

Yadkin Valley District

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You are cordially invited to attend
2019 Leadership Development Day
for
ALL WOMEN of YADKIN VALLEY DISTRICT

Saturday, November 2 9am-12pm
Mount Tabor United Methodist Church
3543 Robinhood Road, Winston-Salem

Directions from I-40 Eastbound or Westbound
take exit 188 to merge on I-40 BUS E/US-421 S • exit 2A to Silas Creek Pkwy N
stay on Silas Creek for 2.6 miles • exit for Robinhood Road continue to the right
in 1.2 miles MTUMC is on right at sixth red light

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GRACE ... GRIT ... GRATITUDE

Bring HANDS ON ITEMS for UMAR homes:

- Non-stick pots and fry pans
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- Clorox wipes
- Kitchen towels and dish cloths

A Love Offering will be accepted for Undesignated Giving

From Martha Isenberg, District President

I've just returned home from our Conference Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska as I am writing this. What a wonderful time of Christian fellowship, inspiration and growing in Christ! The theme, "150 Years Strong with Grace, Grit and Gratitude" was carried out in every aspect of the weekend, showing that United Methodist Women certainly do have these attributes. It made me proud to see so many from our district team helping with various parts of the program. I was especially proud to see that our district was recognized with more Mission Today Units than any other district. 53 of our 110 units are Mission Today Units! If you have never attended Annual Celebration, I encourage you to do so next year. Be sure and check our district Facebook page to see photos from the Annual Celebration.

Probably the most important meeting of the year is our District Leadership Development Day on November 2 at 9 a.m. at Mount Tabor UMC on Robinhood Road in Winston-Salem. We're trying something different this year and everyone will meet together for a large part of the morning, followed by tabletop discussion groups on many differ-

ent topics. This is a morning for everyone who wants to learn more about United Methodist Women so all members are invited, not just officers. After the group meeting, there will be a break out session for presidents/vice-presidents and one for treasurers. This is where you'll receive end of year report forms that are due to me by December 15. See Ruth Hoyle's article on page 3 for more details. I look forward to seeing you and a group from your unit November 2.

Put faith, hope and love into action by attending Ubuntu Day at Bethlehem Center in Winston-Salem on October 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. You will need to register for it at the conference site at <https://wnccumw.org/events/ubuntu-day-of-service-2019/>. There is no charge, but they need to know how many to prepare for with drinks for lunch. You'll need to bring a bag lunch (and a drink if you miss the registration deadline). There will be both inside and outside work to do that day at the center, so you can pick what works best for you. I hope you can come and bring a car load from your unit.

Peace in Christ! 

From Mary Jo Brewer, District Vice-President

Autumn greetings to all. The year is flying by and it really has been a busy year. It is a pleasure to work with all the members of Yadkin Valley United Methodist Women.


Thanks to all who attended the Yadkin Valley UMW Annual Meeting in August. We had a very good meeting and we collected many school supplies for at least one school in each county of our district. Thank you for helping our schools and thank you to our members who delivered them to the schools. I appreciate the committee who worked with me to plan and make the meeting happen. The committee members are Linda Anthony, Mary Binkley, Deborah Lawson and Brenda Wills ... a great group to work with. Thanks also to Ardmore UMC and its UMW for hosting the event. We definitely felt God's Presence throughout the afternoon, especially during the worship service and

Communion led by Marilyn Weiler. Thanks to Marilyn for leading us in worship and thanks to Amy Johnson for installing our officers for the coming year. It is wonderful how United Methodist Women help each other at home and help so many women, children and youth around the world.

We have two more events/activities in 2019, UBUNTU Day of Service October 12 and Leadership Development November 2. I hope to see you at one or both of these events.

"Help me, Lord, to remember that religion is not confined to the church ... nor exercised only in prayer and meditation, but that EVERYWHERE...I am in your presence."

~Susanna Wesley

Blessings to all! 



U•B•U•N•T•U

"I am human because you are human"

Ubuntu is a Zulu phrase that recognizes each human being as part of a community.

It moves us to action on behalf of our neighbor. Ubuntu is a celebration of being in community with people as mission.

— JOIN WOMEN IN MISSION, SATURDAY, OCT. 12, 9am-2pm —
BETHLEHEM CENTER, WINSTON-SALEM
for inside & outside projects (bring bulbs, pansies, gardening tools)

Directions to 520 North Cleveland Ave. from HWY 52, exit 110B, turn east on N Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., turn right on N. Cleveland Ave. and in .2 miles the Bethlehem Center is on right

BRING ITEMS FOR HANDS-ON MISSION PROJECT

all kinds of classroom supplies (especially glue sticks, copy paper), dish towels, dish cloths, pot holders, gloves

BRING A BAG LUNCH (AND DRINK IF YOU DID NOT REGISTER BY 10/4/19)

From Cathy Smith, District Secretary

At the end of this year, I will conclude four years as the Yadkin Valley District UMW Secretary. I have enjoyed my time in this position. I sincerely hope that I've answered all your secretarial questions, and made your job a little easier. I know you will welcome your new secretary, Ginny Martin, with the same love and support you've given to me over the last four years.

This is not goodbye. I've accepted the position of Yadkin Valley District UMW Mission, Education, and Interpretation Coordinator for the next two years. I look forward to working with all of you in this capacity. Please let me know if your unit and church want to host a District Mission Study Event. Ideas for speakers are also welcome.

Thanks to all of you for everything you do for mission. I know you will continue to support your local units and the Yadkin Valley UMW. ☺

From Donna Ireland, District Program Resources

The UMW Program Book for 2019-2020 title is "Let Your Light Shine: Ignited for Justice". This \$10 book and other resources may be purchased online at umwmissionresources.org. Your 2020 District Program Resource officer will be Camille French. Thank you for your support and continued prayers as I leave office. It has been a pleasure to serve. ☺



From Jamie Smith, District Treasurer

Today as I am writing this newsletter article, is September 11. We all can remember that fatal September 11, 2001.

A few days ago when I was in the early thinking stage of what I would write, the subject of FEAR was on my mind. I wanted to explain how I had a "fear" of our United Methodist Women not being a survivor of the next 150 years. "Fear" of our decreasing numbers. "Fear" of so many of our faithful members passing from this world into the church triumphant, leaving a void in areas of our organization. "Fear" of our dollars not being enough to sustain our many mission projects, to fulfill the UMW Promise.

This morning as I did my devotions before completing my article, I read from Ann Graham Lotz' article for today, September 11. She quoted Lisa Beamer, widow of Todd Beamer a passenger on United Flight 93 when it was hijacked by 9/11 terrorist suicide bombers and crashed in a field in Pennsylvania. To quote Lisa Beamer (from Anne's article) "God says, 'I knew on September 10, and I could have stopped it, but I have a plan for greater good than you can ever imagine.'"

"I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me." (Psalm 23:4 NIV) I need not "fear" the future of our UMW! God holds us in his hands, he's in control. We have a legacy!

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28 NIV) We love God! We love our neighbors! Our work is for the good to glorify God, we are called for his purpose! United Methodist Women have a purpose, there is no need to "fear" our future!

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (Isaiah 40:31 NIV)

Let us put our faith, hope and love into action, keep on keeping on as those women did 150 years ago. God's in control, he always has been and always will be. No need to "fear"!

Peace, in remembrance of lives taken on 9/11. ☺

From Ruth Hoyle, District Leadership Development

Greetings wonderful ladies of the Yadkin Valley District!

I hope you have Saturday, November 2 on your calendar for our 2019 Leadership Development Day. We will be gathering at Mount Tabor UMC, 3543 Robinhood Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27106. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

The hands on project will be items for the UMAR homes in our district. The UMAR bell choir will open our session. There will be an offering for undesignated giving.

This is a time for local unit officers to learn more about their positions, learn more about UMW, and meet other members throughout our district. We are trying something new this year. We will begin together and everyone will hear a little bit about each office. Following the opening session, presidents will meet with Martha Isenberg and treasurers will meet with Jamie Smith. Everyone else will have the opportunity to visit displays and learn more about missions we support through UMW.

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I look forward to seeing you on November 2! ☺

From Valerie Prim, District MEI

It is with a grateful heart, that I write this article. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District Mission Education and Interpretation officer. I have had the opportunity to grow in my spiritual walk and deepen my understanding of the important role we as United Methodist Women have to God's work in the world today. My prayer will be that we never lose our passion for justice and compassion for all people. May we always be there as sisters in Christ, encouraging and praying for each other. I love you all.

I look forward to seeing everyone in March 2020 at our District Mission Study. Our former WNCC UMW president, Tonya Lanier, will be our Mission Study leader. More details to come. ☺

From Glenda Beauchamp, District Nominations

Hello, Ladies of the Yadkin Valley District!

I hope those of you who attended the Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska came home with at least one tidbit of new knowledge. What a great learning experience and lots of fun also.



UMW "stern reenactors" at Annual Meeting

Debra Lawson will be your new Nominations Chair for 2020. Contact her to become a part of this wonderful team and help to make our district even better.

I hope to see YOU at our next district event. May God bless each of you with much love and laughter in this beautiful fall season. ☺

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From Rhita Newcomb, District Legacy Fund

Together, WE are Building Our Legacy!

Did anyone ever tell you, you are awesome!? Well, I am here to tell you that you are AWESOME!

At Annual Celebration we received the good news. We are leading the nation in our giving to the Legacy Fund! THANK YOU!

We also had inspiring speakers and workshops at Annual Celebration. "A Trip Down Memory Lane" introduced us to the women that helped to form what we now know as United Methodist Women. We were also introduced to the women missionaries (names you may or may not know) who were sent out to educate, encourage, support and to take the love of Christ to women, children and youth around the world. All these women were full of grace, grits, and gratitude!

The Legacy Fund is a great way to remember and to thank the women that have changed your life through United Methodist Women and helped to change the lives of women, children, and youth. You may also honor a person with a special 150th Special Mission Recognition Pin or the 150th pendant. Please pray about how you can help to make our Legacy move forward and continue the work that started on two cents and a prayer.

Blessings!

"God will not forget your work and the love you have shown."

~Hebrews 6:10

From Sue Holt Couch, District Spiritual Growth

Greetings to each UMW member!

"Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

~Colossians 3:17

I don't know about you but I've been enjoying this beautiful now Fall warm days and cool, crisp evenings. God is good all the time and all the time, God is good! As I think about God's goodness, I am reminded of His unconditional love, devotion, teachings and sacrifice that He gave while on this earth for such a short while. He calls us to be devoted to one another through service, prayer and hospitality. Paul tells us that we should care for each other with attitudes of sincere love, unselfishness, honor, diligence and eagerness. In other words, we should be a participant in the church, not a spectator. We should be building others up, giving wise counsel based on God's Word. We should witness through prayer, trust and obey God's Word, remember whose we are, be kind and above all, pursue God in all we do as we seek to do His will. This demonstrates our love for others and our desire for them to achieve the great purpose God designed for them. I'm reminded of a saying of my Mama's that she often quoted, "If every church member were just like me, what kind of church would my church be."

Let us be about our Heavenly Father's business of witnessing through our everyday living ... be a spiritual example and participate in spreading God's Word of love, truths and promises.

2019 UBUNTU Day of Service

October 12, 2019

Bring a bag lunch

(& a drink if you didn't get to register by Oct. 4)

You can also order your 2020 Prayer Calendar now from www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/shop.



From Joyce Irby, District Social Action

Greetings, my UMW Sisters!

As we near the end of 2019, I know that you have been involved in mission work to benefit women, youth and children. As you look at programs, activities and mission work you have participated in for 2019, you only need two actions to be a Justice Today Unit.

