

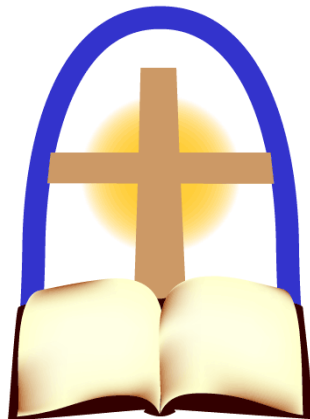


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The Power of Bold has been this year's theme for UMW and Metro District has proven itself to be very Bold!

You have boldly participated in:

- the Mission Study at Forest Hill with Rev. Patty Meyers as facilitator.
- the Prayer Breakfast at North Davidson with Martha Efird as our speaker.
- the Annual Celebration at Matthews with Catherine Ritch as our speaker.
- the regional Walk for Mission at Aldersgate Retirement Community.

At each of these district events, you boldly showed your generosity and support of mission by donating hygiene kits and school kits to UMCOR, diapers and wipes to Bethlehem Center, and over \$500 for the mission walk.

You have boldly represented Metro District at the WNCC UMW events: Spiritual Growth Retreat, Mission u, and Annual Celebration.

Members of the Metro District attended Assembly 2018 in Columbus, Ohio and were blessed to witness the consecration of our own Sylvia Sekle-Dueh as a Deaconess.

As members of the Metro District UMW Mission Team have visited local units, they have been impressed with the bold mission work you are performing in your communities.

As we continue our bold work, local officers—returning and new for 2019—are invited to participate in the Metro District Leadership Development to be held Sunday, November 4, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at St. Stephen UMC, 6800 Sardis Rd, Charlotte. Important information about year end reports and effective leadership will be shared for each office. This year we are asking you to send in a registration form by October 26 indicating who will be attending so that we can better plan for you. A copy of the form is included in the newsletter.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president. As 2018 is drawing to an end, our work as United Methodist Women does not stop. We are already planning for 2019 as we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of UMW in mission!

Lynda Morris, President
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Vice President

Metro District United Methodist Women (UMW) was blessed that our new District Superintendent, Reverend David Hockett, delivered the invocation and conducted the installation of Officers. Reverend Doctor Charles (Chuck) Wilson, senior pastor at Matthews United Methodist Church provided the breakfast blessing and circulated to personally greet participants. Catherine Ritch, a multitalented (author, musician, teacher, inspirational speaker, missionary) Bold United Methodist woman, presented music and a focused message, The Power of Bold, that highlighted the reach of our mission works, comparing us to feathers on the breath of God.

Thank you to the entire Matthews United Methodist Church Family! Everyone contributed graciously and enthusiastically to create a setting for Christian fellowship and learning. Together they provided a welcoming environment; a delicious, nourishing breakfast, and technical support to enhance the entire day.

Thank you also to the UMW District Board. They worked diligently to ensure accurate reports in the Annual Meeting Program, a smooth kit collection of registration process, as well as meaningful, inviting displays and informative program presentations.

As we prepare for the 2019, 150th Celebration Year, we ask that each unit send me the date their church was established with any pertinent background, i.e. merging of churches, name changes, etc.; the year your UMW Unit was established, and pictures throughout the year of your unit's activities. Our plan is to have rolling pictures at each of the three big events (Mission Study, Prayer breakfast and Annual Celebration) where facilities are able to support that technology.

Nancy Ward, Vice President, 704-681-4779 Cell

Treasurer

from your Metro District Treasurer

We have had a successful 2018 thanks to all of the hard work of the Metro District Units and treasurers. Thank you treasurers, for getting remittances in on time.

Please be sure to attend training for all Treasurers on Sunday afternoon, November 4th at St. Stephen UMC in Charlotte at 3 pm. It is especially important for incoming treasurers as well as experienced treasurers because there is always something that has changed.

My mailing address is: Kim Shafer, Metro District UMW, PO Box 20087, Charlotte, NC 28202-0027. My phone # is 704-599-9206.

The due date for the mailing the next Quarterly remittance is November 27th. This deadline is so that I can send out the Metro UMW quarterly remittance on time. Any funds received after December 2nd will be posted to 2019.

Thank you for all you do in support of the United Methodist Women to support women, children and youth! And also, thank you for continuing communications! Don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions about your 2018 giving history, meeting five channels of giving in 2018, Legacy Fund giving or any other questions. And share with your units the inspiring stories of our money in action from *response* magazine.

