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# Metro Media

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



Join us at The Lake for the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

2019 Spiritual Growth Retreat

horns & Roses

Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> Complete information about the retreat is available at <u>www.wnccumw.org</u>

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

LODGING RESERVATIONS OPEN FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> ON-LINE RETREAT REGISTRATION OPFNS FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>



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

# Clara Ester, Deaconess

2019 Retreat Leader



National Vice President of United Methodist Women

Music Leader: Rev. Rhonda Smith Minister of Music, First Hickory

#### NEW PROGRAMING FOR MORE SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Thursday Dinner: V Thursday Evening: O Friday Morning: N Friday Afternoon: B B d a Friday Evening: E Saturday Morning: N Saturday afternoon: O

Welcome & Fellowship Pizza Party (Gluten free? Yes!) Opening Plenary – Speaker: Clara Ester Morning Praise. Speaker: Clara Ester 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. Evening Vesper & Holy Communion 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

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Assurance (Huntersville)	Kim	Shafer
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Central (Charlotte)	Sylvia	Sekle-Dueh
Central (Concord)	Lynda	Morris
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Zion (Monroe)	Donna	Varner

### PRESIDENT

Happy 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday to United Methodist Women!

What a wonderful celebration we had at the Metro District UMW Prayer Breakfast! Everything about the morning was both uplifting and celebratory! Thanks to Cold Springs UMW for being a great hostess and to Rev. Beverly Maulden for her inspiring message.

Now that spring has sprung, we will continue to celebrate United Methodist Women in a variety of formats.

Join your UMW sisters at the WNCC UMW Legislative Day "E to the Third Power: Educate, Engage, Enact" at St. Andrews UMC, Winston-Salem. Learn how to make your voice heard!

Walk for Mission May 4 at Aldersgate Retirement Center in Charlotte or Morrows Chapel in Mooresville or hold your own walk at your local unit.

Enrich your mind with our Metro District Mission Study to be held May 18 at Myers Park United Methodist Church in Charlotte.

Nourish your soul at the WNCC UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska June 13-15. Hear Clara Ester, a Deaconess and a National Director. She has quite a powerful story—as she was in the hotel room and on the balcony where Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was shot in Memphis. We are so lucky to have her lead our retreat.

Be inspired and challenged at Mission u July 18-21 at Pfeiffer University. Take a deep dive into the Gospel of Mark, the topic of money, and the inspiring story of women organized for mission.

What wonderful opportunities we are offered as United Methodist Women! All year we are honoring those who had a vision of what women could do to help other women, children and youth. We are taking that vision and looking toward the future at how much more we can accomplish----celebrating all along the way!

Lynda Morris lfmorrisap@aol.com

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

Happy 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday to United Methodist Women!! While we held the Prayer Breakfast on the actual birthday, March 23, the celebration will continue throughout the year:

Mission Study in May and Annual Celebration in August. Rocky Mount United Methodist Women have graciously agreed to host the Annual Celebration on August 24, 2019. Breakfast will begin at 8:30 am, followed by the Business Meeting at 9:30 am, then the Program to allow us to leave with the message fresh in our minds. Mark your calendars to save the date; more details to come in the next newsletter.

We are collecting photos of UMW activities (local, district and conference events) from the past and present for a rolling picture history to be enjoyed during breakfast and prior to the Business Meeting. Please be sure each photo sent is accompanied by the following information: event, church name and city/town, as well as the year or approximate time frame. Names are not necessary, but will be included if available. Any hard copy photos (address below) will be returned at the Annual Celebration; information can be written on the back.

Blessings,

Nancy Ward, 704 681-4779 Cell

nward001@carolina.rr.com,

### **MISSION EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION**

Are you ready for our 2019 Mission Study? Laquetta Barbee will lead us in a discussion on 'What About our Money?' Laquetta is a full study instructor and is excited to be with us Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at Myers Park United Methodist Church, 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte NC 28207. Registration will begin at 8:45 am with our program beginning at 9:15 am. As described on Mission u:

*What About Our Money? A Faith Response* explores how we relate to money within the context of our faith. Through this connection between our faith and our money, readers discover how to live closer to God and God's people, even in our North American culture that is so deeply defined by money. She explores the biblical foundation of abundance (sufficiency), which stands in opposition to the scarcity narrative our culture tells us from the time we are very young.

