



Blue Ridge District Newsletter United Methodist Women

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

Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women's 2019 Mission Study

Celebrating 150 Years of United Methodist Women Through Study

Mission Study: "What About Our Money? A Faith Response"

Study Leader: Jaye White, director of outreach for the North Carolina Conference, graduate of Duke University Divinity School, and deacon in full connection since 2014.

Saturday, May 11, 2019

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 223 Hillside St, Asheville, NC 28801

9:00 to 9:30 Registration and Hospitality

9:30 to 2:30 (12:30 to 1:00 for lunch) Mission Study

Lunch: Provided by St. Paul United Methodist Women.

Bring: Study Book: "What About Our Money? A Faith Response"

No Pre-registration.

Child Care: Contact Jeanette Byrd by April 18 if you need child car: jbyrdasheville@aol.com or call or text 828-230-5308

Love Offering: Love Offering will be a gift to Mission Giving in honor of Jaye White.

Hands-on Project: Hygiene Kits – See page 14.

Directions to St. Paul United Methodist Church: From I-40 or I-26 exit onto I-240 (Asheville cross town expressway.). Continue on I-240 to exit 5a (Merrimon Ave/US 25 N). Turn right and go 0.73 miles to Hillside St. (Asheville Bible Church will be on the left). Turn right and go 0.07 miles to St. Paul's. You may park in the Claxton School parking lot.

**Attending a mission study fulfills criteria #4 of Mission Today Unit!!!
Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women**

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2019 NURTURING PARTNERS (SHEPHERDESSES)

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

PLEASE ASK YOUR NURTURING PARTNER TO VISIT YOUR UNIT!

Nurturing Partner	Church	Nurturing Partner	Church
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Frances Womack Yelton

October 3, 1923 - February 11, 2019

Frances Womack Yelton, 95 years of age, died on Monday, February 11, 2019 at her home in Rutherfordton, N.C. Mrs. Yelton was a life long member of Gilboa United Methodist Church where she served as treasurer for over fifty years and was a loyal member of the United Methodist Women. When Joanie Strohm was President of the Blue Ridge District UMW she became aware that Mrs. Yelton was the sole member of the local unit there at Gilboa and asked her if she was going to continue as such. Mrs. Yelton was such an avid, devoted member she insisted that as long as she was able she would continue as the United Methodist Women's unit at Gilboa and for several years she did so, making her pledge and contributing to other channels of giving. She was such an inspiration to those of us on the District Executive team that we decided to honor her in some way and at the 2015 Annual Meeting she was presented a Gift to Mission Pin by Mrs. Strohm. Mrs. Yelton's dedication and example of what service one person could accomplish was discussed in the Executive Meeting of the Blue Ridge District on March 2, 2019. It was suggested by Fran Jordan, President that we send a Gift in Memory Card to her family and was voted in the affirmative by the entire team. Not only that but we also voted to name the Blue Ridge District Scholarship to the Conference Annual Meeting "The Frances Yelton Scholarship" in honor of this remarkable lady. Each of us can honor her further by continuing the work of United Methodist Women Mrs. Yelton so strongly believed in.

Communications Coordinator



Please pray for our President, Fran Jordan. As I was putting this newsletter together, Fran was in the hospital. She did get word to Jo Pyatt to do an article for her. Please see Jo Pyatt's article on page 8.

Also please see the pictures of the Prayer Breakfast taken by some of your Blue Ridge District Officers on pages 12 and 13. One other note, we did not put the forms for the Missions u Youth Camp in the newsletter because of the extra cost in printing and mailing. If you know of someone who wants to attend, I will email her the forms. The information and forms for the adults are found on pages 17-19. As always, please let us know about the wonderful things your units and/or circles are doing for women, children, and youth in the United States and around the world! Thank you so much!

2019 Deadlines for information for the District Newsletter are:

June 15, 2019 (Newsletter emailed or mailed first week of July)

Sept. 15, 2019 (Newsletter mailed first week of October)

Peggy Sanders, Blue Ridge District Communications Coordinator

Vice-President



I hope everybody is enjoying United Methodist Women's 150th year long anniversary celebration as much as I am! The prayer breakfast was wonderful. And all of our district/conference events are shaping up to be equally good. As I said in my last article, it's a good time to be vice president of a unit because we have so many events/resources to supplement the program book. Programming ideas abound!