FAITH-HOPE-LOVE in ACTION!! We DO 'Make It Happen!'

Kim Shafer

Program Resources

How are you doing with your reading goals? Who has completed Plan 1 already? If you haven't you still have time. Remember, you have to read only 5 books (one from each category) to qualify for Plan 1. Looking for your next book? How about *The Sacred Secular* by Dottie Escobedo-Frank. For many people, the idea of church is changing. It may not always take place inside a sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

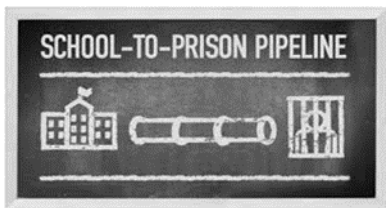
The Sacred Secular examines cultural spaces where people are experiencing something sacred. These places are not in the church. They're in yoga studios, neighborhood potlucks, and TED Talks. Dottie Escobedo-Frank and Rob Rynders see lessons for the church in these spaces. They see new ways we can convey to people that the church is uniquely sacred and significant and that Jesus is for them. These glimpses into the sacred-secular will inspire creative church leaders to set aside their assumptions about what church looks like. The Sacred Secular nurtures empowerment, creativity, spiritual movement, and the courage to embody the sacredness and substance of our faith. (taken from Amazon)

Whether you agree with the author or not, it will certainly give you something to think about. And isn't that what a good book should do?

Happy reading,

Amanda Dyer
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Social Action



This first year has gone by quickly as I ground myself as your Social Action Mission Coordinator. Get actively involved with social issues as they arise and present themselves in our society today. My question is how do we interrupt the school to prison pipeline?



I am challenging us to educate ourselves about Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline so that we will be comfortable in standing up and speaking up against what is going on today as this could be your child/children or my child/children.

Blessings and peace,

Sylvia Sekle-Dueh, Deaconess
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Membership, Nurture and Outreach

Greetings All,

In case you have not heard yet due other events needing to be rescheduled due to hurricane Florence, UBUNTU 2018 on October 20, has been CANCELLED.

It is not too late to do a Mission Walk. With the weather getting cooler it is a perfect time.

This can be done as a group or individually. Those going to Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska October 12-14, a walk around the lake is a perfect Mission Walk.

There is still time to invite a District Officer to your unit meeting or special event. We **WANT** to visit you and see what wonderful things your unit is doing. We can do a program, provide information, answer questions or just come for support. We are just a phone call or email away. Our contact information is listed and a list of Nurturing Partners is listed in this newsletter.

Keep inviting women to join you unit. Ask them with enthusiasm so they will be excited to learn what we are all about. Remember it may take several invitations before they finally accept.

A reminder to local unit officers please get your year-end reports in on time. This is very important so we can get as accurate count of our membership numbers as possible.

Blessing to all,

Debbie Eudy

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Secretary

Local Officer Training is on November 4th at St. Stephen UMC, 6800 Sardis Road, Charlotte, NC 28270. The training will be from 3:00 - 5:00 pm.

When you accepted the position of Secretary of your unit, one of the things you agreed to was to attend training and learn as much as you could about keeping records for your unit. Much information will be shared and hopefully most of it will help to make your job go smoothly.

Please bring a copy of the list of the officers for your unit so we can make changes in our database. We want to be sure that you receive information about events, District Newsletters, as well as Conference information.

Please encourage all the officers in your unit to attend the training. The District Team tries to share as much information as possible so every local officer will understand their position and know who to contact if they need help.

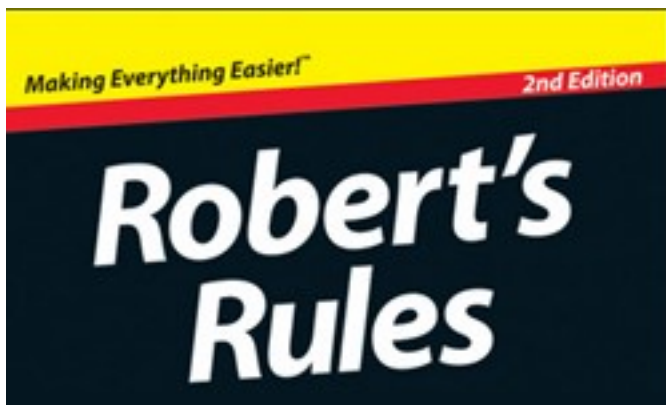
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Parliamentarian

At meetings you may be concerned that there are not enough members available to make a quorum due to several people needing to miss the meeting, and sometimes this happens. I thought I would give you a definition of a quorum according to the Robert's Rules of Order. Hope this helps.