Below are some activities that our units have completed this year:

1. Gave every unit member a copy of the Charter for Racial Justice.
2. Attended the Legislative Day at Saint Andrews in April.
3. Shared articles that dealt with racial issues from "Response" and/or "New World Outlook".
4. Invited a speaker from their school system to talk about the school- to- prison pipeline.
5. Participated in a mission trip to help ones in need.
6. Hosted a Job Fair and Expungement Clinic.
7. Hosted a Vacation Bible School, Summer or STEM Camp, or Youth Conference to focus on the social, emotional and educational needs of our children.
8. Marched in protest for immigration rights, voting rights, or fair wages for those economically denied.
9. Sent at least one member to Mission U.
10. Presented a Special Mission Recognition pin to someone who works to promote racial justice.

If you can't find your copy of the Justice Today reporting sheet, the Charter, or need resources for Racial Justice, go to www.unitedmethodistwomen.org. You can find videos to share with your unit, which will count on your report. Call, text or email me if you need anything. If I can't help you, I will find someone who can.

In solidarity!

From Rhita Newcomb, District MNO

Greetings!

If you attended Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska in September, it was great to see you and if you were unable to attend, we missed you! Our Conference President, Julia Willis challenged us, and I challenge you as well, to invite one new person to your circle/unit meeting, share with them your story and the stories of the women who came before us.



The women who started it all in 1869

Women that were brave, edgy, faithful and saw a need and fulfilled it.

Our conference UMW website—wnccumw.org—has "125 Ideas for Recruiting New Members":

#14 - Make a UMW bulletin board and keep it current.

Share what your unit or circles have been involved in—making school kits or agape boxes or projects you are working on, attending district and conference meetings and other events—so other women will want to join you. Tell them who to contact to become involved.

Don't forget there is still time for you to host a Walk for Mission at your local church.

Please continue to invite your LUV partners as we enjoy being in fellowship with our sisters in Christ!

From Libby Craven, District Communications

Thank you, Yadkin Valley District Women, for allowing me the opportunity to serve as District Communications for 2019. It has been an honor and privilege to work with so many great women on the District Executive Committee. I have learned so much from all of them and from the women in the local units I have met along the way. My prayer is for every United Methodist woman to take a leap of faith to volunteer in a UMW office at the local, district, conference or national level for at least a year. You won't regret it!

Make sure you visit Facebook's Yadkin Valley District United Methodist Women (@YadkinValleyDistrictUMW) to see what the women about our district are doing. Another place to read more UMW news is the conference website at www.wnccumw.org. If you are not on Facebook or even on a computer, I would like to challenge you to expand your horizons in support of "faith, hope and love in action". ☺

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UPCOMING YADKIN VALLEY DISTRICT UMW DATES

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ARE YOU A FIVE CHANNEL MISSION GIVER FOR 2019?

Prayerfully consider giving in ALL 5 UMW Mission Channels

Pledge to Mission • Special Mission Recognition




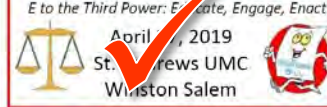

Gift to Mission • Gift in Memory • World Thank Offering

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE, EVERY DAY!

United Methodist Women Faith. Hope. Love in Action

We are women with a PURPOSE! 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.

Western North Carolina United Methodist Women
2019 CONFERENCE EVENTS

SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT June 13-15 • Lake Junaluska  <i>Thorns & Roses</i>	ANNUAL CELEBRATION September 13-15 • Lake Junaluska 
150 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION March 23 YADKIN VALLEY celebrate in MARCH 9 	LEGISLATIVE DAY E to the Third Power: Educate, Engage, Enact April 7, 2019 St. Andrews UMC Winston-Salem 
MISSION U July 18-21 • Pfeiffer University 	Ubuntu Day of Service Saturday, October 12 Across the Conference 