Thank you to the ladies of Myers Park UMW for hosting our event. Our Hands On Mission project is: Project AGAPE: Christmas Boxes for Armenia. Project AGAPE — a ministry to Armenia and to some of our most desperate Christian brothers and sisters — is a collaborative effort of the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conferences of The United Methodist Church in a joint effort with the Armenian Apostolic Church. Please visit the website to see the complete instructions for filling your boxes – a few points to remember: please use plastic box with lid (no, NOT cardboard shoeboxes); use rubber bands to secure the box lid; provide \$5.00 per box for shipping; prepare boxes for girls & boys equally. Thank you for supporting this important mission work for Armenia.

Mission u is just around the corner – July 18-21, 2019 at Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer Campus. Registration forms will soon be available. This year's course listings are:

Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission What about our Money?: A Faith Response

Nancy Litton 704-938-5803/704-794-7930

### PARLIAMENTARIAN

Back in early 2018 when Lynda Morris approached me about being the Parliamentarian for the Metro District I really wasn't sure what a Parliamentarian did. But since I enjoy being involved with United Methodist Women and I like Lynda I said yes.

So, I decided to research the origins of Parliament/Parliamentarians. In the Middle Ages, the monarch's rule was supreme. If advice or support were needed, the King would summon his richest and most powerful subjects to his Council. Well, that leaves me out on both descriptions. In the 13<sup>th</sup> century, some towns and each county started to send representatives to some of these meetings. The term Parliament was used to describe these assemblies. The dictionary describes a Parliamentarian as a person who is expert in the formal rules and procedures of deliberative assemblies and other formal organizations. And again, "expert" does not describe me.

If at any time you do not understand a policy or procedure, please do not hesitate to contact me. If I don't know the answer I will find it for you. So, if you see me sitting at a meeting with a confused look on my face, just know that your Parliamentarian is at work for you.

Donna Varner, Parliamentarian donnak1130@yahoo.com 704-779-9798

### Metro District Mission Study Registration **Saturday, May 18, 2019** Myers Park United Methodist Church 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte NC 2820

Registration will begin at 8:45 AM. The program will begin at 9:15 AM.

The cost will be \$7.50 per person and includes lunch. Our Mission Study presenter is Laquetta Barbee, presenting What About Our Money? The book for this study is by the same name: *What About Our Money? A Faith Response*. Please order your book prior to the study.

A Love Offering for Mission Giving, celebrating 150 years of mission service, will be collected.

Registration forms must be received by May 6, 2019

Name of Church	
Please print the name of those atte	
Number of persons	X \$7.50 = \$
Make Checks payable to "Metro I	District UMW" and mail forms and checks to:
Kim Shafer	
PO Box 20087	

Charlotte, NC 28202

**HANDS ON MISSION PROJECT**: Project **AGAPE Christmas Boxes** for the Children of Armenia (\$5.00 /box). For details on AGAPE Christmas box contents, please see website:

### https://wnccumw.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Project-AGAPE-2018-Shoebox-List.pdf

### TREASURER

### Hi everyone!!!

Thanks to everyone who submitted their remittances in by March  $1^{st}$  – we had a successful  $1^{st}$  quarter.

I want to say that I am so very excited to report that Metro District sent in over \$4,000 collected in March for Legacy Fund Day of Giving – and that will be matched!! Isn't God wonderful in how He uses us to support missions! On top of that we collected \$1,750.83 for the Love Offering! So many women, children and youth will have a new start on life and support because of the love of Metro District UMW.

I look forward to seeing you all back at the Mission Study – PLEASE mail the registrations in on time. Remember to send me an email if you have any questions. The next quarterly remittances are due to be mailed by May 28<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to all the things we will continue to accomplish in 2019!!

SECRETARY

Kim Shafer, Treasurer PO Box 20087, Charlotte, NC 28202-0027 kimshafernc@outlook.com 704-599-9206

Sure hope that by the time you get this newsletter, Spring has come! Spring is a good time to CHECK things. Have you and your unit "Sprung" ahead with things you need to do?

As secretary, make sure that you have sent your list of officers to a UMW officer in the Metro District. We need an updated list of all officers of each unit.

Check your minutes and see that you have been able to record information as accurately as possible. Only use last names and just put in the necessary facts – you do not need to add all the discussion.

