

CATAWBA VALLEY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

2ND QUARTER—MARCH 2019



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Make Plans to attend our District Mission Study “*What About Our Money? —A Faith Response*” on **April 6th from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** at **Messiah United Methodist** located at **4102 NC-27, Vale, NC 28168**

Use your GPS or contact your LUV partner for directions to the church.

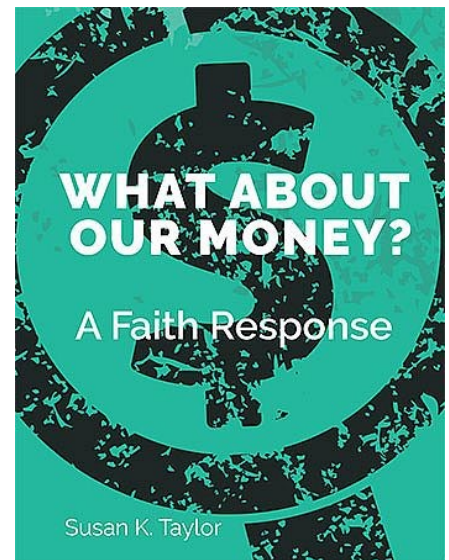
The study will be led by: Our very own UMW sister Anita Fox who was a study leader at 2018 Mission U.

Optional workbook is available online for \$10 at:
https://www.umwmissionresources.org/shopping_product_detail.asp?pid=53371

Registration is required for this event. A light lunch (\$5) will be provided by Messiah UMC United Methodist Women.

Please use the registration form below so that our hostess unit will know the number of lunches to prepare. Registration and money deadline is **March 25, 2019** by mail.

Hands-on Mission: Donations of **new** socks and underwear to Christian Ministries of Lincoln County



Reservation Deadline March 25, 2019

Church Name **Number Attending**

Mail this reservation slip with \$5 per person for lunch to:

Joan Jones, Catawba Valley Methodist Women Treasurer
PO BOX 3122 Drexel, NC 28619

Checks can be made to **CVDUMW**

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PRESIDENT—BELINDA WORSHAM

Greetings Sisters from your District President,

If the enthusiasm expressed at our first gathering at First Dallas during the Prayer Breakfast and Memorial Service is any indication of what kind of year we are in for, all I can say is WOW! Two Hundred and forty-two women gathered for breakfast and worship and what an inspirational message was provided by our District Superintendent Rev. Angela Pleasants. Let's give credit to the women and the men at First Dallas who did a marvelous job of managing the parking, feeding, and seating for such a large gathering. **You** certainly responded to the movement of the Holy Spirit at this event as your Love Offering broke all previous records by exceeding \$1,172.00! Check out the pictures.

I am in the process of compiling all the reports for the District. I want to thank the 75 units that sent in their reports. This is only a 75% response rate, and I hope to contact the other 25 units through their nurturing partners to determine if there has been a misunderstanding in what is expected. It is a treat to read about all the mission work you do in your units. Even the smallest units are about working in mission. I want to thank you for your kind notes in your reports and for all you do to keep mission alive. I know many of you have served in your offices for numerous years and have not been able to find anyone to take on your responsibilities. I thank you for your continued service. I ask that we all continue to pray for willing servants and future leaders.

The one additional report that you are asked to complete is the Census Report to be filed online for the National Office. The link to the online form is https://secure3.convio.net/umw/site/SPageNavigator/Census_2018.html

There is a tutorial video you can watch that will teach you how to navigate through the online survey.

This report is due by **March 30, 2019**. It only takes about 10 minutes. If you have any questions about filling this out I am available to assist you with this. Call me and I will help walk you through or if you do not have a computer I can enter the information for you.

Now, let's get ready to celebrate 150 Years in Mission! Check out the flyer about our Walk for Mission and Birthday Celebration we will be doing on the BIG DAY, March 23rd. I hope we get another 242 to show up between the 3 locations throughout the district. Be sure to celebrate in your own churches as well. We are celebrating all year long, so even if you can't get anything put together for March 24th, choose another Sunday and highlight United Methodist Women's Birthday Year. Have a birthday cake and balloons in the narthex, place flowers in the sanctuary, wear old fashioned hats, host a luncheon, have a UMW Sunday, do a UMW skit, do something to bring attention to United Methodist Women and use it as an opportunity to do a membership drive. Publicize and Mobilize! Let us hear from you as to what you did to celebrate. Take pictures, upload them to an email and send them to us and maybe we can get them on our Facebook page.

