

October, 2019



## *From Your President:*

Annual Celebration is in our rear-view mirror with memories of fun, an uplifting message, and wonderful music. I wish for each of you an opportunity to attend at least one of the conference events. They are very rewarding. Now we turn our thoughts to our last district event of the year--our Missions Festival. We had a really fun time last year and I'm sure we will again. We also accomplished some good hands-on work. This November 16<sup>th</sup> we will be at First Methodist in Waynesville. We will start with a light breakfast at 9 am but move quickly with announcements etc. to have plenty of time for our rotations. There will be an opportunity for you to meet with your district counterpart to get any questions answered as well. Don't forget to bring whatever supplies you were asked to bring to complete the hygiene kits. If you have a question about this, let me know. We will also need \$2 for each kit for toothpaste and shipping so whatever your unit can donate will be appreciated.

Remember too to bring your plastic bags from Walmart etc. so we can make plarn. Plarn can be used to make many things- Julie Leatherwood has made a mat for a homeless person but you can make jump ropes, dog leashes, tote bags, and I'm sure many more. Check it out! We'll have fun with movement and a chance to do some spiritual growing. Bring a friend and enjoy.

As I have said before, we need district offices filled. If you are thinking about volunteering but just need more information, this is your opportunity. We won't put your name down unless you tell us to.

Just a reminder that Ubuntu is coming up. This is a chance for hands-on mission work either helping at Brooks-Howell in Asheville or Hinton Center. The date is October 12<sup>th</sup> for Brooks-Howell and Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> for Hinton Center. If you can't physically be present, I know they welcome gift cards. Remember to register so they have a head count. There is no cost- just remember to take your lunch if you go to Brooks-Howell. Lunch will be provided at Hinton Center. Time is 9 to 2 at Brooks-Howell and 9 to 12 at Hinton.

If you have not scheduled a visit with your shepherdess, I hope you will soon do so. We are happy to do a program or just be available to answer questions or just to visit with you. I have a DVD of two of the speeches Clara Ester did for spiritual growth retreat. They make a really good program as they are so interesting. She has been a victim of racial injustice and knows what it is to struggle to understand God's plan sometimes.

Looking to 2020, please be in prayer for the general conference that is scheduled. I am so thankful for each of you and how you represent UMW in your communities and your churches. Share at every opportunity why you are a UMW member and encourage all you know to join with you. Together we are stronger and can accomplish so much. Women and children are counting on us.

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**REMEMBER...WE ARE CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S  
EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN.**

## THE CHANGING WORLD OF PROGRAM RESOURCES:

I have ordered a few program books, *LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE 2019-2020*, for \$10 plus shipping and a few *2020 Prayer Calendars* for \$14 plus shipping. I will have those at the Mission Celebration at First Methodist Waynesville on November 16th. I hope to have a list of the 2019-2020 books for our reading program. Our mission study book for 2020 is *WOMEN UNITED FOR CHANGE, 150 YEARS IN MISSION*.

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## Women of Smoky Mountain District UMW:

Smoky Mountain District has done well so far this year. We are going to surpass our goal for Chicken Feed. All of this money goes to the Legacy fund this year and, therefore, I am very glad to say that we will go beyond our goal of \$1,869. We still have a way to go to make our pledge this year, but I think we can do it. If you made it to Annual Celebration this year, you would have been reminded about so many projects that were started and continue because of the United Methodist Women. We were privileged to hear from a missionary to Nicaragua who is a dentist and serves with the Accion Medica Cristiana ministry. It was very interesting. It is good to know that we have had some influence in that ministry. We also have supported many other issues both abroad and in the US which affect women and children. Please know that every dollar given is used for these mission projects. Thank you for your dedication and please share the mission of UMW with everyone.

