

# NORTHERN PIEDMONT DISTRICT

# **United Methodist Women**

**QUARTERLY NEWS** 

FIRST QUARTER 2020

# Join Us for our District Mission Study & Prayer Breakfast

Hello and Happy New Year, ladies! We have a few events coming up, but we will focus on the first two for this newsletter--our Mission Study on radical discipleship and our Prayer Breakfast with the theme "Called by Name."

In the Mission Study book, "Wolf [the author] explores the timeless issues of poverty, gender, justice, liberation, equality, and others using Mark as a guide. The stories of the women in Mark are a particular focus in this study and how, although often unnamed, they are prominent among Jesus' followers and in Mark's recounting of the gospel story."

We also invite you to our annual Prayer Breakfast where we will celebrate the women we have loved and admired who have been "called by name" to their heavenly home.

Join us as we work on our mission education and spiritual growth! Please see pg. 2 for more details (there have been date changes). Quote borrowed from UMW website. Details on Social Action workshop will come in the next newsletter.



Rynn McGee-Pierce, District Mission Education & Interpretation



Kelli Smith, District Spiritual Growth

# Ways to Engage in 2020

As we enter a new year and a new decade, the needs in the world only increase. Knowing all that needs to be done can feel overwhelming and even defeating. However, bold ladies in the service of God are empowered to go out and do something about it! Here are some ways to engage in mission work that impacts women, children and youth in our communities and around the world:

- Spend time volunteering with and/or financially support charity organizations that align with UMW mission focuses
- Attend District and Conference events where we grow/learn/do mission work/bond together
- Invite speakers to our meetings with knowledge or experience about UMW mission focuses
- Read books from the 2020 Reading Program and share the information or inspiration with others

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### Our 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.





# Conference & District Calendar for 2020



### Mark these dates!

March 14 Mission Study: "Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark & Radical Discipleship" with study leader Steven Taylor (home missioner from the NC

Conference)

Gideon Grove UMC, 2865 Gideon Grove Church Rd., Stokesdale, 27357

Registration: 9:30 a.m., Program: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bring a bag lunch; drinks will be provided.

April 4 Prayer Breakfast with our District Superintendent,

Rev. Bev Coppley, as the speaker

Christ UMC, 410 Holden Rd., Greensboro, 27410

Breakfast: 9 a.m.-9:45 a.m., Program: 10 a.m.-12 noon

Registration ends March 24; breakfast costs \$6.

Want to join the District email list?
You'll receive periodic updates, flyers, the online newsletter, the nurturing partner list and more. We will be printing less and relying more on the email group from now on. If you'd like to join, please email npdistrictunitedmethodistwomen @gmail.com with your name, your church and the office you hold (if applicable). See pg. 7 to learn more.

TBD Social Action Workshop: "Breaking the School-to-Prison Pipeline"

Location and date TBD

Registration: 9 a.m., Program: 10 a.m.-12 noon

April 17-19 Southeastern Jurisdiction UMW

Quadrennial Meeting in Mobile, Alabama

Registration is now open.

June 12-14 Spiritual Growth Retreat: "You Lift Me Up"

Lake Junaluska

July 23-26 Mission u, Pfeiffer University

Aug. 29 NP District Annual Celebration

Location TBD

Registration: 9 a.m., Program: 10 a.m.-12 noon Program is followed by a walk for mission.

Sept. 11-13 Conference Annual Celebration, Lake Junaluska

Oct. 10 Ubuntu Day of Service, All over the Conference

Look out for the Prayer Breakfast Registration Form & the Spiritual Growth Retreat flyer in your email!

Nov. 2020 Northern Piedmont Local Unit Officers Training

Archdale UMC, 11543 N. Main St. (at the corner of Petty St. and HWY

311), Archdale, 27263







# Kicking Off a New Year/Decade of Mission & Ministry

Happy New Year, ladies! I almost can't believe it: it's 2020 already! Wasn't it just 2000 a few years ago?! Where did the time go? I guess it must be true that, "Time flies when you're having fun."

Well, if we think about it, we UMW members have been busy here in the Northern Piedmont (and, I hope, having fun doing it). Since 2000, we've hosted nearly twenty years of Mission Studies, Social Action workshops, Prayer Breakfasts and District Annual Celebrations; we've spent twenty years participating in the Reading Program and local mission projects. And in 2019, we celebrated 150 years as an organization of faith, hope and love in action, serving women, children and youth here at home and around the world.

As I have received and processed the 2019 year-end reports, it's clear to me that your units have been very active doing very good work. You've been busy being the "hands and feet of Christ." Thank you to all who have already sent in your reports. For those of you who have not submitted your information, it's not too late, but please do so ASAP. We have to get accurate information to the Conference soon, and we want all your hard work to be accounted for and recognized. If you need to, you can even call or email me with your information, but please share what you have.