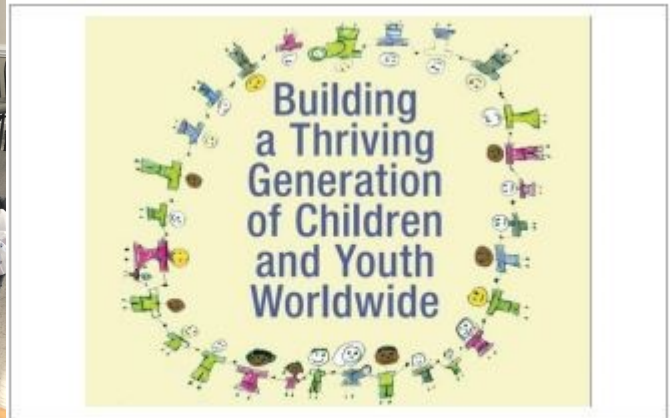
Happy Birthday to all of you Wonderful United Methodist Women!

Belinda Worsham, President, 704-489-0604

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



Prayer Breakfast



CATAWBA VALLEY DISTRICT

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Catawba Valley District Annual Walk for Mission with 150th Birthday Celebration & Day of Giving

Saturday, March 23rd at these times & locations:

Cleveland Mall Shelby 8:00-9:00 AM

2001-53 E Dixon Blvd, Shelby, NC 28152

Eastridge Mall Gastonia 8:00-9:00 AM

246 N New Hope Rd, Gastonia, NC 28054

First Conover UMC 9:00-11:00 AM w/Rockathon!

410 1st Ave N, Conover, NC 28613

Look For YELLOW UMW Signs at entrance doors.

This walk is for our members only. The agreement is that we will not solicit funds from mall patrons or employees.



Look for Sponsor Sheets for Donations in this newsletter.

Get sponsors to pay their donations so you can turn them in with sponsor sheets at the walk.

All Walk for Mission donations will go to undesignated giving fund of the United Methodist Women.



Customize your walk!

It can be from the parking lot to the sign up table.

For the more energetic it can be for the full hour we have reserved for the walk. Rockers can rock for two hours if First Conover has enough rocking chairs! Just showing up counts!

Happy 150th Birthday United Methodist Women!

March 23rd is also the DAY OF GIVING for the Legacy Fund

We will have Legacy Pins for those making a first time donation of at least \$18.69 while there.

Cupcakes will be shared to donors in honor of the 150th birthday.

This separate collection will go directly to the Legacy Fund.



Other Ways to Give to the Legacy Fund:

- Make a gift to the Legacy Fund through your local unit UMW treasurer.
• Use our Western North Carolina Legacy Fund Commitment Form
• 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

150th United Methodist Women's Birthday Celebration Walk for Mission 2019

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

District Name Catawba Valley Unit Name _____

(Please print all information)

Walker's Name _____ Office Use Only – Do Not Write in These Spaces

Address _____ Total Pledge \$ _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ # Of Sponsors _____

E-Mail _____ Initial _____

Date _____

(Make additional copies of this form as needed)

SPONSOR'S NAME (Please Print)	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	E-MAIL ADDRESS	\$ PLEDGED	\$ PAID
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Collect your money, and turn it in at the District Walk on March 23rd, or mail your form and sponsor money to our District Treasurer, Joan Jones, PO Box 3122, Drexel, NC, 28619



SAVE THE DATE

Join us in celebrating the 150th anniversary of United Methodist Women with a special Day of Giving on Saturday March 23, 2019!

Day of Giving | March 23, 2019

unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund



THE LEGACY FUND
ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

WAYS TO GIVE:

- **Online at:** unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund
- **By phone:** 800-278-7771 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, Monday-Friday and Saturday March 23).
- **Text:** 41444 and enter Legacy150 in the message area.
- **By check to:** United Methodist Women
Attn: Development, Legacy Fund
475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor
New York, NY 10115
Write "Day of Giving" in the memo section.
- **On Day of Giving—March 23, 2019—** let us honor our foremothers by giving to the Legacy Fund to ensure United Methodist Women can continue serving women, children and youth around the world for the next 150 years. Generous donors have already committed to matching a portion of our gifts received on Day of Giving. **Together, we are building our legacy!**

2019 Leadership Team

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When planning programs for your unit's monthly meetings and annual events, there are many resources available from the national office.