According to Robert's Rules, a quorum is the minimum number of voting members who must be present at a properly called meeting to conduct business in the name of the group. A quorum should consist of "as large as can be depended upon for being present at all meetings when the weather is not exceptionally bad."

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Legacy Fund Endowment



FUNDING THE VISION



Greetings!

Since this is the last newsletter for 2018, I thought it might be a good time for us to highlight some of the major points of the Legacy Fund. As much as we try to communicate in this organization and in most areas of life, it can be a slippery slope. For those of you who read this newsletter and this article, thank you! I encourage you, if you have not done so, to pass on our newsletter information to the rest of your unit. So, here goes:

Do you, and those in your unit know:

That each unit is encouraged to contribute **186.90 for 5 years**, in addition to the unit's pledge?

That each member is encouraged to contribute **\$18.69 for 5 years** or compact the 5 years into one?

That if a member gives money for a **\$150 gift to mission pin** or a **\$50 pendant** through Program resources, they are eligible for a 150 year pin with the logo above ?

That a gift can be given **in honor or in memory of someone** who is special in their life, whether it is a husband, child, grand-child, friend, or someone who has been a mentor life?

That a member may prefer to leave a planned gift, for example , a legacy donation in their will, appreciated stock, a life insurance policy, etc.? We do have materials to help with that process.

I encourage members to send gifts through their unit treasurer so that the unit or individual members receive credit for the donations. The treasurer should specify the donated amount as a unit gift or list individual members who have contributed.

MARK THE DATE!

On March 23, 2019, we will celebrate our 150th anniversary as United Methodist Women, including the predecessor organizations. As a unit, it will be a good year to celebrate our heritage by having a celebration of some kind. Some ideas: Birthday Party, Silent Auction, Rock-a-Thon, Run/Walk event, Game Night and so many more! Include the whole church in your celebration! More to come in 2019

ONE LAST NOTE:

My Legacy jar now has \$20.28 of loose change, more than enough for my \$18.69 donation! The Legacy Fund is *never* a mandate. It is an **invitation** to give out of our love for United Methodist Women ,what it has meant in our lives and the lives of others less fortunate and what it will mean to those generations who follow in our footsteps. Until next year! Blessings!

Kris Peurifoy, Metro District Legacy Energizer: 704-786-2741, Krispeurifoy@aol.com (Would LUV to visit!)

Missions, Education and Interpretation

Project AGAPE: [Christmas Boxes for Armenia](#) Each unit, UMW sister, church and group receives so many requests for support. This is one more – but it is more an alternative request versus a new request. This year please support our Project AGAPE program with your ‘shoe box’ plans for a child’s Christmas. Our Western North Carolina Conference AGAPE project needs your unit’s support. If you are planning to attend Annual Celebration you are aware that Project AGAPE boxes are a ‘Hands On Mission Project’ and may be delivered there. Christmas boxes for girls and boys, young and older are needed. Thank you in advance for supporting this WNCC project.

Project AGAPE — a ministry to Armenia and to some of our most desperate Christian brothers and sisters — is a collaborative effort of the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conferences of The United Methodist Church in a joint effort with the Armenian Apostolic Church. Direct financial support may be given through the Conference Treasurer – WNCC Treasury Services, Project AGAPE, PO Box 18005, Charlotte, NC 28218

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Nominations

Hello Sisters,

It is nearing the end of 2018, and we have some important reminders regarding Training!

Leader Development Day for District Officers - Saturday, Oct 20, 2018, 8:45 AM at First United Methodist Church Morganton, 200 N King St, Morganton, NC 28655.

Local Officers Training – Sunday, November 4 at St. Stephen UMC from 3:00-5:00 p.m., 6800 Sardis Rd, Charlotte, NC 28270.

Educating yourselves in your positions and responsibilities is the key to the Metro District Team's success.

A short ‘See you Later’ not ‘Goodbye’...

It has been an interesting and fulfilling few years that I have spent on the District Nominations Committee, the past 2 as CON Chair. This has been an amazing experience, I have loved getting to know you all and I am so very grateful for the love and support that my family and I have received. This is not ‘Goodbye’ but rather ‘See Ya Later’! May God bless you and keep you in his loving arms for the remainder of your days.

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Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Summer has ended, and Fall has arrived, which means that Winter is not too far behind. There are many things that happen in Fall and Winter. For example, sports of various kinds, band competitions, family celebrations, shopping for the right gift for family members and that special person in your life.