Every district/conference event offers fertile ground for programming ideas, and the next two are no exception. The upcoming mission study on May 11 focuses on one of our advocacy areas-- economic inequality. And I am so excited about this year's spiritual growth retreat, partly because it's longer with an expanded format that provides educational and spiritual growth breakout sessions. Plus, I can't wait to hear what Clara Ester, national Vice President of United Methodist Women, has to say.

This year also offers an excellent opportunity for us to reflect on the history of our individual units and district. In that vein we want to celebrate our district and unit achievers at the annual celebration on August 24 at East Marion United Methodist Church. Please see on page 11 a form entitled "**Blue Ridge District UMW Honor Roll.**" Please respond if your unit or any of your members might qualify in one of the categories. It should be fun to see which unit is the oldest in the district and to see just how many units are over 100 years old. Fill out the form and send it to me by July 10 and plan to be present on August 24 to see who the "winners," are, although every member of United Methodist Women, as well as every unit living into our purpose and vision, is a winner in my opinion!

Let the celebration continue!

Gwen Harris
Vice President

Gwen Harris, *Blue Ridge District Vice-President*

Treasurer

It is such a pleasure to greet you and introduce myself as the new District Treasurer. I reside in Arden and am retired from the VA in Asheville. I am married with two sons and a very bossy 8-month-old Yorkie named Yoshi. My goal is to try to fulfill the duties of this position as well as Carol Bryson did, and we all know what a lofty goal that is. Special thanks to Carol for her years of hard work.

We have completed our first quarter of mission giving for 2019. Thank you for the generous giving from our units. Several of you have given in all five channels of giving in this our first quarter. Undesignated giving is the most versatile giving and it is done through:

1. Pledge to Mission: Each UMW unit is required to make a pledge to mission for the year. Making and meeting this pledge fulfills the first requirement for becoming a Mission Today Unit as well as giving in all five channels.
2. Gift to Mission: Several types of cards are available for various occasions. These cards are \$5 each and are an excellent way to remember a person at that special time in their life.
3. Gift in Memory: Cards are free, with donations beginning at \$5. Unit treasurer will include Gift in Memory contributions on their quarterly remittance form. This is a wonderful way to remember those who have passed away.

4. Special Mission Recognition: Pins are available at costs beginning at \$40. These pins are a way to recognize that special person in your unit, church, or community. Purchasing a pin is not required for units to contribute in this channel of giving. Contributions may be made in any amount.
5. World Thank Offering: This is an opportunity for us to respond to God's abundance and grace with gifts of gratitude.

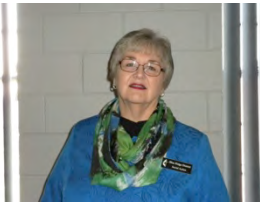
Please also remember to include our Legacy Fund in your giving both individually and as a unit. This fund is vital to the security of our continued mission work in the future as United Methodist Women.

March brought with it our 150th anniversary/birthday. We have a rich history, a world-wide presence and an unlimited potential for the future. This is all due to dedicated women such as yourselves. Many churches have celebrated this milestone during March and hopefully we all can continue those celebrations as we meet each milestone.

Thank you to all our Blue Ridge United Methodist Women. Remember that every dollar given to missions goes a long way in the hands of United Methodist Women around the world. We are off to a great start in our mission giving for 2019. Let's keep up the good work.

Linda Johns, 2019 Blue Ridge District Treasurer

[Spiritual Growth](#)



Wow! If you were not among the over 200 people who attended the 2019 Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 23, please know that we missed you. We celebrated our 150th Birthday in style. The United Methodist Women of Central United Methodist, Asheville, did an awesome job as our hostesses. We were blessed with Deaconess Tracey Owens' message on *Praying Without Ceasing* and so many of you in your evaluations mentioned how powerful her message in word and song was. Thanks to our host pastor, Rev. Patrick Neitzey for leading our service of Holy Communion. I thought all the music was beautiful. Thanks to Tracey, Glenda Fuhrmann, Patty Higgins, and Delores Meadows for our worship music. The memorial service is always so meaningful to me as we remember those who have paved the way for us.