Several groups have reported that they select a short video from the UMW YouTube channel, share it as a program and have discussion. These videos offer additional opportunities to learn about our regional missionaries, Mission u, outreach and history. YouTube videos from the UMWomen channel can also be a last minute or substitute program if your speaker is unavailable.

Remember to include four programs from the Program Book each year; this counts toward your unit's Mission Today criteria. As always, reach out to your district officers and nurturing partner for additional program ideas.

Janet Reep-Morgan
Vice President, Catawba Valley District
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Western North Carolina Conference of United Methodist Women present

Legislative Day

— E to the third Power

Educate • Engage • Enact

Saint Andrews United Methodist Church
1840 Butler Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27105
336•788•3421

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2019

Time: 9:30 am — 1:30pm

Facilitators:

Kathy Fitziefferies
"Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline"

Dr. Jennifer Bremer
"Voter Rights/Redistricting Reform"

Please bring a bag lunch, Continental Breakfast/ Snacks and Drinks will be provided.



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

NEW FOR YOU!

EXTENDED RETREAT &
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**MORE TIME
FOR GOD!**

2019 Retreat Leader

Clara Ester, Deaconess



National Vice President of
United Methodist Women

Music Leader:

Rev. Rhonda Smith

Minister of Music, First Hickory

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 (Gluten free? Yes!)

Thursday Evening: Opening Plenary – Speaker: Clara Ester

Friday Morning: Morning Praise. Speaker: Clara Ester

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**

Childcare Available

Details at wnccumw.org

QUESTIONS?

Retreat Information

Martha Efird

Mission Coordinator-Spiritual Growth

mdjefird@outlook.com

704-992-8727 or

Text 704-622-8522

Online Registration

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Webmaster

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336-207-3479

Online Payments

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Conference Treasurer

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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 credit card 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.



Visit our website: www.wnccumw.org • Visit us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/wnccumw

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Mark your Calendars!

Registration for Mission U starts **May 1st**

Mission U information and Registration on page 16-17 and available on the WNCC's UMW page.

<https://wnccumw.org/events/mission-u-2019/>

Mission U Theme:

Radical Discipleship: Then and Now

All books need to be ordered prior to Mission U as there will not be text books available on site.

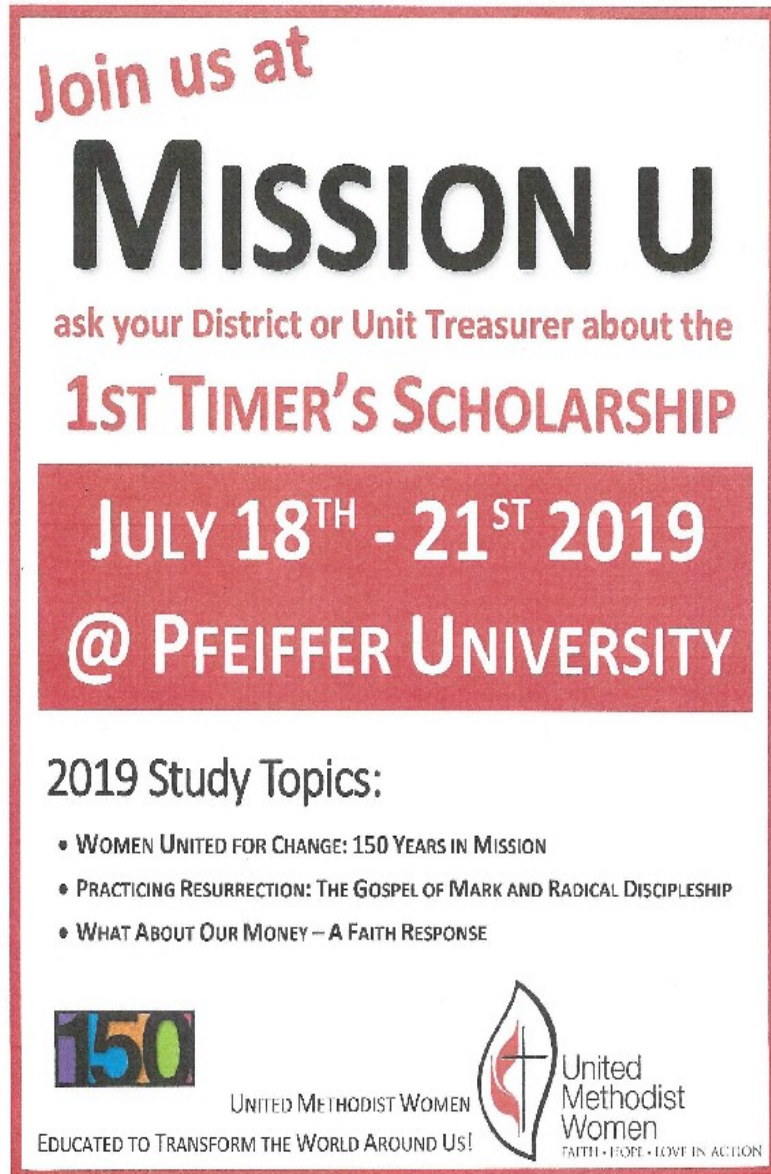
You may go **online** to order at:

www.umwmissionresources.org

You can also order the study book by calling:
800-305-9857

You can order the study books individually or they are included in the **2019 Annual Sampler pack** (see page 13 for sampler details and order form)

Orders **must** be received by **April 1st** to receive this \$40 value.



Join us at

MISSION U

ask your District or Unit Treasurer about the


1ST TIMER'S SCHOLARSHIP


JULY 18TH - 21ST 2019

@ PFEIFFER UNIVERSITY

2019 Study Topics:

- WOMEN UNITED FOR CHANGE: 150 YEARS IN MISSION
- PRACTICING RESURRECTION: THE GOSPEL OF MARK AND RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP
- WHAT ABOUT OUR MONEY – A FAITH RESPONSE

 UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
EDUCATED TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD AROUND US!

 United Methodist Women
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Treasurer—Joan Jones

Hi Catawba Valley District,

I am so Happy to announce that our Love Offering at the breakfast for Spiritual Growth was **\$1172.68** which exceeded last year's offering by \$300. Thanks to all of you for your contributions.

Remember to celebrate our birthday on March 23rd and make your donations for the Legacy Fund. It has been 150 years of serving the mission field by United Methodist Women, and you have made a difference in the lives of many. Our district Executive Team will be walking at the Cleveland Mall in Shelby, the Gaston Mall in Gastonia and at a UMW church in Conover in order to give our mission gifts. If you want to send me a contribution for Legacy, you can include the amount on your next remittance sheet, and I will forward the amount to UMW headquarters in New York.

This year's Mission Goal is to increase your gift to mission by at least \$5. Cards can be purchased at district or conference meetings or purchased from me. You can print out an order blank from the UMW website, fill it out and send it to me with the cost of the cards.. The cost of cards is \$5 per card and gift in memory cards are free until sent.

This year our district undesignated giving goal is \$100,000. Last year we did not make our pledge of \$110,000. At a recent Finance Committee Meeting, Renee Hayes spoke to us on ways to be creative in mission giving. I'm sure she would be glad to share these ideas with your unit if interested. I know you all work hard, but many units are shrinking putting a heavier burden on the remaining members. We need to seek new members, especially young members.

For all of you, I wish you a successful new year..

Joan Jones, Treasurer
Catawba Valley District UMW

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A big **“Thank-You”** to the United Methodist Women of First Dallas, NC for a wonderful Prayer Breakfast and your hard work to insure that the event was a success. The evaluations were very positive and greatly appreciated.

I hope that each unit in our District will encourage their members to plan to participate in the 150th Birthday Walk for Missions on Saturday, March 23rd starting at 8 a.m. at Eastridge/Westfield in Gastonia and Cleveland Mall in Shelby, NC and 9 a.m. at First UMC, Conover. Please suggest that your members sponsor walkers through donations & pledges for mission. Make a list of the sponsor's name, address, city, zip code, e-mail address, and the amount pledged & or the amount paid.

It is time to register for the Spiritual Growth Event at the Lake; June 13-15. We will be meeting in Stuart Auditorium, and must have a good registration this year to be able to continue using Stuart in the future. This year the event will be Thursday through Saturday. A pizza party on Thursday will open the session, and the **Lake Junaluska Singers** will entertain us on Friday night. Our speaker for this event will be **Rev. Alisha Gordon** from our National Office. She is the Spiritual Growth Executive. You will not want to miss this event!

Love and Blessings,
Betty Jacobsen
District Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Happy 150th Birthday to the United Methodist Women!

As we celebrate our Legacy let us remember those who have made a mark in society for us. We are asking for your support and prayers as we move forward in selecting officers for our District Executive Committee Team. We pray that as you meet in your local units or have suggestions of someone who would enjoy being a part of this team, that you can contact anyone on the nominations committee. We are looking to fill the office of **President, Vice President, MNO, Spiritual Growth, Social Action, and Nominations** for Catawba county for year **2020**.

Please be in prayer as we move toward the goal that God has called us to do as we support Women, Youth and Children around the world. God is calling us to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Blessings
Patricia Withrow, Nominations Chairperson

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Membership Is the Future for United Methodist Women

There is no debate. Without members there is no United Methodist Women. With less members, there is less mission \$\$ for mission institutions and international projects too intensive for local populations to support. With less members there is much less local mission work being done in our communities. With less members there is less transformational education being done to open the minds of women in our churches to what injustices are going on in the world. With less members there are fewer church women nurtured in special, focused small groups that come together to pray, learn, work for missions and support each other. Can we be the ones to let this happen? We must use our imagination to inspire others to want to be a part of this very important organization. Are you being intentional and persistent about inviting? Is your unit willing to sponsor an adolescent, college, young mothers, unit? Your circle can let them meet in your homes, a church classroom, or the fellowship hall; providing the dinner or refreshments for them, baby sitting with their children while providing them a private space to come together. All they do is show up. After a year or so of your support they may be ready and willing to branch out all on their own and you can just be available for child care. It takes work but keeping Mission Alive by continuing the tradition of Organizing Women for Mission will be worth it.

Thank you to all the units that have shared with us; your district team, by inviting us to share in your meetings and programs. I think the team learns so much about the different ways to conduct meetings, your local mission projects, and they get to meet you, so you become familiar faces in the district when they see you at district events. LUV visits are to be about establishing relationships between the local unit and the district unit. Putting faces with names. Knowing who you can call if you have questions. Please consider inviting a district officer to come and meet your members this year. Nothing in particular is required although you can request we bring materials, be prepared to do programs, or answer questions you prepare for us in advance, so we can research the answers. **The Nurturing Partner lists were published in the January Newsletter.** If you did not keep a copy you can still access the online edition by going to the wncumw.org conference website and clicking on **Districts** at the top then **Catawba** in the drop down, then **1st Quarter Newsletter**. The Nurturing Partner list is on pages 6-7.

Let's Make Membership A Priority for 2019!

Belinda Worsham,
President and Membership Nurture and Outreach

Greetings Catawba Valley District!

We are well into this New Year and hopefully everyone is keeping up with their New Year's resolution of reading one book from the reading list every two months. Due to all of the rain lately you might be ahead on this resolution!

If you haven't started yet, you still have time. The reading list is now more main stream books which makes them easier to find at the library, online, or at your local book store. Remember, as a child, we all read to broaden our horizons, learn about other cultures, different part of our world, and ideas. As advocates, the same holds true.

You can go 5 years back in the reading program, but you can only count the book once, not on each year's tally.

Don't forget to order the 2019 Sampler before April 1st. The order form is available on the following page. You can save over \$5 by ordering the books as a bundle.

See you at one of the Birthday celebrations as we celebrate 150 years of UMW. Tell me about a book you have read!

Anita Fox, Program Resources 828-390-6349

2019 Annual Sampler

Offer ends April 2019

Please sign me up for the 2019 Annual Sampler.
Order the print subscription today for \$40 and save \$5.50.

The Annual Sampler includes:

- 2019 Spiritual Growth study (\$10).
- 2019 Special Study (\$10).
- 2019 Prayer Calendar (\$14).
- 2019-20 Program Book (\$10).
- 2020 Date Book (\$1.50).

The studies and Prayer Calendar will ship in December 2018. The Program Book and Date Book will ship in the summer of 2019.

PLEASE CHECK here if you signed up for the **prior 2018 Annual Sampler.**

NAME

SHIPPING ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

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EXPIRATION DATE

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Mission Today 2019 United Methodist Women Western North Carolina Conference

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
Become a Mission Today Unit!!**

The purpose of promoting a Mission Today Unit is to:

Energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action. Increase contacts between units and mission personnel and mission projects so the United Methodist Women understand where their money goes. Encourage the use of mission resources through United Methodist Women. Expand concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

What is a Unit?

A unit is any organized group of United Methodist Women within a church or district. Some units are composed of several circles, which periodically get together for a unit meeting.

How Do We Become a Mission Today Unit?

In order to be recognized as a Mission Today Unit, UMW groups must complete a minimum of twelve of the following criteria, including seven of those marked with an asterisk (*). **#1 of the Criteria is not optional. You must complete this one to become a Mission Today Unit!** Activities conducted between January 1-December 31, 2019, will be recognized at annual meetings in 2020.

This is an ongoing program, so strive to become a Mission Today Unit!

CRITERIA:

- *1. **The Unit will make and meet its Pledge to Mission. (Must be completed.)**
- *2. The unit will use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting or circle meeting of the unit to pray for persons in mission and our mission work with women, children and youth. A new Prayer Calendar is printed each year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- *3. The unit will use at least two programs from the Program Book during the year. A new Program Book is printed every year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- *4. The unit or circle will conduct or participate in at least one mission study each year. Contact your district or conference Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation to learn what the studies are for each year. (If members of your unit attend the conference Mission U or your District Mission Study and your unit takes an action growing out of the study, Gift to Mission, ministry related to the study, etc., your unit will meet this criteria.)
- *5. The unit will have at least two members subscribing to *response* (1 member subscribing with units less than 15 members; Local unit subscription may count as one.) Order information is printed at bottom of page 2. \$24.00 for a one-year print subscription (includes digital subscription); \$20 for a one-year digital only subscription.
- *6. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice in at least two ways during the year. Possibilities are:
 - a. Have members read and discuss books and articles about other races and cultures;
 - b. Sponsor or attend an interethnic event between two or more units;
 - c. Intentionally recruit women of other ethnic groups to be members and officers of the unit;
 - d. Use the "Resources for Racial Justice: Tools for UMW Leaders" handbook. (Available on our conference website on the "Downloads Available" page, and on the "Mission Today" page.)
 - e. Write to elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, low-income programs, civil rights, etc.
- *7. The unit will have a program and/or complete an action addressing one of the Issue Priorities for 2016-2020. These are 1. Climate Justice; 2. Maternal and Child Health, 3. Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration; and 4. Economic Inequality. Find information at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/service-advocacy.
- *8. The unit will add at least two new members (one member for units with less than 15 members) to its roll.

- *9. The unit will have one program from the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church 2017-2020.
- *10. The unit will contribute to all Five Channels of Mission Giving.
- *11. The UMW Purpose will be recited at each general and/or circle meeting.
- *12. The unit will contribute \$186.90 or more to the Legacy Fund.
- 13. At least one member of the unit will attend Mission u and report back to the unit on classes and events they experienced.
- 14. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will attend the district or conference annual meeting and report back to the unit about the event and what they experienced.
- 15. The unit will have at least one person joining the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information at least three (3) times a year. (To join, contact the United Methodist Women Washington Office, 100 Maryland Avenue NE, Room 100, Washington, DC 20002. Phone #: 202-488-5660. Email: csad@unitedmethodistwomen.com (Attach to Mission Today report the action that was taken and to which issue.)
- 16. Members will correspond with five persons listed in the Prayer Calendar at least once a year.
- 17. The unit will co-sponsor, with the local church, a Children's Sabbath. (This is a worship service highlighting the needs of children.) The United Methodist Women National Office and the Council of Bishops support this effort. Children's Sabbath materials are on our website.
- 18. Each unit or circle meeting will include a "response Moment" where an item from *response* magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
- 19. The unit will sponsor one teen member (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman member (ages 18 to 39) to at least one conference event during the year.
- 20. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will attend a district Prayer Breakfast, district Day Apart, conference Spiritual Growth Retreat, or any other special district or conference event other than Ubuntu Day.
- 21. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will participate in an Ubuntu Day Event.
- 22. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will complete Plan 1 of the Reading Program and give a report to the unit on one of the books read.
- 23. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year and/or for their United Methodist Women's Sunday. This Qualifies as a Local Unit Visit (LUV).
- 24. The unit will add one new teen (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman (ages 18 to 39) circle during the year, or one new teen member (ages 12 to 17) or one new young woman member (ages 18 to 39) during the year.
- 25. 100% of the unit's active members will make a gift of at least \$18.69 to the Legacy Fund
- 26. The 2019 Conference Financial Goal is: To increase our giving in the Gift to Mission channel by at least \$3,000.00. The unit will help accomplish the goal by increasing giving in this channel by at least \$10.00 over 2018.
- 27. Each unit will be responsible for supporting at least one local mission project and participate in one Conference Hands-on Mission Project during the year. The local project should be listed on your Mission Today report.

