



1st Quarter Issue 2019

Metro Media

The voice for the United Methodist Women of the Metro District,

Happy 150th Anniversary! Let's Celebrate!

March 23, 1869 ~ March 23, 2019

150 Years in service of God's mission on behalf of women, children, and youth!

We are approaching our 150th Anniversary on Saturday, March 23, 2019. How will you celebrate?

- ♦ **Plan a celebration!** What if **EVERY** local unit had a **celebration** during March! Have a birthday party, a special UMW Sunday, a festive luncheon, a service project, a fun-raiser, etc. Check out the **Let's Celebrate** idea sheet on our website at wnccumw.org/legacyfund/. Be creative! Invite others! Tell our story! **Celebrate!**
- ♦ **Join in the Day of Giving** on our anniversary, March 23, 2019! Invest in the next 150 years!
- ♦ **Stretch during 2019 by making a gift to The Legacy Fund every month!** Challenge others to do the same! Consider giving \$18.69 per month, or more!
- ♦ **Honor persons** by presenting them with the special 150th Special Mission Recognition pin, or the 150th necklace. You could even **order them for yourself!**



THE LEGACY FUND:
Invest Now...Impact the Future!

**Our Western North Carolina Every Member
Legacy Fund Goal:**

That every member make a gift to

The Legacy Fund

of at least \$18.69 per year,
over and above her Pledge to Mission,
for five years.



LEGACY FUND *and* MISSION GIVING? YES, BOTH!!!

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Asbury (Huntersville)	Linda	Davidson
Assurance (Huntersville)	Kim	Shafer
Bethel (Midland)	Kay	Jones
Bethpage (Kannapolis)	Amanda	Dyer
Broad Street (Mooresville)	Lynda	Morris
Calvary (Charlotte)	Debbie	Eudy
Centenary (Mount Ulla)	Lynda	Morris
Center (Concord)	Martha	Hylar
Central (Charlotte)	Sylvia	Sekle-Dueh
Central (Concord)	Becky	Hughes
Central (Mooresville)	Lynda	Morris
Christ (Charlotte)	Kim	Shafer
Cokesbury (Charlotte)	Debbie	Eudy
Cold Springs (Concord)	Becky	Hughes
Commonwealth (Charlotte)	Debbie	Eudy
Covenant (Charlotte)	Sylvia	Sekle-Dueh
Davidson (Davidson)	Nancy	Litton
Dilworth (Dilworth)	Debbie	Williams
Epworth (Concord)	Martha	Hylar
Fair View (Mooresville)	Lynda	Morris
Faith (Mooresville)	Lynda	Morris
First (Landis)	Judy	Cline
First (China Grove)	Amanda	Dyer
First (Charlotte)	Debbie	Williams
Forest Hill (Concord)	Kay	Jones
Friendship (Mount Pleasant)	Amanda	Dyer
Grace (Charlotte)	Donna	Varner
Harmony (Concord)	Becky	Hughes
Harrisburg (Harrisburg)	Nancy	Litton
Hawthorne Lane (Charlotte)	Lynda	Morris
Hickory Grove (Charlotte)	Debbie	Williams
Hunters Chapel (Cornelius)	Judy	Cline
Huntersville (Huntersville)	Sylvia	Casey
Indian Trail (Indian Trail)	Nancy	Ward
Jackson Park (Kannapolis)	Judy	Cline
Kerr Street (Concord)	Martha	Hylar

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St. Francis (Charlotte)	Nancy	Ward
St. Mark's (Charlotte)	Linda	Davidson
St. Stephen (Charlotte)	Nancy	Ward
Stallings (Matthews)	Donna	Varner
Thrift (Charlotte)	Debbie	Eudy
Trinity (Kannapolis)	Sheila	Barrell
Trinity (Charlotte)	Sylvia	Casey
University City (Charlotte)	Debbie	Williams
Vanderburg (Mooresville)	Lynda	Morris
Westford (Concord)	Kay	Jones
Williamson's Chapel (Mooresville)	Kim	Shafer
Zion (Monroe)	Donna	Varner

PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! And what a special year 2019 will be! This year marks the 150th anniversary of the beginning of United Methodist Women! Can you believe it?