I have read each of your evaluations. Thank you for your positive comments and your suggestions on how to improve future meetings. One area of concern was from several of the units that had the later arrival time. We designate two times for a couple of reasons: 1) to make sure there is enough seating in the fellowship hall, and 2) because of the size of our district, some units have to travel 45 minutes to over an hour. We try to determine arrival times related to distance from the host church. (For example, my unit is at the far eastern part of the Blue Ridge District and it takes well over an hour to reach Central so we had the 9:15 time. Not too many folks want to leave for the Prayer Breakfast before 7:00 am.) Thanks for sharing and I am sorry for any issues you had and we will discuss solutions in more detail at our next Executive Committee meeting.

I hope to see many of you at our mission study on May 11 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Asheville and the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska on June 13-15. On-line registration is available now for the SGR. Register NOW!

Mark your calendars now for the 2020 Prayer Breakfast on March 21 at First United Methodist Church, Marion. Love and blessings to each of you as you continue to celebrate our 150th Birthday during the year.

Lucy Earls, Blue Ridge District Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth

Education and Interpretation

“God provides what we need/All is God’s.” “God gives us seeds. What we do with them is up to us.”

Greetings as we continue our joyful celebration of 150 years of love, faith, and action with women, children, and youth by United Methodist Women and our predecessors

I hope you are planning to attend our 2019 District “Mission Study” to be held on May 11 at St. Paul’s UMC. (See cover page for details). Our study this year is entitled “What About our Money? A Faith Response.” Most of us would rather talk about anything else before we talk about money. This study looks at how we understand money within the context of our faith. The focus is both personal and communal. We will explore our own relationship with money, the money choices available to us, and how we individually and collectively respond to economic inequalities in light of our faith.

Study leader will be Jaye White from Fayetteville, NC. Jaye is a guest from the North Carolina Conference staff, currently serving as Director of Outreach. She is a graduate of Duke University Divinity School and became a Deacon in full connection in 2014. Jaye was one of the study leaders at Mission U in July 2018. Several members from our district were in her class and say she did an excellent job. Our love offering for the study will be a “gift to mission” in honor of Jaye. Hands-on project will again be UMCOR Hygiene kits or if you wish you may also bring UMCOR School Kits. See the cover page for directions.

Lastly, I have been so overwhelmed by your generosity at the Prayer Breakfast with your gifts of UMCOR kits and especially items for Haywood Street Respite Care, that it will take me days to count each item. I will share that information with you in our next newsletter. A big “thank you” to all.

I look forward to seeing you on May 11.

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

Membership Nurture and Outreach



Wow! A fourth of the new year is over. Times moving quickly and we’re in a new season; a season of rebirth and renewal. Trees and flowers are turning green and bursting with color. As the year moves along, so must we. I pray it has started well.

Hopefully every Local Unit has received a contact letter of introduction from their Nurturing Partner. Please contact your Partner and set up a visit. It is a great way to learn, grow, and stay informed about events happening in our District and Conference. We will be working hard this year to visit all of our units. Remember, we are here to answer questions, make visits, give a program and assist in any way needed.

What a great 150th Celebration we had on March 23 at our Annual Prayer Breakfast. Our District is still leading the way in our work and giving to Mission. Our speaker, Deaconess Tracey Owens gave us an enlightening and thought-provoking message on prayer. If we all pray without ceasing as we work our purpose, we will all be truly blessed. She gave us a guide for prayer: give Adoration to God, Confess our sins, give Thanks for all our blessings, make our Supplications and requests.

The next event on our District calendar is our Mission Study, “What About Our Money”, on May 11 at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Asheville. The next Conference event is the Spiritual Growth Retreat Thursday – Saturday June 13 – 15 at Lake Junaluska. The Mission u dates are July 18 -21 at Pfeiffer University. Hope to see you at these events, as we continue to celebrate the 150th year of United Methodist Women.