Be a Mission Today Unit!

Mission Resource Center

Website: www.missionresourcecenter.org

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WNCC UMW
Mission u
July 18-21, 2019

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

Pfeiffer University
48380 US Hwy 52N
Misenheimer, NC 28109

"Radical Discipleship: Then and Now"



Take a deep dive into the Gospel of Mark, the topic of money, and the inspiring story of women organized for mission. Be inspired. Be challenged. Respond to God's call. Continue the powerful legacy of compassionate service and passionate advocacy.

All are welcome!

Full-Time Youth Camp: Who Do You Say That I Am? Meeting Jesus Through the Eyes of Mark

Leaders: Sherry Sink and Renee Hayes

"Youth will be guided through the Gospel of Mark, helping them to define who Jesus is to them, who he says he is in scripture, and how this impacts how we live our lives."

The camp also offers opportunities for relationship-building and participating in hands-on mission.

Complete youth information and all required forms can be found online at www.wnccumw.org/events/mission-u-2019/



Spiritual Growth Study: Mark and Radical Discipleship

Full-Time Leader: Steve Taylor
Overview Leader: Otto Harris

Author Janet Wolf explores what it means to live a life of radical discipleship using the Gospel of Mark as a foundation. The stories of the women in Mark are a focus in this study and how, although often unnamed, they are prominent among Jesus' followers and in Mark's recounting of the gospel story.

Special Study: Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission

Full-Time Leaders: Barbara Campbell, Betty Durham, Tonya Lanier, Earonita Strong, Lisa Beth White
Overview Leader: Amy Johnson

Author Ellen Blue looks at women who established vibrant societies to support mission. Learning about the early female leaders who created what would become today's UMW can help us understand who they truly were beyond who we expected them to have been. Let's celebrate our 150 years!

Repeat Issue Study: What About Our Money? A Faith Response

Full-Time Leader: Jennifer Burton Lineberry

As author Susan K. Taylor delves into the "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."

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 - 2019 WNCC UMW Mission u**Full-Time Resident Students:**

- Private Room w/Bathroom - \$200
 Single Room w/ Shared Bath - \$175
 Double Room w/ Shared Bath - \$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

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

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 - 69 70 and 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.

- Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission or What About Our Money?

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

- Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission or Mark and Radical Discipleship

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, 2019

Make check payable to: United Methodist Women

Mail check and registration form to:
 LaDonna Butts
 865 Lake Lynn Rd
 Concord 28025-9634

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Mission u 2019
Residential Youth Camp
 July 18-21
 Pfeiffer University,
 48380 U.S. Highway 52N
 Misenheimer, NC 28109

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

Who Do You Say that I Am?
Meeting Jesus Through the Eyes of Mark



Author Carolyn Polling will guide youth through the Gospel of Mark, helping them to define who Jesus is to them. The goal of the study is to help youth explore scripture in new ways, so they can develop their own faith and put it into action.

Leaders: Sherry Sink and Renee Hayes

COST: \$150 per student. Local UMW units are encouraged to contribute toward this cost.

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

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

HOUSING: Housing will be in a college dorm.

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

WHAT TO BRING:

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

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

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

REGISTRATION - 2019 WNCC UMW Mission u – YOUTH CAMP

STUDENT INFORMATION: *Please PRINT CLEARLY and complete all information.*

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

Church: _____ District: _____ () Female () Male

Date of Birth: _____ Grade Level for 2019-20 school year: 9 ___ 10 ___ 11 ___ 12 ___ College ___

Address:

_____ *Street or P. O. Box* _____ *City* _____ *State* _____ *ZIP*

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Roommate (if applicable) _____ (Must be sent in together!)

Emergency contact: Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Special Housing/Classroom Needs *(please be specific)*: _____

REGISTRATION FORMS & PAYMENT DUE BY JULY 5, 2019

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, 2019
**All registrations must be received no later than
 July 5, 2019**

THERE WILL BE NO ONSITE REGISTRATION.

