- * Give a supplementary gift (after paying pledge) to a UMW national mission institution associated with the missionary conferences, such as Red Bird Mission, Henderson Settlement, Nome Community Center or Alaska Child and Family Services.
- * Collect soup and education labels for Red Bird.
- * Support the annual Native American Sunday offering in your church.
- * Urge your church's mission committee to consider Advance Special support for one of the Red Bird institutions and or the missionary conferences.
- * Volunteer at Red Bird or Henderson, and encourage work teams from your church to visit a missionary conference.
- * Establish contact with women of the Cherokee churches.
- * Become acquainted with Lumbee ministries.
- * Subscribe to Red Bird and Henderson Settlement newsletters, and watch for articles about Native American and Appalachian issues.
- * Read *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance.

Karen Anderson, *Blue Ridge District Secretary*

Treasurer



May has been such an exciting month. Assembly 2018 in Columbus, Ohio was wonderful. I hope many of you were able to attend. If you could not make it, please be on the lookout for information from Units, District, and Conference communications.

Can you believe 2018 is almost half over? This means we have completed half our United Methodist Women's year of mission giving. Unit Treasurers have sent their 2nd quarter reports and checks to me. Thank you to each Treasurer for your dedication to United Methodist Women.

Thank you to each of our Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women Units for your spirit of giving to mission. The contribution of each unit is extremely important in supporting UMW efforts around the world on behalf of women, children, and youth. I am confident all of us are working to make sure we again reach our goals for UMW mission giving.

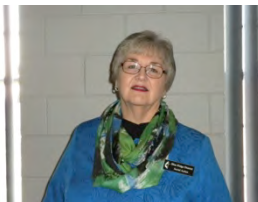
We have a wealth of knowledge in the Blue Ridge District about the history of United Methodist Women and our Mission Institutions. I encourage you to visit our Deaconesses and Home Missioners who reside at Brooks Howell Home. You can increase your knowledge of the life changing work being performed by use of the Mission Giving from Units just like yours.

Please remember that many of our units may be small in the number of members, but we are all big in heart and in working for United Methodist Women. I am very proud to be serving you as District Treasurer for the fifth year. It is a pleasure to meet many of you at District and Conference events. I encourage you to contact your Nurturing Partner for a visit to your unit meeting or to discuss any issues you may have.

Have a wonderful and safe summer. Looking forward to seeing many of you soon.

Carol Bryson, Blue Ridge District Treasurer

Spiritual Growth



Hello UMW Sisters. As this newsletter goes to print, many of us will be attending the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska. Just being at the lake touches me in a special way. The Conference team always does such an awesome job in planning every detail of this meeting to make it a time of worship and renewal. Martha Efird, our Conference Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth, has worked since last year to ensure that we come away renewed and inspired to carry on the work of the United Methodist Women. I encourage you to begin to make plans now to attend as many of the future district and conference meetings as you can. You will not be disappointed. The friendships you make with your UMW sisters are priceless.

I was so fortunate to travel to Columbus, Ohio, for the 2018 Assembly. If you have not attended an Assembly, you have missed a blessing. What a time of praise and worship! The thousands of women gathered together from all over the world celebrated our 150-year legacy in style. Pray for our United Methodist Women as begin our next 150 years being in mission to women, youth, and children.

Lucy Earls, Blue Ridge District Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth

20th century social activist and Catholic worker Dorothy Day brings to question how we revolutionize the world around us. Like her and many of our foremothers, we strive to answer Day's question of revolution – and many of us have found that the work for change does, in fact, "start with each one of us." Spiritual growth has been a long-held part of the work of United Methodist Women and is an expression of our personal and communal commitments to see Christ in the world.

*The greatest challenge of the day is:
How to bring about a revolution of the heart,
a revolution which has to start with each one of us?*

-Dorothy Day

(taken from UMW website)

Education and Interpretation

A number of your district team and other United Methodist Women from our district recently attended the 2018 UMW Assembly, held in Columbus, Ohio. I have attended a number of assemblies and have always found them to be exciting and excellent in preparing us for our work for and with women, children and youth. This assembly was no exception. I hope each of you will be able to attend an Assembly in the future or at least will be able to watch via streaming. The 2022 Assembly will be held in Orlando, Florida.