Metro District United Methodist Women will be celebrating all year long. Our special celebration will be on March 23, the actual anniversary, when we come together for our Prayer Breakfast and participate in a birthday party for United Methodist Women. Please plan to be with us.

Please take time to look at all the info included in the newsletter. Your Metro Team is making plans for several events. And the WNCC United Methodist Women also have a full calendar of events. As you plan your local unit activities, be sure to consider the district and conference events. We hope you will join us at each and every event.

Thank you for being so supportive of my first year as your president in 2018. I look forward to meeting more of you and serving you in 2019. Let me know how I can help your unit. The entire team is here for you. Please reach out to your Nurturing Partner or any team member if you ever need help.

150 years ago, eight women had a vision of how to help women and children. They compiled their funds and their energy, and that vision came into reality. We have a vision to build upon theirs to meet the needs of women, children and youth-- locally, nationally, and globally. Let's work together this special year to grow and strive to do that in a variety of ways. Use your energy and creativity to realize the dream!

Lynda Morris
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VICE PRESIDENT

Greetings!

It's hard to believe the 150th Anniversary Year for United Methodist Women has arrived! Prayerfully consider including in your New Year's resolutions plans to increase involvement in United Methodist Women activities and the Legacy Fund.

In preparation for our Annual Celebration on Saturday, August 24, 2019, please consider the following: If your church has the capacity to host a 200-225-person event, would they be willing to house the 2019 or 2020 Annual Celebration?

- 1) For the past two years, in the interest of time and travel for those of us who move less easily from one location to another, we have held the business meeting and the program in the same location. Movement could occur if a large hall is in close proximity to the sanctuary.
- 2) As your units/circles engage in service projects, share in faith renewal activities, and carry out 150th Celebration activities, please email me pictures from these events in which they participated. Include any photos from previous years as well. Be sure all photos include your church name, city/town, activity title and any other pertinent information. Depending on available resources at the host church, these photos will be compiled into either a rolling video presentation or collage board presentations to highlight the work of our area United Methodist Women throughout our history.

The second newsletter will contain more specific details about the Annual Celebration.

Blessings to you and your units as you move through your communities carrying out our mission of **turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world**.

Nancy Ward, Metro District Vice President
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EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

Become a Mission Today Unit

Will your UMW Unit be a Mission Today Unit? Promoting our mission work through prayer, study and action is the purpose of a Mission Today Unit – your work on projects, supporting our global organizations, prayer for missionaries, learning about social justice issues, and many other things that support women, children and youth – these things are part of being a Mission Today Unit. As we begin 2019, please review the **criteria** on our conference website to ensure your unit is a Mission Today unit in 2019. In total, there are 27 criteria. To be a Mission Today Unit a unit must fulfill 12 items – and 7 of the items must be among the first 12 on the list (which are marked with an *). The first criteria is “**Will continue to make and meet the unit’s Pledge to Mission**”. Among the 27 items you will find opportunities to continue in support of our **Legacy Fund**. Some criteria are as simple as stating the UMW purpose at each meeting – others require a little more planning or preparation. Each of the criteria strengthens a local unit, the women within the unit and the communities they support. Regardless of your priorities, using the Mission Today Unit criteria as a guide will strengthen your local unit.

If you are interested in further discussion on being a Mission Today Unit, please call (704) 938-5803 or email nailskate@gmail.com.

Wishing you and your unit success in 2019, our 150-year anniversary of supporting Women, Children and Youth.

Nancy Litton, Mission, Interpretation and Education Coordinator
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PARLIAMENTARIAN

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hope you are looking forward to another great year of United Methodist Women. We have an exciting year ahead of us. We are 150 years strong working together to make a better world.

Congratulations to all our new officers! Please be sure that you add the meeting dates to your calendar and try to attend all or as many as you can. It is very important that everyone attends the District Team meetings. If any voting is required or decisions need to be made, we need to make sure there are enough members present to do that.

This is also true for your local unit meetings, Encourage participation and promote your local meetings.

You were sent a list of all the UMW events for 2019. Please add these to your calendar and plan to attend as many as you can. With this being our 150 years, continue to watch for additional exciting events.