Call/Email/Text Questions or Concerns to
 Sherry Sink/336-880-2663/sherrysink@gmail.com

CATAWBA VALLEY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Permission/Medical Release Form for Mission u 2019

This form is necessary for any student wishing to stay overnight in a Pfeiffer University Residence Hall. Clearly print, provide necessary signatures, and submit to the Office of Church Relations.

Students will not be permitted to attend Mission u without completing this form.

Date: _____

Student Name: _____ T-Shirt size _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

High School: _____ Grade (2019-20 school year) _____

Medical Concerns/Allergies: _____

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian

I give permission for my child, named above, to visit and stay overnight in a Residence Hall at Pfeiffer University. I hereby release and hold harmless Pfeiffer University, its trustees, administrators, and employees from any and all liability, damage, or claims made against them related to my child's participation in this visit to Pfeiffer University. In addition, I authorize a representative of Pfeiffer University to consent to medical care of my child in the event I cannot be reached.

Student

I agree to abide by all laws, policies, and rules set forth by Pfeiffer University and its staff. I understand failure to do so could result in notification of my parent/guardian and a request that I leave campus.

Authorization to use photographs and/or audio-visual

I hereby authorize Pfeiffer University to use, reproduce, and/or publish photographs, voice reproductions and/or video that may pertain to my child. I understand that this material may be used in any legal manner in various publications, promotional or recruitment materials or for other related endeavors. This material may also appear on Pfeiffer's website, social media outlets and in university publications. I understand that by signing this release, I waive any and all present or future compensation rights to the use of the above stated material(s).

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Signature of Student Date

United Methodist Women
 WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
 2019 Mission u
 Covenant and Consent Form for Youth

Print Name of Youth Participant

COVENANT:

As a participant in Mission u, I take seriously my responsibility and affirm my commitment for the well-being and safety of others and myself. I agree to remain on the site unless I have been given permission to leave by my chaperone and the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women's designated person in charge. I will attend all activities, including meals. I will observe the scheduled curfew of 11:30 p.m. by being in my room, being quiet, and not disturbing others. I will not use tobacco, illegal substances, or alcohol. I will respect the equipment and property of others and care for the facility that we share.

This covenant is made between each youth participant and the whole group. I understand that if I break the covenant, and if the brokenness cannot be reconciled, that my parent will be contacted and I may be sent home from the event.

 Youth Participant Signature

 Date

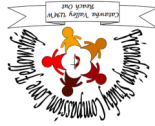
CONSENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

I give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in Mission u to be held at Pfeiffer University, July 18-21, 2019. I have read the covenant, which my son/daughter has signed, and I understand the responsibilities to which he/she has agreed. I will support him/her in fulfilling this covenant.

I understand that it is essential that my son/daughter conduct himself/herself appropriately and refrain from the use of alcohol, cigarettes, tobacco, drugs, cursing, and other inappropriate behavior that may detract from the purpose of Mission u or hinder other participants from enjoying the event. If it becomes necessary to take disciplinary action with my son/daughter, I will be advised of the situation, and I agree to cooperate in resolving the problem as amicably as possible. If the situation requires that my son/daughter be sent home from the event, I agree to assist with transporting my son/daughter from the event location to his/her home.

 Parent or Guardian Signature

 Date



Upcoming Events 2019

March 23	CVD 150th Birthday Celebration @ FUMC Conover, Cleveland and Eastridge Mall
April 6	CVD Mission Study @ Messiah UMC Vale, NC <i>Hands-On Mission: CM of Lincoln County</i>
April 27	WNCC UMW Legislative Day @ St. Andrews UMC Winston Salem
June 13-15	WNCC Spiritual Growth @ Lake Junaluska <i>Hands-On Mission: UMCOR School Kits</i>
July 18-21	Mission U @ Pfeiffer <i>Hands-On Mission: UMCOR School Kits</i>
August 17	CVD Annual Meeting @ First Cherryville <i>Hands-On Mission: TBA</i>
September 13-15	WNCC Annual Meeting @ Lake Junaluska <i>Hands-On Mission: Agape Christmas Shoe Boxes</i>
October 12	WNCC UBUNTU Day @ WNCC Mission Institutions around conference
November 2	CVD District Leadership Development @ First UMC Lincolnton <i>Hands-On Mission: TBA</i>

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