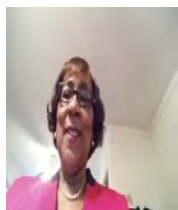
Thanks to all who attended the 2018 mission study held on April 28, 2018. Barbara Campbell and Betty Letzig did an awesome job educating us on the three Missionary Conferences in the US. One person said she learned more from Barbara and Betty than she did at last year's Mission U. Sixty-seven persons attended with 107 hygiene kits brought to the event. We heard your concerns about problems with hearing and will try to have microphones at future studies.

Well ---- UMCOR has again revised the list of items for kits. First, school kits no longer need to be put into cloth school bags, but into 2-gallon plastic bags. Linda Greer, Conference Coordinator for Mission Education and Interpretation says the bags to be collected from the districts at the June Spiritual Growth Retreat will be used for programs and other goodies and then, when they are returned at Mission U filled with school kits, they be sent to Project AGAPE in Armenia. If you would like your kits to go to UMCOR, put them in plastic bags. If they are in cloth bags, they will go to Project AGAPE. Hygiene kits now require 10 band-aids rather than 6 and only fingernail or toenail clippers will be accepted, no metal files. If you are working on new kits, be sure to check out UMCOR.org website for any updates.

Projects for the Annual Celebration will include Gift to Mission and Gift in Memory Cards as well as Christmas Boxes for AGAPE in Armenia. The Project AGAPE shoebox list has been updated and is included in this newsletter. Hope to see many of you at Mission U!

Jeanette Byrd, Blue Ridge District Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation

Membership Nurture and Outreach



Summer is here, ready or not. I'm sure vacation and family time is on everyone's mind. Summer is a busy season and we get caught up in a lot of services and activities. Remember to also take time to relax, meditate and focus on your spiritual well-being.

Please take advantage of these United Methodist opportunities:

*Mission U July 19 – 22 at Pfeiffer University in Misenheimer, NC

*The Blue Ridge District Annual Celebration Saturday, August 25th at Abernethy

United Methodist Church. Mark your calendar and join fellow United Methodist Women at these events.

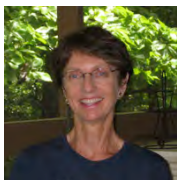
If you have not had a visit with your Nurturing Partner, please contact them so a meeting can be arranged. Remember, we are here to assist and support one another.

It is not too late to contribute to the Legacy Fund. Together we can assure that our ongoing Mission work will continue.

May God smile upon you as you work the purpose of United Methodist Women.

Connie Martin, Blue Ridge District Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach

Communications Coordinator



It looked like the Mission Study and Assembly 2018 were excellent. See the pictures on pages 18 and 19. Below are the deadlines for the last newsletter of the year. I am always glad to get info from your Unit. Just send it via email!

2018 Deadlines for information for the District Newsletter are:

Sept. 15, 2018 (Newsletter mailed first week of October)

Peggy Sanders, Blue Ridge District Communications Coordinator

[Social Action](#)



Hi everyone I hope you are having a wonderful summer with maybe a little slower pace. I know if you have read any recent headlines you have seen how pertinent our social justice priorities have become. From immigration to the melting of the Antarctic icesheets, our world is in chaos. For this summer I challenge you to treat all of God's creation with kindness, compassion and respect. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we can make a real difference . the power of one is amazing when multiplied by God.

Kathy Kennedy, Blue Ridge District Mission Coordinator for Social Action

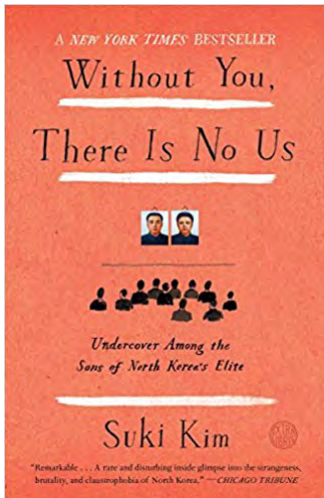
[Program Resources](#)



Hello Everyone! I hope you have all weathered the torrential rains that most of us have had recently, and like me, now you're trying very hard not to complain about the heat! Thanks Lord, for sending both Your rain and Your sunshine!

At our Blue Ridge District Executive Board meeting last Saturday, June 9, I shared my review of the book [Without You There is No Us](#), by Suki Kim. Then this past week, many of us saw the media reports of the summit meeting between President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, the son of Kim Jong-il, the leader in Suki Kim's story.

I realized that my having read the book might bias my view of the summit events, but then--if I had read the book *after* the summit events, would I have a kinder view of Mr. Rocket Man? Highly unlikely. Suki Kim is an undercover American journalist who infiltrated North Korea as a school teacher. The title of her book comes from the chants of her North Korean school children and youth who line up three times a day and chant adorations and praises to the man they revere as the world's foremost expert on every subject. They believe that without their leader—at that time it was Kim Jung-il- there would be no North Korea; there would be no us; there would be no *anything*. And they have been told all their lives that westerners—especially Americans-- are stupid, backward, and primitive.



The great photo-ops we saw this past week—e.g. four women accompanying Kim Jong-un, one of whom was his sister, were surely meant to be a convincing statement on women's equality in North Korea. And those cute little North Korean cheerleaders we saw perform at the Olympics? They are sex slaves.

After all the smiles and pep rallies, those girls go to parties and receptions and service the men and athletes in attendance with whatever demands they make. Girls who resist just might have “disappear.”

Following the summit, our president described what he called a very interesting and positive meeting: “There is no longer a nuclear threat from North Korea. Kim Jong-un is very open and very honorable. North Korea has great potential for the future!”

Indeed, we should certainly hope and pray that Trump's talk with Kim Jong-un at least decreases if not eliminates the risk of nuclear war. But really Mr. President, when you refer to Kim Jong-un as “very honorable” it makes me very, very uncomfortable.

This may sound more like a rant than a book review, but I highly recommend Suki Kim's book. While her story is more of an account of her school teaching experience with her young male students, the book attests to the despicable treatment of *all* North Koreans by a dictator who has no sense of what it means to be humane.

It's an eye-opening account about conditions in a country that has *never* been known to tell the truth or keep its promises. Especially concerning women.

Well on that note, I remain confident that as United Methodist Women we will continue to stand up for the rights of women not just in North Korea, but all over the world.

Blessings to all of you—‘hope to see you at the Annual Meeting in August!

Leith Tate, Blue Ridge District Secretary of Program Resources

[Program Advisory Group](#)

Several years ago when I was a study leader for “Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival”, a local UMW asked me to repeat it at their church. As I was setting it up, one of the long time members there said to me “Why are we doing an Indian study again? Don’t you remember we did that already in the 50’s?” I could truthfully answer “No, I don’t remember that. Actually, I was a child in the 50’s.” At the time It reminded me of hearing “Why are we still talking about world hunger? We’ve done that already.”

Now we’re working to promote the Legacy Fund, and I’m hearing some women ask ”Aren’t we done yet?” The answer is “No, we are NOT done.” We will not be done until EVERY UMW member has been invited to participate in this permanent endowment fund to carry our work into the future.

So be prepared to hear more about the Legacy Fund. It is too important to think “We already did it, didn’t we?” Questions? Concerns? Comments? Please e-mail or call me.

Dixie Liggett, WNC Conference District Advisor for the Blue Ridge District

Ways to Give to the Legacy Fund

- **Online** at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund
- **By phone:** 800-278-7771 (8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST, M - F)
- **By check:**
United Methodist Women
Attn: Development, Legacy Fund
475 Riverside Drive, 15th floor
New York, NY 10115
Write “The Legacy Fund” in the memo section
- **By text** on your mobile device: Text 41444 and enter Legacy150 in the message area.

United Methodist Women and the McDowell Arts Council Association



The United Methodist Women gives ladies an opportunity to develop friendships which would not be possible without being involved in this organization. Pictured here are ladies that became friends and come together at times for fellowship. The occasion here is 'Soup and a Bowl' a fundraiser for the McDowell Arts Council of which Jo Pyatt’s daughter is Executive Director. Pictured left to right: Judy Hawkins, Gwen Harris, Lucy Earls, Carolyn Hall, Jo Pyatt, Martha Phillips, and Susie Parks. Missing from the group that day was Ann Aldridge. We truly are a supportive fellowship.

Picture and article by Jo Pyatt

2018 Project AGAPE Christmas Boxes for the Children of Armenia (Packing List)

1. Please use only plastic shoe size (6 qt.) boxes with lids. An example of this is made by Sterilite Plastics. Please do not use a cardboard shoe box; it cannot be accepted. The plastic boxes with lids will be useful in other ways to the children and their families.
2. Feel free to include in your box a note of greeting and encouragement. You may want to include a picture of yourself or a group in your church. Also, if you want to correspond with the child who receives your box, please include your postal address.
3. **Please enclose \$5 in cash or check for transportation cost for each box.** Checks are to be made out to: **WNCC Treasurer** and mark "AGAPE-Xmas Boxes" on the memo line. Boxes should be delivered to the Mission Response Center or included in district AGAPE collections.
4. Please choose the age level and sex of the child for whom you want to prepare a box. Fill the box as specified below. LIST EVERYTHING YOU PUT IN YOUR BOX AND THE AMOUNT USING THE CHECKLIST AND TAPE IT SECURELY TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE BOX. If you add anything that is not listed, please write it under "Other." Wrap box with 3 rubber bands to secure the lid.