The Vision of United Methodist Women
Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.
How many other organizations have that vision? We need to continue to strive to reach this goal and we can only do that if we all participate.

Donna Varner

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TREASURER

Hello there, my name is Kim Shafer and I am very pleased to be the Metro District Treasurer for the fifth year. Don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions throughout the next year.

- Email me at KimShaferNC@outlook.com or call me at [704.599.9206](tel:704.599.9206). My mailing address is: Kim Shafer, PO Box 20087, Charlotte, NC 28202-0027.
- Please try to attend all District events and as many Conference events as possible. They are well worth our time! If you missed treasurer training, please don't hesitate to ask questions. Together we help make wonderful things happen!!
- The due dates for the first 2019 Quarterly remittance is to be mailed no later than February 25th so I can process and send to the Conference on time. Metro District Remittance Quarter end is one month prior to normal quarter end throughout the year. Also, remember to send in your 2019 Pledge form if you haven't already. Our conference will be **CELEBRATING** 150 years of United Methodist Women in Mission all year this year - **WHOOHOO!!!!!!!!!!** Let's continue with pride the wonderful Mission they started.
- A big Thank You to all the units who were diligent in processing everything in 2018! Remember the Legacy Fund drive is still ongoing in 2019– Metro District had wonderful success again in 2019 for the Legacy Fund, let's keep that success going!!!
- Thank you for all you do in support of the United Methodist Women to work with our sisters, children and youth in Mission!! **FAITH-HOPE-LOVE in ACTION!!** We **DO** 'Make It Happen' for those counting on us, and that is exciting!

SECRETARY

Secretaries in our local units have the responsibility to keep accurate and useful minutes of all meetings for their unit. Remember, the minutes are used to assist the President in forming an agenda for the next meeting. Keeping minutes is essential and should record actions taken when a motion is made and whether it is approved or defeated. Follow the agenda set up by the President to help with minutes.

Make sure your unit has sent information about your 2019 Officers to the district President, Secretary, or Communications Coordinator. We need name, office, address, phone number and an email address, if they have one. Please send this information even if the officers are the same as 2018. This is how we get information to our members. It is so very important that all UMW members get as much information about events and mission projects as possible.

The Metro Prayer Breakfast/150th Celebration will be on March 23rd at Cold Springs UMC. The hands on project will be Hygiene Kits. Encourage your members to attend and return the sign-up sheet by the deadline.

Please know that I am here to help you with anything you need. Do not hesitate to call or email me.

Judy Cline, Metro Secretary

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PROGRAM RESOURCES

Happy 2019! Now is the time to set your reading resolution! The UMW reading program makes it super simple to set, and meet, your goals. Reading just one book every two months allows you to meet Plan I of the program. Looking to build bigger reading muscles? Reading just one book a month will bump you up to Plan II.

Want to travel more this year? Meet new people? The UMW Reading Program is the answer -- and you can do both from the comfort of your own home. Meet Elenor Roosevelt (*Elenor: A Spiritual Biography*) and Martin Luther King Jr. (*Where Do We Go From Here*) or travel with 1000s of Chinese Women as they sail to America's West Coast (*Ordinary Church Women and their Extraordinary Rescue of San Francisco's Brothel Slaves*). Follow Sabeeha Rehman's journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim (*Threading My Prayer Rug*) or go to Texas to learn how Alice, a restaurant owner, and Carla, a young girl from Honduras, cross paths as each search for the place she belongs.

No matter which plan or books you choose, the UMW Reading Program will take you places you never thought you'd go.

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NOMINATIONS

The members of the Metro District UMW Committee on Nominations want to thank all of you for a wonderful 2018! We are looking forward to an exciting 2019 as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of United Methodist Women!

We are always looking for dedicated United Methodist Women who would be willing to serve on the district team. There are some immediate openings on the Committee on Nominations. This is a great way to serve and to learn about the various positions on the team. If you are interested or can recommend someone, please contact anyone on the Committee on Nominations. If you think this might be for you, but would like more information, contact us and we will answer any questions you have. You will find contact information on the 2019 Officer List included in this newsletter.

There will be other positions on the Metro Team opening for 2020. The Committee on Nominations will be reaching out to find the best matches.