While it's good to look back on what we've accomplished, it's even better to look ahead toward all the good that is still ahead for us. In March, this year's Mission Study ("Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship") is a spiritual growth study. It will help ground us spiritually as we do our work and live out our UMW Purpose as disciples of Jesus. In April, the speaker for our annual Prayer Breakfast will be Northern Piedmont District Superintendent Rev. Bev Coppley, and the theme will be "Called by Name." Our Social Action workshop will focus on breaking the school-to-prison pipeline. District Annual Celebration and Local Unit Officers Training will take place in August and November respectively. Conference events include the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska in June, Mission u at Pfeiffer in July and Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska in September. You can find more details on each of these District and Conference events in this newsletter or those upcoming.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at each of these events. We do have a busy and perhaps challenging year ahead of us, but as faithful UMW sisters, we can handle it! We only need to remember the words of Philippians 4:13--"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (NKJV)



Peace and love, Sandrea Williamson, District President





UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) provides cleaning, hygiene and school kits in response to disasters and other needs in the United States. They work with international partners to help them address needs in their countries. You can help them restock their kits by going to umcor.org, hovering the mouse over "Serve" in the menu at the top, clicking "Relief Supply Network" and scrolling down to "Kit Assembly." From there, you can download instructions for each kit. You can also make a monetary donation to help buy supplies for kits by hovering over "Give." (Photo borrowed from website)







# Thankful for our Local Units; Excited for 2020

I pray everyone has had a very peaceful and joy-filled new year and that 2020 will become an amazing year for our United Methodist Women and our supported missions.

We finished 2019 with a wonderful turnout for our Local Unit Officers Training on Nov. 17 at Lebanon UMC in High Point. Our attendance surpassed the number of training packets for which we had planned (which is always a nice problem to have!); however, each church was able to go home with at least one folder. A special thanks to the United Methodist Women of Lebanon UMC for their support in lending their facilities, hosting the activities and providing refreshments for our meeting.

I also want to thank the United Methodist Women at Laughlin Memorial UMC for inviting me to speak at their Prayer Breakfast in December, which was jointly celebrated with the units from St. Matthews and Newlyn Street.

In addition, I had the opportunity to perform the installation service for Laughlin's new 2020 officers, which I found to be a very meaningful experience. I think it's wonderful to see our units join together for our special celebration times as well as for achieving our mission goals.

As you make plans for the year, be sure to invite your members to District events--you will enjoy them! God bless you all!

Jean Carter,
District Vice President



Laughlin Memorial 2020 Officers (L-R): Loleta Chavis, Secretary; Linda Addo, Vice President; Ramona Clapp, Treasurer; Doris Vincent, President; Edith Davis, Past President; Jean Carter, District VP.

# Thanks for Joining Us at our Local Unit Officers Training!



Lebanon UMW unit

Though the administrative part of United Methodist Women may seem tedious, we must always remember the importance of what we do. When our organization runs smoothly on every level, even down to the local level, we enact a ripple effect that extends to real mission work that touches the lives and hearts of real people. Praise God for women who answer the call of discipleship!











# Looking Forward to 2020 with Grace, Grit & Gratitude

Thanks to all of you for making mission possible through your generous giving in 2019! **The following is a list of units who contributed to all five channels of Mission Giving:** 

- Archdale
- Bass Chapel
- Bethany, Franklinville
- Bethel, Archdale
- Bethlehem, Climax
- Celia Phelps
- Centenary, Stoneville
- · Christ, Greensboro
- College Place
- Collins Grove
- Eden
- Fairfield
- Ferree's Chapel
- First, High Point
- Flat Rock
- · Garrett's Grove
- Gibsonville
- Gideon Grove
- Glencoe

- Groometown
- Hinshaw
- Holmes Grove
- Hopewell
- Lebanon
- Liberty Grove
- Main Street
- Mayodan
- Memorial
- Mizpah
- Morehead
- Mt. Lebanon
- Mt. Pisgah
- Muir's Chapel
- New Salem
- Newlyn Street
- Northwood
- Pleasant Hill
- Pleasant Union

- Prospect
- Raleigh's Crossroads
- Shiloh
- Spring Hill
- St. Andrews
- · St. John's
- St. Matthews
- St. Stephens
- Stokesdale
- Tabernacle
- Trinity Memorial
- Vickrey
- Welch Memorial
- Wesley Chapel
- · Wesley Memorial
- West Market Street

And thanks to ALL of you for helping us to meet our financial goal of increasing our Conference giving in the Gift to Mission Channel by at least \$3,000. Our District's giving in this channel actually increased by \$841.63 from 2018. Our total giving last year was \$109,231.79. Unfortunately, this amount was \$8,369.79 less than was given in 2018. Our Undesignated Giving totaled \$92,147.33, which means we were \$12,852.67 short of meeting our pledge of \$105,000. While this is disturbing news, with a lot of prayer and hard work, we can meet our 2020 pledge of \$100,000. Let's all do our part to make this a reality this year!

Our 2020 Financial Goal is to "Increase Unit Pledge Giving by at least \$5 per member." We all know how inflation has impacted the dollar. Today, \$5 does not buy what it did in 2000; we need to keep that in mind. To remain in mission as we have in the past, we must each do our part by increasing our pledge. If your unit has not yet sent in your pledge form for 2020, please have your treasurer enclose it with your unit's first quarter remittance. Remember that in order to meet the first criteria for becoming a Mission Today Unit, a pledge must be made and met.

I look forward to seeing and working with you at our upcoming District and Conference events for this year. We have a lot of work to do to fulfill our responsibility to God and to the United Methodist Women.



Blessings, Margaret Hepler, District Treasurer





# Northern Piedmont District Officers for 2020

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Evelyn "Dixie" Holland was elected to serve as a member of our Nominations Committee in Sept. 2018 and joined our team Jan. 2019. She has faithfully served as president of her unit at Bethel in Archdale for many years while attending many District and Conference events throughout that time. As of Jan. 20, Dixie is fighting for her life in the hospital, and the future is uncertain. Please pray for Dixie and her family.

Are you willing and able to serve as District Secretary of Program Resources or as a member on our Nominations Committee starting ASAP? Are you willing to serve as a District officer in the future? Please contact Donna Miller.

A note on nurturing partners for 2020: We are in the midst of deciding these based on where our District Officers live. Local officers with email addresses will receive the list when it is decided. For now, contact Sandrea Williamson to coordinate a visit, ask a question, etc.







# Registering as an Official UMW Member

As we enter into this new decade that God has so graciously blessed us with, it's exciting to reflect on all the wonderful things our UMW sisters accomplished last year as well as all the wonderful things I know we will accomplish this year.

This year, many of you have taken on new positions within your units and may have questions regarding your new responsibilities. If you are a local unit MNO, one of the first things you can assist your ladies with is registering them as official UMW members. It's EASY to do!

- Go to www.unitedmethodistwomen.org
- Search: membership log then scroll to bottom of the page and click MyUMW membership log.
   Once the application for your unit member is completed, a membership card may be printed.

Completing a small task such as this can seem minimal, but it could mean so much to a unit member who is not as fluent with technology. Let us continue to value the inclusion of women of different cultures and life stages and create opportunities for them to participate. [Note: Julia Willis, our Conference president, requests that ALL units complete this registration.]



Be Blessed! Tiffany T. Alston, District Membership Nurture & Outreach

# Local Unit Spotlight: A Christmas Party With Missions in the Mix

On Dec. 18, 2019, Gideon Grove UMW held their annual Christmas Party, a salad supper with yummy finger foods and a Dirty Santa game. Since we ladies in United Methodist Women live and gather with a purpose, it is only fitting that this unit incorporated mission work into their celebration. That night, Gideon Grove UMW packed 125 treat bags to hand out to Good Samaritan Ministries of Stokesdale's Angel Tree gift recipients.





Please send your local unit photos and stories to Lily Pierce at npdistrictunitedmethodistwomen@gmail.com

**Legacy Fund Information:** 

Visit our website at wnccumw.org/legacyfund



# Editor's Note on the Newsletter & Email Group

Greetings, ladies. I want to give you an update on the newsletter and email group. Not every officer will receive a physical copy of the newsletter anymore, but all will receive an email version (which you can print if you like). By the time this newsletter goes out, I will have updated the email group with every officer from every unit.

If you are an officer and you didn't receive a color copy of this newsletter via email, a mistake was made somewhere down the line. Contact me, and we will figure it out. I also want to reiterate that **non-officers are welcome to join the email list**; just send me your name and your church.

I hope you'll share my zeal for our events and programs this year. We may sneak in another event related to the Reading Program in the early fall--stay tuned!

Grace,
Lily Pierce, District Communications





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## **Northern Piedmont District**

# Prayer Breakfast, April 4, 2020



Theme: "Called by Name"



| United<br>Methodist                    |   |
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| Women<br>FAITH - HOPE - LOVE IN ACTION | Your Church Name:                             |
| *********Cost per                      | person is \$6.00 for a full breakfast.******* |
| Attendees' Names:                      |   |
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| Child care will b                      | e provided for children 10 and under.         |
| Will you need child                    | d care? Please list child's name and age.     |
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Please send forms with payment by March 24 to: Margaret Hepler