Please write in the number of items included on the blank lines instead of a check mark if the quantity is other than the mentioned one.

No Toothpaste, Candy, Gum, Batteries (Including Items with Batteries), Used Items, or Perishables!
AND PLEASE TRY TO MAKE EQUAL NUMBERS OF BOXES FOR GIRLS AND BOYS OF ALL AGES.

Infant - 2 years		Ages 3-6		Ages 7-12		Ages 13-18	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1 Baby Blanket		1 Ball		1 Cap or Tobaggan		1 Cap or Tobaggan	
3 Bibs		1 Cap or Tobaggan		1 Coloring Book		1 Comb or Brush	
1 Book (with pictures for toddler)		1 Car		1 Comb or Brush		1 Pkg. Erasers	
1 Comb or Brush		1 Comb or Brush		1 Box Crayons		1 Pkg. Hair Bands or Bows	
3 Cloth Diapers		1 Coloring Book		1 Pkg. Erasers		1 Pkg. Markers	
6 Diaper Pins		1 Box Crayons		1 Pkg. Hair Bands or Bows		1 Mirror	
1 Rattle		1 Doll		1 Pkg. Markers		1 Pair Mittens or Gloves	
1 Sippy Cup		1 Pkg. Hair Bands or Bows		1 Mirror		1 Notepad or Journal	
4 Pairs Socks		1 Pkg. Markers		1 Pair Mittens or Gloves		1 Pencil Sharpener	
1 Soft Toy (no buttons or eyes)		1 Pair Mittens or Gloves		1 Notepad		1 Box Lead Pencils	
1 Teething Ring		1 Notepad		1 Pencil Sharpener		1 Box Colored Pencils	
Other: Please list below		3 Pairs Socks		1 Box Lead Pencils		1 Picture Frame	
		1 Toothbrush		1 Box Colored Pencils		1 Metric Ruler	
		1 Toy or Game		1 Metric Ruler		3 Pairs Socks	
		Other: Please list below		3 Pairs Socks		1 Spinner	
				1 Spinner		1 Set of Screwdrivers	
				1 Stuffed Animal		1 Toothbrush	
				1 Toothbrush		1 Toy or Game	
				1 Toy or Game		1 Underware	
				Other: Please list below		Other: Please list below	

Message from Betty Durham, Conference Officer: Hope all you ladies are doing well and things are going well in your district. We all know that there are ladies in our districts or within the Conference that go beyond the call of duty. Honoring them by ***Dedicating the UMW Annual Celebration Program Book*** is one of the special ways you can recognize that special lady. Please encourage the women of your districts to fill out the attached nomination form and return it to me. Joanie Strohm, our past district president added the following: Bess Redmond, a former President of the Blue Ridge District (when it was the Asheville District) received it three years ago. It is a great honor to receive this and our members should be able to participate.

**WNCC United Methodist Women
Nomination Form for Dedication of Annual Report
2018**

Your Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail: _____

Name of Nominee _____ Local Church _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Criteria: All recipients have served as a local, district, and conference UMW officer.

Local UMW Unit Activities:

District UMW Activities:

Conference UMW Activities:

Local UM Church Activities:

District UM Church Activities:

Conference UM Church Activities:

Community Activities (civic groups, other volunteer activities)

Education/Career Information:

Personal Information (husband, children, hobbies, etc.)

(Use back of form if necessary)

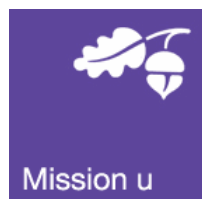
**Return by July 1st to Betty Durham
1111 Parish Street, Greensboro, NC 27408 or betty.durham50@yahoo.com**

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!**

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

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.