God has gifted each of us with abilities to contribute to His kingdom's work. Don't wait to be recruited; look for opportunities to volunteer.

"Each one should use whatever gift she has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)

SOCIAL ACTION



Greetings and blessings for 2019!

It is a blessing and pleasure to continue to serve as the Social Action Coordinator for our wonderful district. My hope and prayer are that the New Year will give us that opportunity to address the many local and global social issues that we are faced with. If your unit has still not joined the “Action Network,” I am encouraging you to please make that commitment. This is the link, <http://new.gbgbm.umc.org/umw/act/network> and it is user friendly.

Also, each local unit is encouraged to become a Justice Today Unit. The criteria for becoming a Justice Today gives us new and innovative ways for our local units to implement the Charter for Racial Justice. There are three different levels of participation which enable the local unit to be as involved as they would like. This is the link: <https://wnccumw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Justice-Today-2018.pdf>. It will show you how your local unit can become a Justice Today Unit. Recognition will be given to those units who achieve Bronze, Silver, or Gold status during 2019 at the 2020 Conference and District Annual Meetings.

My hope is that we will continue to put our “faith, hope and love in action” as we unite our actions to decrease the many hardships that women, children and youth are faced with both locally and globally.

Our conference has adopted the below priorities for the quadrennium:

- ✚ Priority # 1 Climate Justice
- ✚ Priority # 2 Maternal and Child Health
- ✚ Priority # 3 Criminalization of Communities of Color / Mass Incarceration
- ✚ Priority # 4 Economic Inequality

I am encouraging each local unit to make that effort to get involved with one of these through education and advocacy. I am available to visit your local units to work on these priorities. ***Let us also remember the upcoming “Legislative Advocacy Day” coming up in April. Information to follow later.***

Peace and blessings,

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LEGACY FUND

Greetings and Happy Birthday to my fellow sisters in Christ! This is both an exciting and challenging year for our country and for United Methodist Women! On March 23rd, as our organization celebrates 150 years in mission, many of our districts will be holding events on that day. In addition, each unit is encouraged to do something special sometime during 2019 to celebrate our 150th birthday. Some suggestions are on the front of this newsletter but given the creativity of our membership, I am sure that there are many more ideas floating around.

With that in mind, **you are invited to share what your unit is planning to do to celebrate this year. Send a brief e-mail to my address below and we will publish your idea in a future newsletter.** Together we can continue to make a difference for generations to come, both for those who become a part of UMW and for those whose lives are changed for the better as a result of our mission endeavors.

I encourage you and those in your unit to continue to give as you can to the Legacy Fund. At the end of 2018 my little spare change Legacy Fund jar had \$21.81 in change which will be given to the Legacy Fund in addition to what it collects this year and beyond. It is an easy and painless way to give for a most worthy cause.

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Legacy Fund Information:

- Visit our website at www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund/
- Visit the national office website at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150/

Ways to Give:

- Participate in our **Day of Giving**, on March 23, 2019!
- Make a Legacy Fund gift through your local unit United Methodist Women treasurer, directly to your district treasurer, or at district and conference events.
- Use our Western North Carolina Conference Legacy Commitment Form, available on our website at www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund
- Online on the national office website at unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund
- **By phone:** 800-278-7771 (8 am-6pm EST, M-F)
- **Text** Legacy150 to 41444
- **By check:** note "Legacy Fund" in memo and mail to: United Methodist Women, Treasurer's Office 15th Floor, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115
- **Other methods** include gifts of stock, life insurance, bequests, and other forms of planned giving. If you are interested in making a gift like this, contact the national office at 800-278-7771.

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THE FOUNDERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
(Taken fifteen years after the organization, when two of the original eight could not be found.)

SOME OF OUR FOUNDING
MOTHERS

MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE AND OUTREACH

Happy 2019 Everyone,

What a year this is going to be! This year United Methodist Women is 150 years old! What a milestone! Our Conference and Districts are busy planning celebrations. Let's add to our celebration by increasing our membership. This can be done in more traditional ways like inviting ladies to join your units. (Remember it may take several invitations before they decide to check us out. Also remember they don't need to be a member of your church or even the Methodist Church.) When inviting them, talk about United Methodist Women with enthusiasm and love. **Make us sound irresistible.** Invite someone to Conference and District events and either you or your unit pay their way if possible. When traditional methods fail, think outside the box.