2161 Orchard Trail Thomasville, NC 27360 336-472-6180

# Western North Carolina United Methodist Women 2020 Conference Events



Spiritual Growth Retreat "You Lift Me Up" June 12 - 14 Lake Junaluska





Finding Peace in an Anxious World

Mission u
July 23 - 26
Pfeiffer University



Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in School



Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission

Annual Celebration / September 11-13 / Lake Junaluska

Light Up Our Spirits
with Faith & Hope so Love IS Action



# **Ubuntu Day of Service**

"I am because you are" Saturday, October 10 Across the Conference





# JOIN US AT THE LAKE FOR THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE – UMW $2020~{ m SPIRITUAL~GROWTH~RETREAT}$

## YOU LIFT ME UP

Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> Go to <u>www.wnccumw.org</u> for complete retreat information

### Opening Session 6:45 pm Friday - Closing by noon on Sunday

in Stuart Auditorium, Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd LODGING & RETREAT REGISTRATION OPENS

Lodging Reservations for Lake Junaluska (details on reverse side) On-line Retreat Reservation <u>www.wnccumw.org</u>

EXTENDED RETREAT & EXPANDED PROGRAMMING

more God-Time

## 2020 RETREAT LEADER

PASTOR LISA BETH WHITE TABERNACLE UMC BLACK MOUNTAIN



On-line Registration \$25/person 2/3 through 6/6 On-Site registration \$35/person

Note: On-line Registration fees are transferable, but non-refundable.

#### EXPANDED RETREAT PROGRAMMING

Friday Dinner: Buffet dinner at Terrace and Lambuth for lodging guests

Friday Evening: Opening Plenary - Speaker Rev. Lisa Beth White

Saturday Morning: BREAK-OUT SESSIONS may include

- Book study & Bible study
- Meditation and prayer settings
- Boat ride (weather permitting), Trolley tour, World Methodist Museum tour
- Singing round the Lake, WNCC UMW Choir & MORE

Saturday Afternoon & Evening: Speaker Rev. Lisa Beth White

Sunday Morning: Closing Session with Rev. Lisa Beth White

# CHILD CARE AVAILABLE DETAILS ON WEBSITE

#### **QUESTIONS**

# Retreat Information Darlene Gardner

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Webmaster Lgilbert.umw@gmail.com 336-207-3479

# Online Payments Nancy Reigel

Conference Treasurer 828-268-0637

# Lodging Reservations Lake Junaluska

Reservations Center 1-800-222-4930



#### MUSIC LEADERS

Rev. MARK L. BARDEN CATHERINE RITCH

#### HANDS-ON MISSION PROJECT HYGIENE 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 3rd

> TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM CALL

Lake Junaluska 1-800-222-4930 Select 1 for reservations and the next available agent will assist you.

The reservations team is on duty from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm Monday-Friday

Group Code: 43975

No reservations for the WNCC UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat Lodging Package Rates may be made on-line

## The Terrace / Lambuth Inn (renovated rooms)

TWO-NIGHT LODGING PACKAGE - Minimum 2-night stay

Rooms include: private bath, free WiFi, cable TV, air conditioning, mini-fridge Packages below include 2 night lodging, 5 meals\*, all taxes & gratuity \*5 Meals: Friday Dinner; Saturday Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner; Sunday Breakfast

| TERRACE / per person |          |  |
|----------------------|----------|--|
| Single               | \$332.83 |  |
| Double               | \$206.29 |  |
| Triple               | \$178.91 |  |
| Quad                 | \$165.22 |  |

| LAMBUTH / per person |          |  |
|----------------------|----------|--|
| Single               | \$310.63 |  |
| Double               | \$195.19 |  |
| Triple               | \$167.81 |  |
| Quad                 | \$154.12 |  |

# Hillside Lodge & Junaluska Apartments & Lambuth (non-renovated rooms)

PER NIGHT/PER PERSON LODGING W/O MEAL PLAN Rates include 11% room tax and meals may be added

| 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. Most apartments have a small kitchen w/mini-fridge, countertop burner, microwave, limited dishes and cookware

Rooms include private bath, air conditioning, TV & coffee maker no elevator

APPLICABLE TO ALL ABOVE LODGING:
No additional room charge for children age 11 and younger staying
with parent or guardian

**HOUSING GRATUITY AT GUEST DISCRETION** 

Rates for all facilities exclude incidentals and/or room damage

#### **Important Lodging Information:**

- Telephone Reservations: \$100.00 credit card or debit deposit due at time of reservation. Exception:
   Payment of deposit by check Lake Junaluska must receive check within 10 days of reservation or room will be released.
- Check-in: 4:00 p.m. on June 12 and Check-out: BEFORE 11:00 a.m. on June 14
- Cancellations made by May 28<sup>th</sup> will receive a refund of their deposit LESS \$15 /person fee.
- No refund for cancellations on or after May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Photo-ID and Credit Card required of each guest at check-in.



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