Remember, contact your Nurturing Partner today and set up a visit. May God continue to bless United Methodist Women for another 150 years through your gifts to our Legacy Fund. Let us pray for guidance as we work to improve lives and right injustices facing women, children and youth locally and around the world

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

Committee on Nominations

The very informative, concise, user friendly District Newsletter you receive four times a year comes from our District Communications Coordinator Peggy Sanders. Peggy has served as editor of our newsletter for six years. The Nominations Committee is looking for someone with computer skills and interest in communication. Maybe a stay at home mom or retired computer person that wants to work with the mission team promoting the UMW and PURPOSE and is looking for a way to serve. Peggy is happy to talk with anyone interested with the details of this position.

Delores Meadows, *Blue Ridge District Nomination Committee Chair*

Member At Large

At the time I am writing this our district president, Fran Jordan, is still in the hospital and has asked me to submit an article for the newsletter in her absence.

By the time the newsletter is out I feel all the units will have celebrated the 150th birthday of United Methodist Women, in some fashion, so I am not going to repeat what most of you have heard for the past. What I do want to emphasize is the fact that there have been many, many ladies over the years other than the eight at Tremont Street in Boston and names such as Swain and Thoburn that have inspired, encouraged, served and continued the work of United Methodist Women. Ladies whose names might be lost to time and known only to those in their immediate circle of acquaintances but whose indelible mark is evident in the lives they came in contact with.

Two such ladies were mentors to me when I became truly involved with United Methodist Women. They were active in the old Marion District and they were Sarah Annis and Nina Hogan. Nina continues to be one of the most knowledgeable about UMW of all the ladies I have met through the years. She was an avid reader and read every single word of each Response magazine. Sarah was a true lady and when I first met her. She gave me a linen handkerchief and said every southern lady needed to carry one (don't know why she thought I should have one. Lady???? I don't know!) I never heard her say an angry or unkind word. Over the years those two and I shared so much including much laughter and I always felt they would champion me in whatever I attempted in life. Sadly, Sarah passed away several years ago (I still have the hankie) and just within the last month Nina has been admitted to a rehabilitation center. I will always treasure the memories of the time I spent with these much loved friends and will mourn the loss of how things once were but will celebrate how much they enriched my life.

As we celebrated our 150th birthday and as we spent so much time reflecting on the past I feel there were ladies you remembered whose laughter, touch and influence helped to develop you into the person you are, personally, as a United Methodist Woman and as a Christian. So the true purpose of this particular letter is to encourage you to share those stories because they are as meaningful as all those long ago memories we have just celebrated and might have an impact on those new to our organization.

Please read the rest of the newsletter for information regarding the district and conference. I'm off to spend a couple of days with the grandson and his mom and dad (our son). This is the 17 year old that is on the Autism spectrum so it is always an interesting time. I'll have my cell.

Jo Pyatt, *Blue Ridge District Member At Large*



Historian

United Methodist Women: Living History: History can be scrapbooks, tattered clippings and faded photographs. There is also personal, family and community history recounted orally or in published records. United Methodist Women has family history, some better known than others.

Among of the “ancestors” of United Methodist Women are the women of the Methodist Protestant Church. A Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society was organized in Pittsburg in 1879; their first missionary, Harriett Britain went to Japan the following year. Later missionaries went to China and India, The Home Missionary Society was organized in Bridgeton, NJ in 1893.

Methodist Protestants were prominent in North Carolina. The women of the North Carolina Branch (conference) hosted nine national meetings of the Societies in Grace Church, Greensboro and 1st Church, High Point in 1902, 1914, 1926 and 1936. The Home Missionary Society initiated plans and supported a Children’s Home in Denton (later moved to High Point) based on a 1908 report of 8000 orphans in North Carolina not being cared for in an institution. Mrs. Minnie Lee Hancock Hammer of Asheboro held offices as NC Branch Recording Secretary and later president. She became national Recording Secretary in 1923 and national president in 1928. She died in 1959 and is buried in the Asheboro City Cemetery.

Is your church a “descendant” of the Methodist Protestant Church? St. Paul’s Church in Asheville has Methodist Protestant roots.

Barbara E. Campbell, *Blue Ridge District Historian*

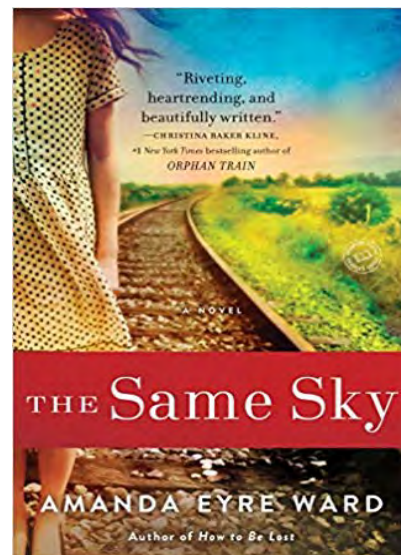
Program Resources



Greetings everyone, and Happy Spring! It’s still brisk and cool where I live, but I’m looking forward to a warm spring & summer and I hope I get to see many of you!

The Prayer Breakfast at Central UMC was outstanding, and I was delighted that so many of you already knew about the “new way” of ordering Mission Resources. The digital age is here, and it just doesn’t make sense to make large shipments of books back and forth on consignment anymore. It will be hard to get used to ordering things individually or by our local units, but in the end it will save us all money, time and labor!

My book of choice this time is The Same Sky, by Amanda Eyre Ward. This book is a prime example of how our reading program titles keep us socially conscious and concerned about the brutal reality of young, undocumented immigrants that will do *anything* and risk *everything* to seek their dreams in America. Carla is a young girl who’s in charge of her 6-year-old brother Junior. They flee the escalating violence in Honduras to make the arduous, horrendous trip across Mexico to the United States. Their experience will grip you and haunt you—it’s incredulous what Carla is willing to give up, and risk losing—just to get to a place where she feels she belongs. It is not pretty, but after reading this book I “got it.”



Thank you for your kind words at the prayer breakfast. This “new way” of ordering will likely take a while to catch on with everyone, so please do NOT hesitate to contact me if I can help you in any way AT ALL. I want to make this transition as easy as possible for as many as possible!

‘Hope to see you at the district mission study on May 11th!

Leith Tate, *Blue Ridge District Secretary of Program Resources*

Program Advisory Group

You may consider my letter as "hot off the press" because I have just returned from the annual Board of Directors and Program Advisory Group meeting at Scarritt-Bennett in Nashville, Tennessee. If you have never been to Scarritt-Bennett, I suggest you organize a visit to see this retreat center owned by United Methodist Women.

As with every UMW event, the JOY was connecting with friends from across the country. My consistent roommate for national meetings is from South Dakota. I have never been there, but she is coming here next October.

There was WORSHIP at each session. Here is a quote from one worship service(as best as I remember it.) "If you go with Jesus, He will open doors for you, and you will see things you may not want to see, but you can't NOT see because you are with Jesus."

There were REPORTS. There was a lengthy session on debriefing the recent General Conference and a push to encourage more women to be elected to be delegates to the next conference. Proposed 2020 General Conference Resolutions were reviewed. (I have those if you want to know more.) The report on the Day of Giving will be ready by mid April, along with an updated report on the Legacy Fund. (Much more about this in my next letter.)

There were WORKSHOPS for the entire group together. One was on Eliminating Institutional Racism. I recommend the book SO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT RACE. There will be a webinar presentation later this year, and you may want to participate. The second workshop was on the climate justice campaign called "Just Energy for All". I have resources for that.

And as I promised at the last WNCC executive meeting, I raised my concern that more needs to be done to support and resource local women. The two examples I gave were: 1. Being told that pledge cards were not available this year, that we should download and print them ourselves. When I did that for our Skyland Unit, it cost me \$37.50. 2. Being told that new member packets were not currently available, that these, too, we could download and print. Three women came to me immediately after I spoke and said they heartily agree with me. Then a New York office staff person told me she would "take this to New York and see what can be done". So stay tuned.