Start a Facebook or online circle. Begin a circle at a retirement center, group home or prison. Host a tea or other event for residents in the neighborhood of your church. Have a UMW booth at church or neighborhood events. Perhaps potential members will come to your unit and your church from events like this. Start a UMW Reading Program book club, craft group or other club or group and make UMCOR kits or other UMW missions at some meetings. Get creative!

Don't forget to invite your Nurturing Partner or other District Officer to a meeting this year. We would love to come do a program, answer questions or simply come meet with and support you. We are here to help you any way we can.

Our second annual Charlotte Regional Mission Walk will be May 4, at Aldersgate Retirement Community on Shamrock Drive. More information to follow later. All Metro District units are invited to this event. However, ideally we would like the regions of Monroe, Concord, and Mooresville to host walks on the same day or whenever possible. Let me know if you are interested in setting up a walk. We will help you and help you promote it. Let's make this a year to remember.

Debbie Eudy

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HISTORIAN

As we celebrate 150 years of Methodist Women, let's recognize Western North Carolina Conference Presidents 1890 to 1986. This information is taken from the book: **Journeying with Methodist Women 1966 – 1986, compiled by Louise Wright.**

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

1890 – 1926 Mrs. Lucy Robertson
1926 – 1940 Mrs. Charles C. Weaver

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

1940 – 1948 Mrs. C. C. Weaver
1948 – 1952 Mrs. J. W. Payne
1952 – 1956 Mrs. J. W. Harbison
1956 – 1960 Mrs. Clarence Cranford
1960 – 1964 Mrs. Carl King

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

1964 – 1968 Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt
1968 – 1972 Mrs. Frank Redding, Jr.
1972 – 1973 Mrs. Fletcher Nelson

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

1974 – 1976 Mrs. Fletcher Nelson
1976 – 1980 Mrs. Joetta Rinehart
1980 – 1984 Mrs. Ronda Robbins
1984 – 1986 Mrs. Jamima DeMarcus

I'd like to put together a slide show of pictures of district UMW events from years past. This slide show will be shown at district events this year as we celebrate 150 years of Methodist Women. If you have pictures from past events that you would like to share, please contact me. This request is not limited to the Metro District, because we are only 6 years old. I will accept from all districts that currently make up the Metro district. I don't expect them to be organized by event, but if you have that information, that would be great. Digital or hardcopy, contact me and I'll arrange to get them from you. Our first district event this year is the prayer breakfast on March 23rd. If you can get them to me by March 1st I'd appreciate it. Thank-you.

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Hello and Happy New Year!

I am looking forward to an exciting year as United Methodist Women across the country and the world celebrate our 150th Anniversary. The Metro District United Methodist Women will hold their celebration in conjunction with the annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 23, 2019, at Cold Springs United Methodist Church, 2550 Cold Springs Road, Concord, NC. Our speaker will be the Rev. Beverly May Maulden, pastor of Gold Hill United Methodist Church in Gold Hill, NC. The theme for this event is “Celebrate the Past; Embrace the Future” Breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 a.m. The cost will be \$7.50 per person.

A love offering will be taken during the Prayer Breakfast in honor of our 150th Birthday! March 23rd is also a Day of Giving. Please consider making a donation, which will be matched, at the 150th Celebration to the Legacy Fund as your birthday present in honor of our 150th Birthday.

The Hands-on Project for this event is Hygiene Kits. Hygiene Kit Materials are as follows:

- One hand towel (15 x 25-17 x 27 inches) No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- One washcloth – No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber washcloths
- One comb – Sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth
- One toenail or fingernail clipper – No emery boards or metal nail files
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger) No Ivory or Jergen’s soap. Do not remove from packaging
- Wash acceptable
- 10 adhesive bandages (3/4 by 3 inches) Common household bandages acceptable
- One one-gallon size re-sealable bag
- Include \$2.00 for toothpaste and shipping. Make checks payable to Metro District UMW

Assembly instructions for Hygiene Kits are as follows: Lay hand towel flat on a table

- Lay the wash cloth in the center of the hand towel.
- Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth except the plastic bag.
- Fold the sides of the hand towel to cover the items.
- Grasp the bundle tightly and roll over the remainder of the towel.
- Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag, remove air, and seal.