It seems that the last quarter of the calendar year flies by faster than any other time of the year and there are never enough hours in the day to get everything done. It is in this busyness that we often forget to stop and smell the roses and to thank God for each day he has given us and for the many blessings he has bestowed on each of us.

There are three main events that take place in the last quarter of the year. First is Halloween when many children go around neighborhoods Trick or Treating. When that child comes to your door, do you remember as you give that child his or her treat to tell them that God loves them?

Second is Thanksgiving when a lot of families gather around the table to share a meal together. Thanksgiving is a great time to express thankfulness to God for the grace and goodness he has blessed each one of us with, but do we remember to do this? Also, do we remember those who may not have family to share a meal with, or even money to buy food. Do we do anything to help those less fortunate than us?

Third, Is Christmas. Do we really celebrate His birth and thank God for sending his son as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins or are we too busy shopping for that perfect gift for those on our list, decorating our homes, and/or planning that special meal? Again, do we do anything to help those who are less fortunate than us, who may not even have a family to celebrate with.

Then comes a new year. Before we begin a new year, let's reflect on this year. We had a great Mission Study on how to Live in a Covenant Community in March; a very successful Prayer Breakfast in April on how we are Pearls of Wisdom; at Mission U in July we learned how to Embrace Wholeness and What About Money; and our Spiritual Growth Retreat in June we heard about our Glory Gifts of peace, love and joy. If you missed any of these events you missed an opportunity of learning and/or being touched spiritually.

Now let's look at some things that lie ahead for us in the new year of 2019. First, we will celebrate 150 years of United Methodist Women. This celebration will be in combination with our annual Metro District Prayer Breakfast to be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019, place to be announced. The Metro District Mission Study is Saturday, May 4, 2019, place to be announced; the Spiritual Growth Retreat is at Lake Junaluska June 15-16, 2019, and Mission U at Pfeiffer College is July 18-21, 2019. Some of these dates may be tentative and more information will follow as decisions on time and speakers are made. However, please put these dates on your calendar and plan to attend these opportunities to grow spiritually.

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METRO DISTRICT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4
3:00-5:00 P.M.
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Please list the names of your returning and new officers who plan to attend.

Name of Unit _____

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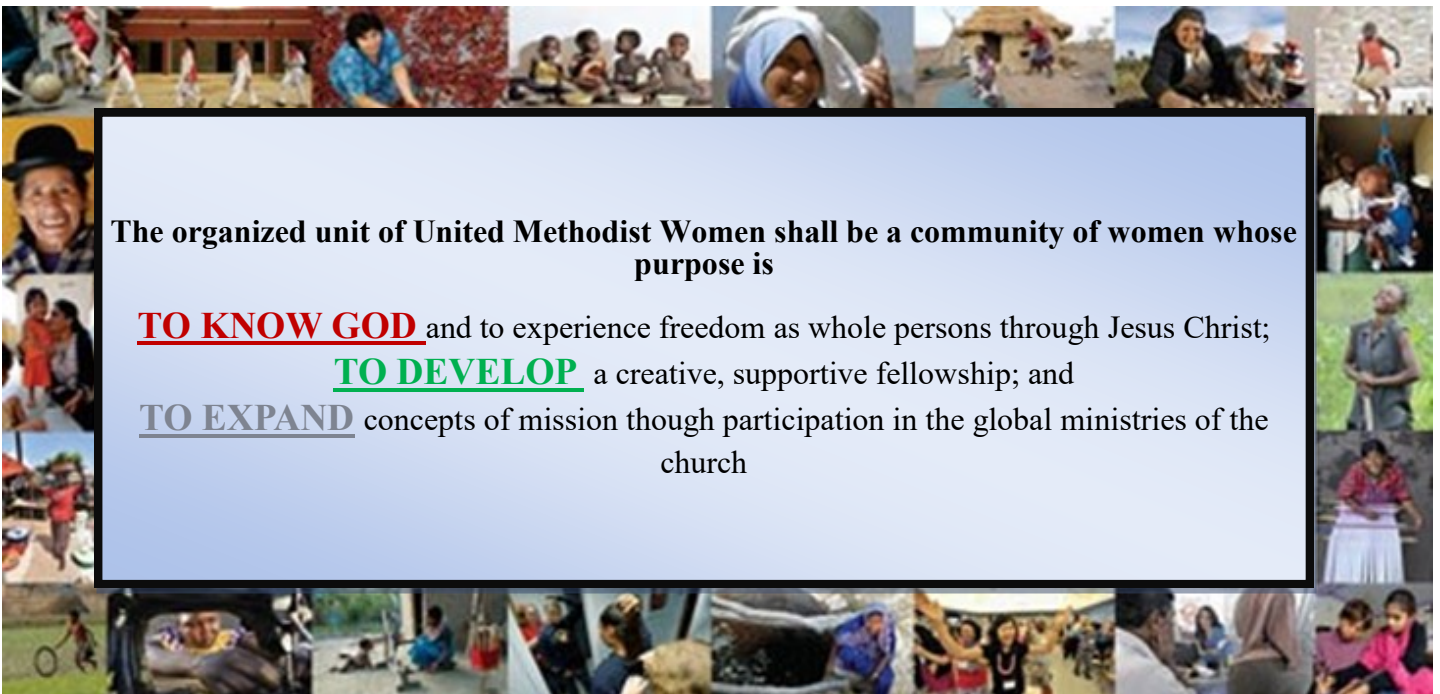
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**WORDS OF WISDOM: Know God! Develop relationships! Expand your vision!
United Methodist Women make it our PURPOSE!**