I have come home encouraged by the stories about the work UMW has been doing for 150 years (You really must hear the stories Clara Ester tells about the Bethlehem Centers.) And I have come home inspired to do all I/we can as United Methodist Women for the present and the future.

Dixie Liggett, Western NC Conference District Advisor for the Blue Ridge District

Blue Ridge District Goals for 2019

Meet the annual district Pledge to Mission of \$82,000.00.

Increase giving in the Gifts to Mission Channel of Giving by \$375.00 to complement the conference goal of increasing Gifts to Mission by \$3,000.00.

Increase attendance at each district event.

Blue Ridge District UMW Honor Roll

In this 150th anniversary year of UMW, our district would like to honor aspects of our own history. Results of the survey will be announced at our annual meeting on August 24 at East Marion United Methodist. Only those who provide the requested information can be honored, as the District does not collect most of this information in annual reports.

_____ Name of your unit

_____ Name and contact number of someone we can call if we need to clarify information

_____ If your unit is over 100 years old, give us the year it was established so that we can determine the oldest unit in our district.

_____ If your unit is fewer than five years old, give us the year it was established so that we can honor our newest unit.

_____ Provide the names **AND AGES** of members of your unit who are 95 or over so that we can honor our oldest member.

_____ Provide the names **AND AGES** of members of your unit who are thirteen or under so that we can honor our youngest member.

_____ If your unit has core family groups of two or more, provide their names and the relationships. Core family for this would include mother, daughters, sisters, granddaughters.

_____ Check if your unit has 10 or fewer members and was a Mission Today Unit in 2018. In 1869, eight women started an organization that now numbers over 800,000. Size doesn't matter: Sincerity and service do.

Please mail the form to the following address by July 10, 2019:

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Prayer Breakfast held at Central UMC on March 23, 2019



Pictures by Gwen Harris and Dixie Liggett



More Prayer Breakfast Pictures



Pictures from Skvland United Methodist Women's 150 Celebration



Hygiene Kit

Hygiene kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Hygiene kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking classes. **Hygiene Kit Value:** \$12 per kit

Assembly

1 hand towel

- 15" x 25" to 17"x 27";
- Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable.

1 washcloth

1 comb

- Comb needs to be sturdy longer than 6 inches;
- No pocket combs or picks please;
- Rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth.

1 metal nail file or nail clippers

- No emery boards, please

1 bath-size soap

- 3 oz. and larger sizes only;
- No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content;
- Do not remove from original packaging.

1 toothbrush

- Adult size only;
- Do not remove from original packaging.

6 adhesive bandages

- ¾" to 1"-size;
- Common household Band-Aids.

1 plastic bag

- One-gallon size sealable bag only.

\$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

Assembly Directions

Set the \$1.00 for toothpaste aside to be included in a separate envelope. Lay out the hand towel flat on a table. Lay the washcloth flat in the center of the hand towel. Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth. Fold over the sides of the hand towel to cover all of the items. Fold over one end of the hand towel so that it covers all of the items. Grasp the bundle of items tightly and roll over the remainder of the hand towel tightly. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag. Remove as much air as possible and seal the bag.

Important Notes

- All items must be new.
- Do not wash any of the items as they will be considered used.
- Please remove all packaging, unless otherwise specified.
- All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Due to the fact that strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items, nothing more.
- Do not include any personal notes, money, or additional material in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.
- **UMCOR is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent. Do not put single dollar bills in each kit. Collect all money for toothpaste and shipping, then *place it in a separate envelope and send along with the kit donations.***



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*)

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



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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!

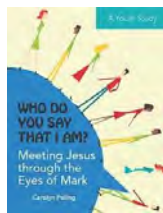
Full-Time Youth Camp: Who Do You Say That I Am? Meeting Jesus Through the Eyes of Mark

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!**

Registration is open May 1- July 5.
All Registrations must be received
no later than JULY 5, 2019.

NO ONSITE REGISTRATION

Full-Time Study Fees range \$50-\$200
Check-in Thursday, July 18, 2:00-6:00 PM.
First session begins at 6:30 PM.