Important Notes:

- All items must be new.
- Do not wash any of the items as they will no longer be considered new.
- Do not include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits.
- Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.

Remember to send in your list of deceased United Methodist Women members for 2018 so I can have their information listed in the program. Please submit to me **no later than March 1, 2019**. My mailing address is: 3011 Fairmead Drive, Concord, NC 28025 or you may email them to me at Kay3tom12@carolina.rr.com.

SAVE THE DATE of June 13-15, 2019 and plan now to attend the Spiritual Growth Retreat held at Lake Junaluska. It is a wonderful time to get away for a couple of days, enjoy the mountains, to learn and grow spiritually with United Methodist Women from the Western North Carolina Conference.

Kay Jones
Spiritual Growth Coordinator



Western North Carolina Conference

2019 Vision & Goals

Turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world

- **Raise awareness & build relationships with the United Methodist Women mission institutions in our conference:** *Bethlehem Center Charlotte, Bethlehem Center Winston-Salem, Brooks-Howell Home, Bennett College, Pfeiffer University*
- **Raise awareness of our four United Methodist Women service and advocacy priority issues:** *Climate Justice, Maternal & Child Health, Criminalization of Communities of Color & Mass Incarceration, Economic Inequality*
- **Achieve our Conference Financial Goal:** Increase our conference giving in the Gift to Mission Channel by at least \$3,000
- **Celebrate 150 Years of United Methodist Women in Mission!**

Sincerely,

Your WNCC UMW Team

Metro District Scholarship Application

To be completed by a "First Timer" to the event

Name _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Phone Number (H) _____ (C) _____

Church _____

Select Event you would like to attend—You must attend the entire event to be eligible.

The scholarship will cover registration, room on site (if possible at double room rate), and the meal plan that is included. Expenses will be reimbursed after you attend the event and submit your receipts with a provided expense form.

Spiritual Growth Retreat () Mission u () Conference Annual Celebration ()

Return by March 15 to:
Lynda Morris
2539 Winterbrooke Dr.
Matthews, NC 28105

Or
Email to:
lfmorrisap@aol.com



Metro UMW Dates to Remember 2019

- March 23 Metro District Prayer Breakfast
Cold Springs UMC, Concord
150th Celebration of UMW!
(Hygiene Kits)
- May 4 Regional Walk for Mission
Aldersgate Retirement Center
3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC
Walk any time between 9 am-noon
Get sponsors and raise funds for mission
- May 18 Metro District Mission Study
Myers Park UMC, Charlotte
(Project Agape Christmas Boxes)
- August 24 Metro District Annual Celebration
Location TBA (Items for Bethlehem Center)
- November 3 Metro District Local Officers
Leadership Development Day, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Location TBA

Western North Carolina United Methodist Women 2019 CONFERENCE EVENTS

SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

June 13-15 • Lake Junaluska



Thorns & Roses

ANNUAL CELEBRATION

September 13-15 • Lake Junaluska

150

years strong with

*Grace, Grit
& Gratitude*

150 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

March 23rd

In Your District

Check with your district for
Celebration Details



LEGISLATIVE DAY

E to the Third Power: Educate, Engage, Enact



April 27, 2019

St. Andrews UMC
Winston Salem



MISSION U

July 18-21 • Pfeiffer University

Practicing Resurrection:
The Gospel of Mark and
Radical Discipleship



Women United for Change:
150 Years in Mission

What About Our Money:
A Faith Response



Ubuntu Day of Service

Saturday, October 12th

Across the Conference

*"I am
because
you are"*

ubuntu!





The Metro District Prayer Breakfast
Registration

The Metro District Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Cold Springs United Methodist Church, 2550 Cold Springs Road East, Concord, NC 28025.

Breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 AM. Registration will begin at 8:45 AM. The program will begin at 9:30 AM. The cost will be \$7.50 person and includes breakfast only. A Love Offering for Mission Giving will be received during the Prayer Breakfast. Please consider making an additional donation to the Legacy Fund, which will be matched, at the 150th Celebration after the program as your birthday present in honor of our 150th Birthday. The Hands-on Project for this event is Hygiene Kits. Please see the Spiritual Growth Coordinator's newsletter article for instructions on preparing a Hygiene Kit. The deadline for registrations to be mailed to the Metro District Treasurer is **no later than March 11, 2019**. Mail registration form and funds to Kim Shafer, Metro District Treasurer, P. O. Box 20087, Charlotte, NC 28202-0027.

Name of Church and City: _____

Please print the names of those attending: \$7.50 x _____ = \$ _____

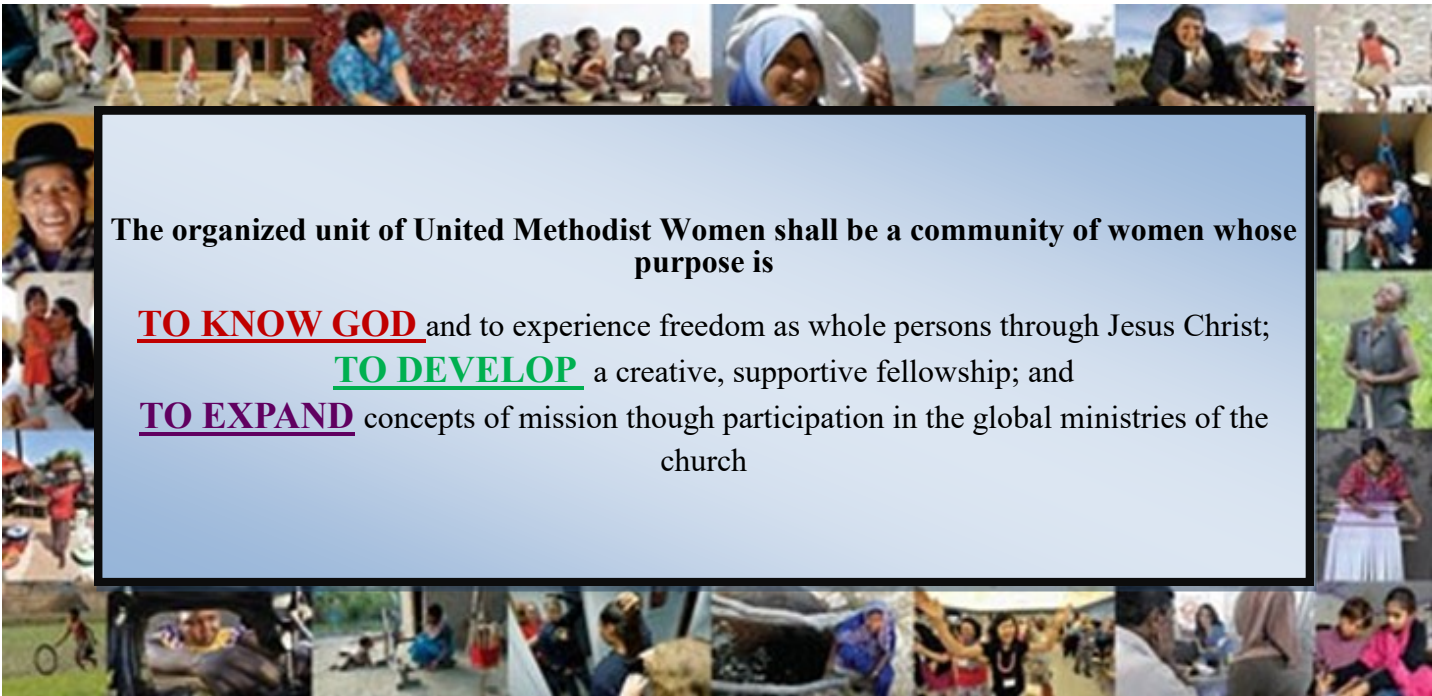
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Matthews, NC 28105



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United Methodist Women make it our PURPOSE!**





Join us at The Lake for the
Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women
2019 Spiritual Growth Retreat

Thorns & Roses

Thursday, June 13th – Saturday, June 15th

Complete information about the retreat is available at www.wnccumw.org

Opening Session 6:45pm Thursday • Closing by 3:30pm Saturday

Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium and Conference facilities

LODGING RESERVATIONS OPEN FEBRUARY 1ST

ON-LINE RETREAT REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1ST



2019 Retreat Leader

Rev. Alisha L. Gordon, M.Div.