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 though participation in the global ministries of the church



Happy 150th Anniversary! Let's Celebrate!

by Sandy Wilder

In just a matter of months, we will celebrate together our 150th year as women organized for mission. In the midst of this busy fall season of conference, district, and unit events and leadership meetings, we don't want to lose sight of the biggest celebration of all!

We're fast approaching our anniversary year of 2019. How will you celebrate? With whom will you share the story of United Methodist Women in these upcoming months? If you don't already have your celebrations planned, let us offer a few 150th suggestions for you:

- March 23, 2019, our actual 150th anniversary date, is a Saturday, so consider organizing a celebration of United Methodist Women that lasts for that entire weekend (March 22-24). Activities might include, on Friday: a service day, a unit program. On Saturday: a 150th birthday party or special event, a women's slumber party, a retreat, a service day, participation in the Day of Giving (March 23). On Sunday: a worship service planned and conducted by United Methodist Women, a festive luncheon, a prayer service.
- Plan a Fun-Raiser and announce the amount raised at a 150th birthday party over the March 23 weekend. What is a "Fun-Raiser"? It is an activity your unit, circle, or conference creates to raise money for the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign. Details about how to Fun-Raise for the Legacy Fund can be found at the Legacy Fund website: unitedmethodistwomen.org/150.
- Remind your members that because every woman needs to have a valid will, everyone can easily plan for a gift of any size to United Methodist Women in her will. Could we get 150 bequest commitments from each conference in our anniversary year?

- Promote the legacy of your United Methodist Women community and global work by sending a story to your local newspaper or pitching a news story to your local news station.
- Challenge all your members to “stretch” during the anniversary year by giving an amount every month during 2019 to the Legacy Fund. For instance, if only 179,000 of us gave only \$18.69 twelve times—once per month—in 2019, we would exceed our entire campaign goal! Could you suggest that each member give \$20 per month, or more?
- Honor your leaders by presenting them with the special 150th Mission Recognition pin or the 150th necklace.
- Continue your 150th celebrations in 2019 at Mission u, Annual Conference, conference and district Annual Meetings, and all conference, district, and local events next year.

Where do you find the resources you need for your regular Legacy Fund displays and for your anniversary celebrations? First, contact your conference Legacy Fund Liaison. She can help provide commitment (pledge) envelopes, blank “150” note cards, a one-pager describing the Legacy Fund, a promotional flyer for the special 150th anniversary pin and necklace, and copies of the new “fun-raiser,” planned giving, and Legacy Fund brochures. If you don’t know who your conference Legacy Fund Liaison is, ask the Legacy Fund team by e-mailing: legacy150@unitedmethodistwomen.org. And finally, you’ll find further information and resources such as the Legacy Fund toolkit on the Legacy Fund website: unitedmethodistwomen.org/150.

You may already have your 150th birthday celebrations planned and, if so, please share your ideas and photos with Anissa New-Walker, awalker@unitedmethodistwomen.org, at the National Office so we can in turn share your creativity with other members.

“God will make our love fruitful, whether we see that fruitfulness or not.” (*Bread for the Journey* by Henri Nouwen). What a privilege we have: to be faith, hope and love in action at this time in the history—and the future—of United Methodist Women.

Together, we are building our legacy!



**THE LEGACY FUND
ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN**