



3rd Quarter Issue 2020

# *Metro Media*

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

*Western North Carolina Conference.*

## **Metro District UMW**

**Virtual Annual Celebration and Memorial Service**

**Monday, August 24th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

**You will have to register online at**

**[WNCCUMW.org/districtcelebrations](http://WNCCUMW.org/districtcelebrations) to obtain the link for our**

**Metro UMW District**

## **Metro District Mission Study**

**Pineville United Methodist Church**

**110 W. Polk Stree, Pineville, NC 28134**

**October 3, 2020 from 8:45 a.m. - Noon**

**“WOMEN UNITED FOR CHANGES: 150 year in Mission”**

**by Ellen Blue**

**LEADER: TONYA LANIER**

## **WNCC UMW ANNUAL CELEBRATION**

**BY ZOOM WEBINAR**

**September 26 & 27**

**The Annual Celebration will be a virtual Zoom Webinar on the above dates.**

**It will be necessary to register for the free Zoom Webinar at our website.**

**[WATCH THE UMW ANNUAL CELEBRATION PAGE OF THE WEBSITE](#)**

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Bethpage	Nancy Litton		Mill Grove (Indian Trail)	Nancy Ward
Broad Street	Lynda Morris		Morrows Chapel	Judy Cline
Calvary	Sylvia Sekle-Dueh		Mount Mitchell	Nancy Litton
Centenary	Sylvia Sekle-Dueh		Mount Olivet	Martha Hyler
Center	Kay Jones		Mount Pleasant	Lynda Morris
Central (Charlotte)	Sylvia Sekle-Dueh		Myers Park	Sylvia Sekle-Dueh
Central (Concord)	Jatana Royster		North Davidson	Linda Davidson
Central ( Mooresville)	Kim Shafer		North Kannapolis	Judy Cline
Christ	Kim Shafer		Oak Grove (Char)	Donna Varner
Cokesbury	Sylvia Sekle-Dueh		Oak Grove (CG)	Kim Shafer
Cold Springs	Nancy Ward		Pineville	Nancy Ward
Commonwealth	Debbie Eudy		Pleasant Grove	Donna Varner
Covenant	Donna Varner		Providence	Lynda Morris
Davidson	Lynda Morris		Roberta	Jatana Royster
Dilworth	Faye Coggin		Rock Grove	Sheila Barrell
Epworth	Nancy Litton		Rocky Mount	Kim Shafer
Fair View	Lynda Morris		Rocky Ridge	Kay Jones
Faith	Sheila Barrell		Royal Oaks	Martha Hyler
First (China Grove)	Sheila Barrell		Selwyn	Faye Coggin
First (Charlotte)	Faye Coggin		Simpson-Gillespie	Sheila Barrell
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Forest Hill	Kay Jones		SouthPark	Donna Varner
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Grace	Faye Coggin		St Francis	Kelly McKinnon
Harmony	Judy Cline		St Marks	Sylvia Sekle-Dueh
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Hickory Grove	Linda Davidson		Trinity (Charlotte)	Donna Varner
Hunters Chapel	Linda Davidson		Trinity (Kannapolis)	Sheila Barrell
Huntersville	Linda Davidson		Vanderburg	Lynda Morris
Indian Trail	Nancy Ward		Westford	Kay Jones
Jackson Park	Judy Cline		Williamsons Chapel	Kim Shafer
Matthews	Faye Coggin		Zion	Nancy Ward

## PRESIDENT

Greetings my United Methodist Women sisters!

2020 continues to be a year of complex issues, health concerns, anxiety, loneliness, and economic worries. We are more than halfway through the year and still we shelter at home, attend church online, and miss our family and friends. If you are like me, you have a calendar with multiple x-marks, crossing out all the events, gatherings, trips, and appointments that had to be cancelled. The same is true for United Methodist Women! All the Metro District and WNCC UMW events have been cancelled, postponed, or revamped to allow us to meet online to share God's good word.

But, as United Methodist Women, we have been flexible. We have been creative. We have thought outside the box. We have looked for ways to interact without threatening one another's health. Your Metro District Team has been working hard to do just that! In this issue, you will read about upcoming events and how we have adapted them so that you can participate safely.

I hope that you are doing the same at your local unit. Think of ways that you can stay connected with your UMW sisters while keeping each other safe. Pick up the phone; send a card; write an email; Zoom; whatever creative ways you can discover to let them know you care!

When we get back to the new "normal", I hope you will invite your Metro District officers to meet with you and support you in any way possible. We are still here for you.

Thank you for your support—through prayer and mission giving. Together we still exemplify Faith, Hope, and Love in Action!

Lynda Morris

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## SECRETARY

This continues to be a stressful time for everyone. Your Metro District is here Here to give support in any way possible.

You might take time to reach out to your UMW members by calls, cards, or emails.

My hope is we will soon be back to meeting.