Writer, teacher, scholar, activist,
public theologian, and Executive
for Spiritual Growth for *United
Methodist Women*

On-line registration \$15/person through 6/9

On-site registration \$25/person

Note: Advance registration fees are transferable, but non-refundable.

Lodging Reservation Details on reverse side

NEW PROGRAMING FOR MORE SPIRITUAL GROWTH

- Thursday Dinner:** Welcome & Fellowship Pizza Party
- Thursday Evening:** Opening Plenary - Speaker Rev. Alisha Gordon
- Friday Morning:** Morning Praise. Speaker Rev. Alisha Gordon
- Friday Afternoon:** Break-out Spiritual Growth sessions will include: bible studies, meditation and prayer settings, discussion groups, inter-active spiritual growth activities (additional fees may apply), singing walks and more. Sign-up for break-outs will begin in May.
- Friday Evening:** Evening Vesper & Holy Communion
- Saturday Morning:** Morning Session (*Later Start Time*)
- Saturday afternoon:** Closing Session following Lunch (*Ending by 3:30pm*)

Friday night concert by the
**Lake Junaluska
Singers**

QUESTIONS?

Retreat Information

Martha Efird

Mission Coordinator-Spiritual Growth

mdjefird@outlook.com

704-992-8727 or

Text 704-622-8522

Online Registration

Lynne Gilbert

Webmaster

lgilbert.umw@gmail.com

336-207-3479

Online Payments

Nancy Reigel,

Conference Treasurer

nancy@reigleridge.com

828-268-0637

Lodging Reservations

Lake Junaluska Reservations Center

1-800-222-4930 or

1-800-452-2881

Hands on Mission Project:

School Kits

see updated kit contents

umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies

LAKE JUNALUSKA ACCOMODATIONS & RATES

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

Housing Reservations Open February 1st

To Make Reservations

Call Lake Junaluska
1-800-222-4930 or
1-828-452-2881,
Select 1 for reservations
and the next available
agent will assist you.

The reservations team is on
duty from 8:00 a.m. until
5:00 p.m., Monday -Friday

Group Code: 17882

Advance registration fees are
transferable

The Terrace / Lambuth Inn (renovated)

NEW TWO-NIGHT LODGING PACKAGE

Minimum 2-night stay

All rooms include: private baths, free WiFi, TV, air condition, elevator, mini-fridge

Per Person Tax Rate: Room - 11% / Meal Plan - 7%

Meal Plan: Thursday Pizza Party; Friday Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner; Saturday Breakfast & Lunch

TERRACE / per person	
Single	\$327.05
Double	\$204.95
Triple	\$178.31
Quad	\$166.10

LAMBUTH / per person	
Single	\$304.85
Double	\$193.85
Triple	\$167.21
Quad	\$155.00

PER NIGHT LODGING W/O MEAL PLAN

Hillside Lodge & Junaluska Apartments

Rates include 11% room tax

Single	\$ 99.90
Double	\$ 49.95
Triple	\$ 38.85
Quad	\$ 33.30

Junaluska Apartments provide a great setting for young families to share our retreat experience in a cozy relaxed setting.

Private baths, air conditioned, TV, no elevator

Apartments: Type A, C & D have kitchens w/small refrigerator, countertop burner, microwave, limited dishes and cookware

Rates for all facilities exclude incidentals or room damage

Important Lodging Information:

- Telephone Reservations: \$100.00 cc or debit deposit due at time of reservation. Exception: Payment of deposit by check – Lake Junaluska must receive check within 10 days of reservation or room will be released.
- Check-in: 4:00 p.m. June 13
- Check-out: 11:00 a.m. June 15
- Cancellations made by May 29th will receive a refund of their deposit minus a \$15 /person processing fee. No refund for cancellations on or after May 30th.
- Photo-ID and Credit Card required of each guest at check-in.