We have several dates mentioned in this newsletter which you need to be aware of, and hope someone from your unit can attend. The dates are April 27<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you at these events.

Judy B. Cline, Secretary

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### **PROGRAM RESOURCES**

In his song, "They will Know we are Christians by Our Love", Peter Scholtes writes these words

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord And we pray that our unity will one day be restored And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love

*One: Unity in a Divided World* by Dierda Riggs reminds us that Jesus taught us to love, not just love those who look like us or speak like us, but to love everyone. She encourages us to follow Jesus' example of love. Instead of lashing out or keeping people at arm's length, instead of holding grudges and focusing on the differences we have, she tells us to love like Jesus and work toward unity and reconciliation. This is a great read for anyone who is looking for unity in her church, family, or community.

Amanda Dyer Secretary of Program Resources adyer0813@gmail.com



### NOMINATIONS

We, members of United Methodist Women, are very thankful for the wonderful birthday celebration that we recently experienced at our annual Prayer Breakfast. Now we must let the glow of those 150 birthday candles light our future. We want you to be a part of that future.

The Metro District is in need of members to serve on our Nominations committee and other offices. This is a great way to learn of the background workings of the Metro District United Methodist Women. It is also a great place to make new friends.

If you are interested in putting Faith, Hope and Love into Action, please contact one of the committee members. You may also like to recommend a shy friend to us.

Our contact information is listed in the 2019 Officer List included in this newsletter.

WE NEED YOU!! PLEASE CALL

Martha Hyler Nominations Committee



### **SOCIAL ACTION**

Greetings my dear sisters!

I enjoyed meeting some of you at our prayer breakfast at Cold Springs UMC. My goal is to visit more of you as we move through this year. Please consider inviting me to do a program for your unit most especially in reference to our priorities for the quadrennium. Also, I will be discussing each priority in our newsletter. Please make use of the information.



Priority 1:

### CRIMINALIZATION OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND MASS INCARCERATION

We see 500% increase in incarceration in the United States over 40 years. African American boys are 3 times more likely to be suspended than white boys and African American girls are six times more likely to be suspended than white girls.

31% of children and youth experiencing school-based arrests and law enforcement referrals are African American, though they make up only 15% of total school enrollment.

Native American/Alaska Native students make up 1% of enrollment in schools and 2% of school-based arrests and referrals to law enforcement.

### **CAMPAIGN:**

**INTERRUPT THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE** by making a conscious effort to move local decision makers to address the criminalization of children and youth of color and reduce racial disparities in school discipline through advocating and letting our voice be heard.

In the love of Christ, who came to save those who are lost and vulnerable, we urge the creation of a genuinely new system for the care and restoration of victims, offenders, criminal justice officials, and the community. Restorative justice grows out of biblical authority, which emphasizes a right relationship with God, self, and community. (Social Principle Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2012, ¶164)

Peace and blessings, Sylvia Sekle-Dueh, Deaconess Social Action Coordinator 704-606-5557

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### **MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE & OUTREACH**

Spring is here! What is a great thing to do in the spring?

A Walk for Mission, that's what.

Join us for the Metro District Regional walks Saturday, May 4, anytime between 9 AM-12 PM, rain or shine. The Charlotte/Monroe regional walk will held at Aldersgate Retirement Community, 3800 Shamrock Drive. The ladies of Morrows Chapel United Methodist Women will host a walk in the Mooresville/Davidson region at Morrow's Chapel United Methodist Church at 1536 Brawley School Road in Mooresville. For more information or questions, contact Sharnetta Clark-Gordon at 704-883-4076.

Ideally, we would also like to have a walk in the Concord/Kannapolis region on that same day. If you want more information on setting up a walk contact me. Come join the fun and fellowship with other UMW sisters and get some exercise as well. You can walk as much and as long as you like. If you are unable to walk, support and sponsor someone who is walking. If you are unable to join the walk on that day you can have a walk anytime and anywhere. It can be individually or as a circle or unit. Pledge sheet and instructions are included in this newsletter. I hope to see many of you at the Regional walks on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Let's make some money for missions. May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with us.

Don't forget to invite friends, neighbors, co-workers and women in your church to join your unit. Remember they don't have to be a member of your church or a United Methodist to be in the United Methodist Women. It may take several invitations before they accept, don't give up.