One-Day Overview Study Fees range \$30-\$40
Friday, July 19, and Saturday, July 20.
Check-in 8:00 AM-8:45 AM.
Class begins at 9:00 AM.

Hands-On Mission Project: School Kits

- 1 pair blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
- 1 pack of loose-leaf paper (100-200 sheets)
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener (1-inch or longer, remove from packaging)
- 1 ruler 12 inches or 30 centimeters long
- 6 **unsharpened** pencils
- 1 eraser (2-inches or larger)
- 1 24-count box of crayons (**only** this size)
- 3 **one-subject** notebooks

Place items in re-sealable two-gallon plastic bag.



(Please include a check payable to UMW for at least \$1.00 per kit for shipping. Write UMCOR on memo line.)
(Important – See Instructions for assembling kits at <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/School>.)

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

DORM ROOM OPTIONS: Private room with private bathroom (\$200.00). **Limited availability based on order of registration.** Single (\$175) or double (\$160) room with **community bathrooms.**

Mission u Policies and Information

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

Child care is not available.

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

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

CLASSES: Full-Time students take two studies: Mark and Radical Discipleship and **either** Women United for Change: 150 Yrs. In Mission **or** What About Our Money?
Overview students take one study: either Women United for Change:150 Yrs. In Mission **or** Mark and Radical Discipleship (Attend both days if you wish to take both studies.)

All study books need to be ordered prior to Mission u as there **will not** be study books available on site.

You may go online to order at www.umwmissionresources.org or call 800-305-9857. You can order the study books individually or they are also included in the 2019 UMW Sampler pack.
CEU's and Advanced Lay Servant Certifications: Continuing Education Units and Advanced Lay Servant Certifications are available if requirements are met.

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

Chair Aerobics with LaDonna
Stories of UMW by "Mama Casey"
Justice Today – Another Day in the Vineyard

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

ADULT REGISTRATION - 2019 WNCC UMW Mission u

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

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

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

Blue Ridge District
United Methodist Women

2018
Scholarship Application Form

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

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

Name: _____ Church: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Adult or Youth? _____

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

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

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

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

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

Applicant's Signature _____

Recommendation of the UMW President of your local unit:

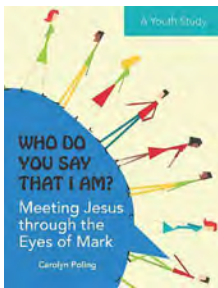
Signature _____ Date _____

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

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.wncumw.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.!!) 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!**



Rise Against Hunger Sponsored by Church Women United

Saturday, April 27, 2019 starting at 11:00 AM

Biltmore United Methodist Church,
376 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville (Off 1-40 at Exit 50)

Come help pack over 10,000 meals of rice, soy, vegetables, etc. to be sent over the world to feed hungry people. Needed are volunteers and donations. We need to raise \$3500 to sponsor this event.

Contact: Barbara Bryant at 279-0185
or email at bh_bryant@aol.com
or register online at <http://events.stophungernow.org/CWU2019>



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!



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

Mark Your Calendar for 2019:

Blue Ridge District UMW Events for 2019:

- May 4 **District Mission Study**, St. Paul's UMC, Asheville
August 24 **District Annual Meeting/Celebration**, East Marion UMC, Marion
Oct 12 **Ubuntu Day of Service**, Various Locations
Nov 2 **District Leadership Day**, Fletcher UMC

Western North Carolina Conference UMW Events for 2019:

- April 27 **Legislative Day**, St. Andrews Church, Winston-Salem
Jun 13-15 **Spiritual Growth Retreat** Lake Junaluska
June 19-23 **WNCC UMC Annual Conference**, Lake Junaluska
July 18-21 **Mission u, Pfeiffer University**
Sep 13-15 **Annual Celebration**, Lake Junaluska
Oct 19 **Leadership Development Day for District Officers**, Granite Falls



For More Information:

Visit our Web Site: www.wnccumw.org

Join our Conference UMW Email List

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

Visit us on **Facebook**: www.facebook.com/wnccumw

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