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## POINTS FROM A PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Regarding voting. It is always best to have voting occur in person when an item is introduced at a meeting. However, a member can't always be present. Robert's Rules suggests the item to be voted on be in writing and sent through the mail. However, with our great use of e-mail, sending a request or action on the internet and receiving an answer is widely accepted. The officer receiving the e-mail responses should keep a hard copy of each for reference at the next meeting.

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## A NOTE FROM MISSION EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION:

I just got back from a terrific weekend from our Conference UMW Annual Meeting. Keynote Speaker—Christi Campos; Mission Speaker—Dr. Belinda Forbes; and Musicians—Dr. Rev Mark Barden and Catherine Ritch. I also worked checking in the Kits for UMCOR and Agape Christmas Shoeboxes for the Armenia children. We collected 372 Hygiene Kits, 210 School Kits and 544 Christmas Shoeboxes, and \$29,000 was collected for shipping and tooth paste.

We will be saying farewell to Dwaine Morgan, Manager of our Mission Response Center, Terrell, NC, after 16 years and retiring at the end of 2019. A way to honor Dwaine would be to schedule a work day at the Response Center. There are some jobs that can be done sitting down. Call Dwaine to schedule a work day at 828-478-2106. Youth groups are welcome. Dwaine said he will probably be open 7 days a week.

Thanks to all the Units that brought Kits to our District Annual Meeting or to my house. Our Missions Festival is coming up very quickly—November 16th. One activity that we will be doing is assembling Hygiene Kits. Debbie Ray, President, sent an email on August 16th requesting certain Units to bring specific items and also money for shipping and tooth paste. If you could get the items requested and brought to my house, or I will come and pick them up....it would be so much more convenient if I had the items before the day of the event.

MISSION TODAY UNITS: It is getting to be that time of the year when you should be checking on your Unit's 2019 Mission Today Report. You must complete a minimum of 12 of the criteria, including 7 items that are marked with an asterisk (\*). You must complete #1 "The Unit will make and meet its Pledge to Mission." To be a Mission Today Unit you will contribute to all five Channels of Mission Giving (even a minimum of \$5 to each of the five channels). If you have any questions, please contact me.

Please add a date to your 2020 calendar: March 21, 2020 for the Smoky Mountain Mini Mission u at Long's Chapel United Methodist Church in Clyde, NC. We will be studying *Women United for Change—150 Years in Mission*. I took this course this past summer at our UMW Conference Mission u. My instructor was Barbara Campbell, and she will be coming to be our leader for this study.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you and your unit

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*P.S. I really need to pass this position on (this is my 8th year). I will help you in any way...training etc. PLEASE let me or our President, Debby Ray, know if you are interested!*

**Book Nook....**Do you have UMW reading program books in your unit? If you have all read them, how about bringing them to a district event and we will share with our sisters. Read a good one; tell us about it! — Debbie Ray, SMD President

## SOME THOUGHTS FROM MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE & OUTREACH:

What are the emotions you feel when you sit down to watch the evening news and see children being separated from their parents and placed in cages (or what looks to be the equivalent of cages). Do you feel horror, sadness, fear, anger, helplessness, hopelessness, compassion, nothing? Do you want to do something, but don't quite know how to begin.

I have recently read two books (both of which are on our United Methodist Women's reading list) that I am strongly recommending for every member to read. "The Same Sky" written by Amanda Eyre Ward is a book about the hardships endured when a twelve year old girl, along with her younger brother, set out from Honduras to find their mother living in Texas. It is heart wrenching to learn about the horrors they encounter along the way and I guarantee it will leave you with an urgency to get involved. The other book I read most recently "Detained and Deported," authored by Margaret Regan, contains many accounts of individuals...men, women and children who are making that long journey toward a better life in the United States.

What are we called to do as United Methodist Women as we continue to turn faith, hope and love into action? We can become better informed. We can pray for those making the journey and for the individuals and groups who are physically caring for the children and adults in detention and those who are sent back to their homelands and all the risks they take searching for a better life for themselves and their families.

For specific information about becoming involved, read the current issue of *Response Magazine* (September-October) on page 37, "United Methodist Women Demands an End to Child Detention and Family Separation at U.S. Border."

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## Ways to Give to the Legacy Fund

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



PLEASE NOTE: ALL SMD UMW members interested in helping with UBUNTU Day on Oct. 26th at Hinton Rural Life Center need to provide a headcount for lunch by Oct. 18th. Please send to N. J. Willis, SMD Communications Coordinator at [smdcommcoor@gmail.com](mailto:smdcommcoor@gmail.com) or call (850) 428-3636. Thank you!



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# UBUNTU

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Bring a bag lunch. Choose to serve at one of the WNCC sites listed below. Serve alongside other United Methodist Women in fellowship and love. Consider inviting a potential member to this event.

## **BENNETT COLLEGE - Greensboro**

**PROJECT:** *Serve as greeters and assist with check-in at Fall Open House*

**HANDS-ON MISSION:** *provide personal toiletries for student welcome*

## **BETHLEHEM CENTER - Charlotte**

**PROJECT:** *Holiday Stars - cut, string, tag, organize*

*Bring own scissors.*

**Maximum participants = 30**

**HANDS-ON MISSION:** *Classroom supplies from Wish List*

## **BETHLEHEM CENTER - Winston-Salem**

**PROJECT:** *outside - planting flowers  
Inside - paperwork, assembling packets,  
cleaning shelves/toys, cutting out laminated pictures*

*Bring bulbs, pansies, gardening tools*

**HANDS-ON MISSION:** *classroom supplies of all kinds (especially glue sticks, copy paper), dish towels, cloths, pot holders, gloves*

## **BROOKS HOWELL HOME - Asheville**

**PROJECT:** *Outside work (bring work gloves)*

**HANDS-ON MISSION:** *Gift cards to Lowe's, AC Moore, and Target are welcomed.*

## **HINTON RURAL LIFE CENTER - Hayesville**

**Saturday, October 26, 9-12**

**Lunch provided!**

**PROJECT:** *Cleaning/organizing special projects, help with fall mailing and other office work, reset poverty simulation, etc.*

**HANDS-ON MISSION:**

## **MISSION RESPONSE CENTER - Terrell**

**PROJECT:** *Checking kits*

**Maximum participants = 25**

**HANDS-ON MISSION:** *Any kits accepted  
\*Bring lunch or eat nearby*

## **PFEIFFER UNIVERSITY - Misenheimer**

**PROJECT:** *Outdoor landscape beautification*

**HANDS-ON MISSION:** *Food staples for Cross Roads Community Connection food pantry*

**UBUNTU - the South African belief in a universal bond of sharing that connects all humanity**

*"I am human because we are human."*

**Registration Link**

<https://wnccumw.org/events/ubuntu-day-of-service-2019/>

# SMOKY MOUNTAIN MISSIONS FESTIVAL!!!

**COME ONE, COME ALL TO OUR MISSIONS FESTIVAL....  
OPEN TO ALL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
HAVE SOME FUN AND FEEL A SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT....  
MEET SOME OF YOUR UMW SISTERS.**

**DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019**

**TIME: 9:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON**

**WHERE: WAYNESVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
566 South Haywood Street, Waynesville, NC 28786**

## PROGRAM:

9:00—9:30 AM	BREAKFAST (provided by the Waynesville UMW)
9:30—10:15 AM	GENERAL (including Prayer Calendar Notes, Response Moment, UMW Purpose, Announcements, Officers' Overview, and Instructions.
10:15—10:40 AM	Missions Station*
10:40—11:05 AM	Missions Station*
11:05—11:30 AM	Missions Station*
11:30—11:55 AM	Missions Station*
11:55 AM—12:00 Noon	Closing

Attendees will be split into four groups and visit each Missions Station in turn, spending about 25 minutes at each.



## MISSIONS STATIONS WILL BE:

**UMCOR Hygiene Kits** - We have Hygiene kits to be put together. (Please remember the items that each individual unit has been asked to bring so we have the necessary supplies to create these important kits.)

**PLARN Mats** - Creating light weight plastic mats for the homeless, along with other useful items. (Asking all UMW members to bring as many plastic bags as they can save ahead of time.)

**Spiritual Growth Station** - This will be led by our own Carol Harper, Spiritual Growth Coordinator.

**Chair Yoga** - Led by Anne Kline. Taking care of yourselves, so you can take care of others, should be one mission goal each of us aspires to.

**CHILD CARE** can be available if you request it ahead of time. If needed, please call Debbie Ray (828-400-3499) no later than Sunday, November 10th.

**DONATIONS** will be accepted during the morning to help with purchase of toothpaste and shipping (\$2 per hygiene kit).

# LIVE

**SERVING COMMUNITY:** Dorcas, also called Tabitha, is named in Acts 9 as a disciple, one of the few women officially afforded this title. Her story is given only seven verses in the Bible, but with those seven verses she has inspired generations of women with her faithful living in service to God's beloved. Chances are many of you belong to a United Methodist Women circle named after her.

"She was devoted to good works and acts of charity," Acts 9:36 tells us. We meet her only after she has died and the community has turned out in despair. The disciple Peter, in a nearby town, is summoned to where Dorcas' body lay. "All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them" (Acts 9:39). Dorcas, it seems, has taken seriously the scriptural call to care for the widows. We don't learn much about Dorcas, but the outpouring of grief at her death tells us she was an important member of her community—so much so that Peter was inspired to raise her from the dead, news of which "became known throughout Joppa" and surely inspired others to join the community of believers.

Dorcas devoted her life to serving and building community. She lives on in the tunics and other clothing made by the hands of Christin women today, in the prayer shawls and quilts and hats and blankets crafted and in the creative, supportive communities built by United Methodist Women members around the world.

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## LET'S TALK:

- (1) We try to send this newsletter out to officers of all Smoky Mountain District UMW units, using email wherever possible, and snail mail for the rest. If one of your officers is not receiving this document, please let me know so I can correct that. Also, remember that when email addresses or physical addresses change, please let us know. This publication can be helpful to all your members so remember to forward it to your entire group or make copies and pass it out. If you have any questions or feedback, don't hesitate to contact me by email or by phone (850-428-3636). Thanks!
- (2) Special Note to Pastors: If you don't have an active UMW unit in your church, please at least post this newsletter or pass it on to some of the women in your congregation.
- (3) Anyone in the SMD UMW who wants to attend and help on **UBUNTU Day at Hinton Rural Life Center** (October 26th) needs to get me your personal headcount and/or that of your unit for lunch reservations, etc. by Friday, October 18th. Please call me at 850-428-3636 or email me at [smdcommcoor@gmail.com](mailto:smdcommcoor@gmail.com).
- (4) It's October which means year-end and 2020 are not far behind. Many UMW units will be making some changes in their officers. As soon as you have a complete list of UMW officers for 2020, please send a copy to me c/o [smdcommcoor@gmail.com](mailto:smdcommcoor@gmail.com) or to 310 Cassady Ln, Murphy, NC 28906 and to our President, Debbie Ray c/o [wray@charter.net](mailto:wray@charter.net) or to 569 Country Club Dr, Waynesville, NC 28786. **Thanks so much!**

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## 2019

### WNCC—UMW Calendar of Events

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| Oct. 12 | Ubuntu Day of Caring in various locations in NC  |
| Oct. 26 | Ubuntu Day of Caring at Hinton Rural Life Center |
| Oct. 19 | Leadership development - Granite Falls           |

### SMD-UMW Calendar of Events

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| November 16 | S.M. Missions Festival— Waynesville First UMC,<br>9am to Noon |
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