Hopefully you have been contacted by your Nurturing Partner. If not, you will be. Please respond to them. We want to visit your unit. Invite us to come to a meeting. We can do a program, provide information, or just come and fellowship with you. As your District Team we are here for you.

Debbie Eudy, 704-759-4477 snakcak3655@yahoo.com



Are we all united to answerg God's call?

# WALK FOR MISSIONS

Districts and Units walking for Mission Giving



Where Your Dollars Go

- Every dollar raised in the Walk for Mission will be used to support the mission and ministries of United Methodist Women.
- United Methodist Women is an organization of approximately one million members. The organization's purpose is to foster spiritual growth, develop leaders and advocate for justice. Members raise nearly \$18 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children, and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world.
- Thank you for your support!

### Walk Details

- This sponsor form allows you to begin raising funds for the Walk for Mission. Please use it to sign up sponsors! Ask friends, neighbors, and co-workers to sponsor you.
- Ask your sponsors to pay when they pledge. This will ensure the most money for mission with women, children and youth around the world. Sponsors should make their checks payable to: Metro District UMW
- You can participate by walking where you are! Walks can take place at churches, parks, fitness centers-Be Creative!-Use this as a Mission Education moment. Gather your sponsors, and collect the money, and mail your form and sponsor money to your District Treasurer.



#### Walk for Mission 2019 Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

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Collect your money, bring your form and sponsor money to the walk to turn in. If you hold a walk at your local unit, mail all money If you hold a walk at your local unit, mail all money and forms to District Treasurer, Kim Shafer, PO Box 20087, Charlotte, NC 28202-0027

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### SPIRITUAL GROWTH

WOW! What else can I say about the **Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future** 2019 Metro District Prayer Breakfast and 150th Anniversary Celebration. The presence of the Holy Spirit could be felt throughout the program. We had an attendance of 266 ladies and I extend a huge thank you to all of you who attended. Rev. Beverly Maulden, Pastor at Gold Hill United Methodist Church in Gold Hill, NC gave a very inspirational message on **Heroes...Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.** The music by the Ladies Ensemble and LeAnne Barnhardt of Cold Springs United Methodist Church was outstanding. After the program in the sanctuary we reconvened in the fellowship hall for the anniversary celebration where we enjoyed refreshments. A big thank you to the Cold Springs United Methodist Women for hosting this event. Also a big thank you to the Cold Springs United Methodist Men for preparing and serving a delicious breakfast. Thank you to all who helped in any way to make the 2019 Prayer Breakfast and 150th Anniversary celebration a special day.

As many requested, the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska has been extended and with expanded programming to allow more time for God. The theme for the Retreat is **Thorns & Roses**. Our retreat leader will be Clara Estes, Deaconess, National Vice President United Methodist Women. There will be praise and worship sessions each day. On Friday afternoon there will be Break-out sessions that include: Bible studies, meditation and prayer settings, discussion groups, inter-active spiritual growth activities (additional fees may apply), singing walks and more. Also on Friday evening we will be treated to a concert by the Lake Junalus-ka Singers. If you have not already registered for the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska to be held June 13 - 15, 2019, there is still time and I encourage you to register today.

Please put the following dates on your calendar and plan to attend:

Mission u to be held at Pfeiffer College in Misenheimer, NC July 18 - 21, 2019.

The Spiritual Growth study is **Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship.** You will have a choice between these two mission studies, **Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission** or **What About Our Money: A Faith Response.** 

I look forward to seeing each of you at these events.

Kay Jones Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Metro District 704-720-0864 (h) 704-467-7597 (c) Kay3tom12@carolina.rr.com



### HISTORIAN

### Along The Journey With Black Methodist Women

**1900** The Women of the North Carolina Conference of the Central Jurisdiction were usually given one evening of the Annual Conference program for a meeting.

**1904** The women planned a separate meeting and began making plans for a separate organization.

August 29– The first Conference organization was held at St. Paul's Church, Winston-Salem.

**31, 1905** Mrs. G. W. Morehead was elected first president of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the North Carolina Conference. The Black women did not organize the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, but devoted their efforts to Home Missions.

**1908** The Society was thriving. Major concerns were: young people in their local churches, Bennett College, Allen High School and helping not only women, but all black Methodists to understand Methodism.