Dean Lisa Bacon

(828) 226-2433, lisabacon304@gmail.com

Assistant Dean Patricia Moore

(704) 502-2383, phmoore1183@earthlink.net

Business Manager LaDonna Butts

(704) 652-1994, ladonna.butts@windstream.net

Housing Manager Sandy Letchworth

(336) 813-1168, sletchworth@usindustrialpiping.com

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

Blue Ridge District
United Methodist Women

2018
Scholarship Application Form

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

Mission u: April 28, 2018 Annual Meeting: July 30, 2018

Name: _____ Church: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Adult or Youth? _____

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

_____ Mission u! (formerly School of Christian Mission) (July 19-22)

_____ WNCC – UMW Annual Meeting (Sept. 14-16)

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

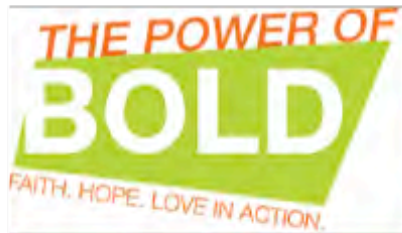
Why do you wish to attend the Mission u! (formerly School of Christian Mission) or Conference Annual Meeting?

Applicant's Signature _____

Recommendation of the UMW President of your local unit:

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail to: District President – Fran Jordan, PO Box 447, Black Mountain, NC 28711



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Western North Carolina Conference

What: 45th Annual Celebration
Celebrating 149 Years in Mission

When: September 14-16, 2018
Registration begins 2pm; Program 6:45pm

Where: Lake Junaluska, Harrell Center

Annual Celebration Registration:

(Begins June 18, 2018)

- On-site registration at Lake Junaluska - \$25.00 per person
- **Get a DISCOUNT! Register early and ONLINE!** Online advance registration, June 18, 2018 through September 9, 2018 is only \$15.00 per person! Use the online registration link on our website at www.wnccumw.org.
- **Advance registration fees are transferable, but non-refundable.** 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 session must have a unique email.
- **DO NOT** mail Annual Celebration registration fee money to Lake Junaluska. Contact us if you have a question about registration.

Keynote Weekend Speaker:

Stell Wallace Financial Chair of National United Methodist Women

Mission Speaker:

Reverend Beth Crissman *Blue Ridge District Superintendent*

Musicians: *Ginger Haselden (song leader) Glenda Fuhrmann (pianist)*

Hands-On Mission: Gift in Memory/ Gift to Mission Cards and Christmas

shoeboxes for Armenia

A BOLD Saturday Afternoon :

Hands-on Projects —make plastic bags into rugs/mats; sew feminine hygiene kits and organize UMCOR kits led by Lynn Alexander, President of Northern Piedmont District

Social Action workshop "School to Prison Pipeline" led by Carolyn Payne, WNCC UMW Social Action Co.

Legacy Fund workshop

BOLD Highlights:

- myUMW Membership Card/ Registration
- Hosting Missionaries for Lunch
- The Celebration Continues...-"Boldly Go Where No One Has Gone" Saturday Night Entertainment
- Inspiration Point, Rose Walk, Susanna Wesley Garden, Biblical Garden, Corneille Bryan Native Garden, 2.3-mile Lakeside Walking Trail

Hostess District: Appalachian



Complete information about Annual Celebration is available on our website:

www.wnccumw.org

Mark your calendar!

Contact Persons:

Annual Celebration Program

Joanie Strohm, Vice President
ssjsmars@charter.net
828-707-8928

Questions about Online Payments

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

Questions & Assistance Online Registration

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



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

Reservations Phone #:
1-800-222-4930 (Toll Free)

**Lake Junaluska
Reservations:
Housing Reservations
Open June 18, 2018**

To book Lake Junaluska
lodging for
Annual Celebration (Group ID
1461)

- 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 www.lakejunaluska.com:
- Click **BOOK NOW** (upper right) of home page
- On **CHECK ROOM AVAILABILITY** screen, select arrival date, # of nights, accommodations, and enter Group ID (1461).
- Click **CHECK NOW** and follow prompts to finish booking.



United Methodist Women
Western North Carolina Conference

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www.wnccumw.org

Visit us on



www.facebook.com/wnccumw

2018 Annual Celebration

September 14-16, 2018 - Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Lake Junaluska Accommodations & Rates

The Terrace or Newly Remodeled Lambuth Inn*

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, elevator, free WI-FI, mini-fridge)
Rates are per person, per day, room & meals, before applicable taxes.

	The Terrace Room per night	Lambuth Inn Room per night		Weekend 5-Meal Package*
Single	\$114	\$106	+	\$60.99
Double	\$57	\$53	+	\$60.99
Triple	\$45	\$36	+	\$60.99
Quad	\$39	\$32	+	\$60.99

*Lake Junaluska operates The Terrace and Lambuth Inn on an American Plan, and meals are required with the room. 5-Meal Package is \$60.99 (tax included) dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch & dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday.