**1930** The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was held at St. Paul Methodist Church in Winston-Salem. Total membership was 580 and \$698.70 was sent to the national treasurer.

July 12- All women's organizations were merged with the formation of the Methodist
 14, 1939 Church in 1939 at the 36<sup>th</sup> session in Maxton, N. C. The women agreed to continue their work as the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild.

Nov. 9, Mrs. Julia Brown Caldwell was elected the first president at the organizational1940 meeting in Laurinburg.

**1944 – 48** The president was Mrs. Annie W. Price Queen. Their emphasis was on the local level in an effort to reach every woman in the local church.

**1948 – 54** Mrs. Lubertha Thompson was president. The School of Christian Mission was organized and held at Bennett College.

**1954 – 60** Mrs. Alice P. McLeod became president. There were coupon campaigns for Bethlehem Centers in Charlotte and Winston-Salem. Societies increased from 109 to 129 and Guilds from 15 to 19. In July Mrs. McLeod was elected to the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church.

**1960 – 68** Mrs. Jettie D. Morrison was elected president. "Miss Jettie", as she was affectionately called, became wholly identified as the embodiment of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The women were especially privileged to be led by Mrs. Morrison during the period from 1964 to 1968, for these were years of rapid change. The Central Jurisdiction would cease to exist, and the North Carolina-Virginia Conference of the Central Jurisdiction would be merged with the North Carolina, Western North Carolina and Virginia Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

The women of the North Carolina Conference were ready to meet the challenge of the merger. The first InterConference School of Missions was held in 1966 at Pfeiffer College in Misenheimer.

### Taken from: Journeying with Methodist Women 1966 to 1986 by Louise Wright

Sylvia Casey, Historian scasey@carolina.rr.com, 704-596-3476 CELEBRATING THE VISION







I hope you were able to attend the Metro District Prayer Breakfast on March 23rd, for it was wonderful! It was also the Day of Giving, with all funds given to the Legacy Fund being matched on the National level. Our district treasurer, Kim, was able to send \$3428.05 to United Methodist Women! Many thanks to *all* of you who helped this to happen and to those of you who have already given, are planning to, or are continuing to embrace the vision for the future of our organization.

Think for a moment. Why are you a member of UMW? Is it for the fellowship, the advocacy, spiritual growth opportunities, leadership training, hands on opportunities, far reaching mission outreach or something else? Are you glad you are a part of UMW? I am, and I try to use the gifts God has given me to be a productive and supportive member, however that might look.

As we continue to celebrate our 150 years of mission this year, encourage others in your unit to catch the vision! Be a *catalyst* for your unit. Have a birthday party for your church and ask everyone to donate a certain amount for each of their years. If you are attending Spiritual Growth at Lake Junaluska in June, gather some sponsors for the rock-a-thon!

Have you already had an event or an idea for the Legacy Fund? If so, send us what you have done or are thinking, so it can be shared with others in the district. Two cents and eight women! Faith in Action! Another 150 years of mission outreach! YES!

Last but not least, remember your spare change. A little can do a lot!

Kris Peurifoy 704-786-2741	Passing the Baton	Legacy Energizer Krispeurifoy@aol.com
	Each time we make a meaningful gift to the Legacy Fund Endowent Campaign we are passing the baton of faith, hope, and love in action to those who will continue our work with women, children, and youth.	
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Our Legacy giving is laying down footsteps for future generations to follow. It is a good thing! It must also be giving above and beyond our mission giving, not in place of it, for without mission giving today, there will be no United Methodist Women's organization in the future!

### **Bethlehem Center-Charlotte—A National Mission Institution**

The United Methodist Women's website shares that "nearly 100 National Mission Institutions in the United States supported by United Methodist Women's giving are empowering women, caring for children, educating and building youth, looking after the neglected, advocating for social justice issues, creating economic opportunities and changing neighborhoods."

One of those National Mission Institutions is the Bethlehem Center in Charlotte right here in the Metro District. Bethlehem Center was founded by United Methodist Women in 1940. It seeks to break the cycle of poverty through education. Bethlehem Center is the Head Start provider for Mecklenburg County and offers Out of School Time programs for K-12<sup>th</sup> grade. The graduation rate for teens involved with Bethlehem Center programming is 96%! A scholarship program is also offered for post high school education. In addition, parents are provided programs to assist the family—parenting skills, budgeting, nutrition and more.