***NOTE: NO SUNDAY Lunch will be provided in this package!**

Hillside Lodge (meals optional)

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, free WI-FI,
three floors, no elevator)

Rates are per person, per day, no meals, before applicable taxes.

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

Lake Junaluska Lodging Information:

Event lodging reservation deposit is equal to the first night's lodging and is due at the time of reservation. Any rooms not reserved with a Lodging Reservations Deposit will be released into general availability 30 days prior to an event. Individual lodging reservations deposit refund policy: 15 days or more before an event receive a full refund minus \$15 processing fee; 14 days or less before an event will not receive a refund.

EXPRESS CHECK-IN: To expedite check-in time, pay room in full at time of reservation or when contacted via email in advance of meeting and make any roommate changes.

CHECK IN TIME for all facilities is 4:00pm; check out is 11:00am.

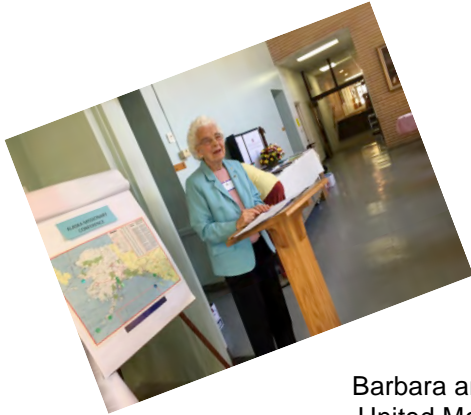
Photo ID and CREDIT CARD for each person for incidentals required at Check-in. For those who do not have a credit card, the Lake suggests purchasing prepaid credit card prior to arrival.

Meal Information:

NOTE: NO Sunday Lunch in this package!

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 or Lambuth Inn. Guests staying in optional meal facilities may purchase a 3-meal package at the same cost of \$36.00 per person for each 3 consecutive meals, or \$60.99 per person for 5 consecutive meals or individual meals can be purchased: \$10.00 for breakfast, \$13.00 for lunch and \$16.00 for dinner. Children 4 through 11 years of age receive meals at half price, 3 years of age and under eat free. **A 5-meal package of \$60.99 per person will automatically be added for each person staying in The Terrace or Lambuth Inn**

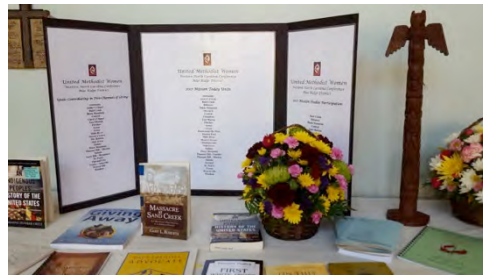
Pictures from Blue Ridge District Mission Study held at Black Mountain UMC on April 28, 2018. Barbara E. Campbell and Betty J. Letzig were the study leaders.



Barbara and Betty, two devoted and dedicated members of the United Methodist Women. Thank you so much for all that you do and have done for the United Methodist Women.



Jeanette Byrd, above and below, talking with Jackie Rio. Jeanette is the MC for Education and Interpretation for the Blue Ridge District.



Fran Jordan, Blue Ridge District President, talking with past Blue Ridge District President Joanie Strohm



Carol Bryson, Anna Hull, and Leith Tate – all members of the Blue Ridge District Executive Committee



To the right, Jo Pyatt talking with members of the United Methodist Women, Sharon Smith and Susie Parks



Dixie Ligget, WNC Conference District Advisor to the Blue Ridge District, talking with past Blue Ridge District President Maureen Carr

**Pictures from Assembly 2018
May 18-20, 2018**



**You will recognize some of
the members from the
Blue Ridge District UMW**



Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women
%CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
27 CHURCH STREET
ASHEVILLE, NC 28801-1218

Mark Your Calendar for 2018:

Blue Ridge District UMW Events for 2018:

August 25 **District Annual Celebration**, Abernethy UMC
Oct. 20 **Ubuntu Day of Service**, Various locations
Nov. 3 **Blue Ridge District Leadership Training**, Snow Hill UMC

Western North Carolina Conference UMW Events for 2018:

July 19-22 **Mission u**, Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer, NC
Sept 14-16 **Conference Annual Celebration**, Lake Junaluska.
Oct 13 **Leadership Development Day for District Officers**, Morganton FUMC



For More Information:

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Join our Conference UMW Email List

Read the **Conference Gram** and your District Newsletter

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Visit us on **YouTube**! www.youtube.com/user/wnccumw