The scope of programming is truly birth through senior citizens.

#### Bethlehem Center-Charlotte embodies the vision of United Methodist Women:

### "Faith, Hope, and Love in Action".









### Metro UMW Dates to Remember 2019

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



Western North Carolina Conference

# 2019 Vision & Goals

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

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

Sincerely, Your WNCC UMW Team Western North Carolina United Methodist Women 2019 CONFERENCE EVENTS



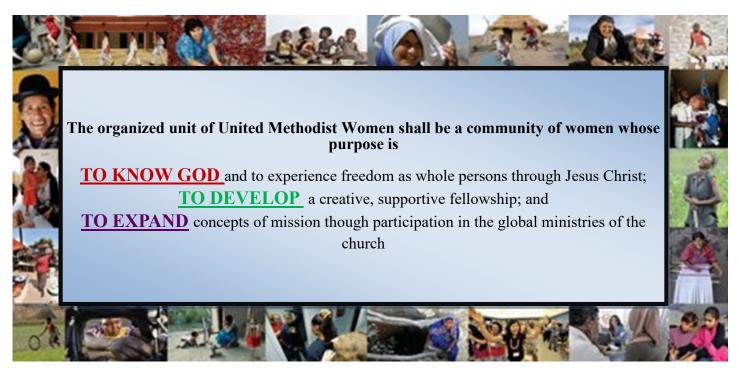
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### WORDS OF WISDOM: Know God! Develop relationships! Expand your vision! United Methodist Women make it our PURPOSE!

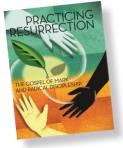


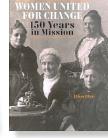
### WNCC UMW Mission u July 18-21, 2019

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

### Pfeiffer University 48380 US Hwy 52N Misenheimer, NC 28109

"Radical Discipleship: Then and Now"







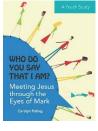
Take a deep dive into the Gospel of Mark, the topic of money, and the inspiring story of women organized for mission. Be inspired. Be challenged. Respond to God's call. Continue the powerful legacy of compassionate service and passionate advocacy.

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 <u>www.umwmissionresources.org</u> 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**

( ) One Day Over-View with Lunch - \$40

Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday

Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday

) One Day Over-View without Lunch - \$30

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### Full-Time Resident Students: **Overview 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

### **STUDENT INFORMATION:** Please print clearly and complete all information.

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Name:	First Timer? ( ) Yes
(Name for name tag)	
Church: Dis	strict: ( ) 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:
<ul> <li>roommate preference and a first-floor room. Please i</li> <li>Resident &amp; Non-Resident Full-Time Students, wh</li> <li>Note: All full-time students take the Spiritual Growth         <ul> <li>() Women United for Change: 150 Years in</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Study and choose one class from the two listed below. n Mission <b>or</b> () What About Our Money?
One-Day Overview Students, which Mission Stud ( ) Women United for Change: 150 Years in	<b>y do you prefer?</b> n Mission <b>or</b> ( ) Mark and Radical Discipleship
PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:Are you a( ) Local Unit Officer( ) Unit/Circle Member( ) Deaconess( ) Clergy	() Scholarship Recipient () Mission Personnel
	P AT Mission u as a: ) Class Hostess—Assist the study leader as needed ) Class Secretary—Take roll in class
Overview Students: ( ) Class Secretary/Hostess	(Take roll and assist study leader as needed)
<b>REGISTRATION FORM &amp; PAYMEN</b>	T MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 5, 2019
Make check payable t	o: United Methodist Women
Mail check and	registration form to:

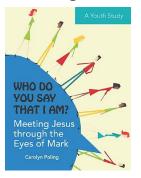
LaDonna Butts 865 Lake Lynn Rd Concord 28025-9634

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 closedtoed 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:		F	-irst Timer? (	) Yes
(Name	for name tag)		·	
Church:	District:	(	) Female (	) Male
Date of Birth:	Grade Level for 2019-20 school year: 9 10 11 1	12 Col	llege	
Address:				
Street or P. O. Box	City	State	ZIP	
Telephone:	Email:			
Roommate (if applicable)		(Mi	ust be sent in t	together!)
Emergency contact: Name:	Telephone:			
Special Housing/Classroom Ne	eds (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



### 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:	
	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

### 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