Judy Cline

Metro District Secretary

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# VICE PRESIDENT

## Annual Celebration and Memorial Service

This year has certainly provided opportunities for technological growth with Zoom an integral part of our lives!! In keeping with this growth, the decision has been made for all District Annual Celebrations to be delivered virtually from August 24 – August 31. **Our new date is Monday, August 24, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.** We plan for no more than a 90-minute event, necessitating its renaming to: **Annual Celebration and Memorial Service.**

Log onto <https://wnccumw.org/districtcelebrations>, Control, Click, Open hyperlink. Scroll down to Metro District. You will note some items in red print; click on them to open. As items are added (agenda, brochure, **registration**), more red selections will appear. While there is no registration fee, each person attending must register on this site to receive access to the **Annual Celebration and Memorial Service** webinar. You will also note the following blue box beside District Annual Celebrations. Check back periodically for activation of these informational tutorials.

### **Coming Soon!**

#### **Zoom Webinar Instructions**

Download instructions  
on how to register  
and participate  
in your Virtual  
District Annual Celebration.  
YOU can do this!

Your Love Offerings and Legacy Fund Donations may be sent to Kim Shafer, P. O. Box 480638, Charlotte, NC 28269 and must be postmarked on or before November 23, 2020. You may send one check for both, earmarking in the memo line specific amounts for each fund (\$100: \$70 Love, \$30 Legacy). Apple Pay will be available as well on the Metro District page of the conference website.

Hands-on Project Donations for all 2020 events (Mission Study, Prayer Breakfast and Annual Celebration) can be brought to the Mission Study in October if it can be held. In the event of a virtual Mission Study, each unit will need to make arrangements with the respective receiving groups (Mission Response Center and Bethlehem Center) to drop off their donations. As a reminder, Hygiene Kits go the Mission Response Center, and the following items are designated for Bethlehem Center: Book Bags, Notebooks/Composition Books wide and college ruled, #2 Pencils, Notebook Paper, Markers, Crayons, Glue Sticks, Primary and Regular Scissors, Kleenex/ Facial Tissues, Clorox Wipes, Hand Sanitizer.

We look forward to continuing this journey with you as we explore new ways to share and spread God's love throughout our communities and the world.

Blessings,

Nancy Ward, Vice President

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## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Ladies:

Hope this finds each of you safe from Covid-19. As you well know, Covid-19 has caused us to change a lot of things along the way. The Metro District Mission Study is postponed to October, the Prayer Breakfast combined with the Annual Celebration to be held in August. Now that has changed. The only portion of the Prayer Breakfast that will be held is the Memorial Service to memorialize those United Methodist Women who died in 2019. (See Vice President, Nancy Ward's article for details.)

Kay Jones

Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Metro District

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## NOMINATIONS

Dear UMW Sisters,

You will find the slate of officers for 2021 in this newsletter. We will vote on these ladies at the Metro District's Annual Celebration. I hope that you will be able to take part in this celebration. The ladies whose names you see have agreed to further the goals of the United Methodist Women in the next year. This is a time that is in much need of our organization. Unfortunately we need more support from our membership. You may note that two of our officers have graciously consented to accept an extension of their terms. Others have simply switched to a different position on the executive board. The Metro District is in dire need of participation from its members.

**WE NEED YOU!** If you would like to join our team we can add members to our Nominations Committee at any time. Please contact any present member of our committee if you can help.

Martha Hyler

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**2021 PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS**

In accordance with the Standing Rules and Constitution of United Methodist Women, the Committee on Nominations submits the below nominees for office on the Metro District Executive committee for 2021

**PRESIDENT** (2020– 2021) - Lynda Morris, St. Stephen

**VICE PRESIDENT** (2021-2022) - \*Nancy Ward, Matthews

**SECRETARY** 2021-2022) - \*Debbie Eudy, Memorial Charlotte

**TREASURER** (2021-2022) - \*Kim Shafer, Hickory Grove

**MISSION, EDUCATION 7 INTERPRETATION** (2021-2022) - \*\*Maisha Walker, Morrows Chapel

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH** (2020 – 2021)- Kay Jones, Cold Springs

**SOCIAL ACTION** (2020- 2021) - Sylvia Sekle-Dueh, Hickory Grove

**MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE OUTREACH** (2021-2022) - \*\*Martha Hyler, Bethel

**PROGRAM RESOURCES** (2020 – 2021) - Faye Coggin, St. Stephen

**COMMUNICATIONS**(2021 – 2022) - \*\*Delta Sonderman, Providence

**PARLIAMENTARIAN** - Donna Varner, St. Stephen

**HISTORIAN** - Sylvia Casey, Simpson Gillespie

**NOMINATIONS**

**CLASS OF 2022**

**CLASS OF 2023**

Debbie Williams, South Tryon Community (2021-2022)

\*\* Judy Cline , Royal Oaks (2021-2023)

Kelly McKinnon , South Tryon Community (2021-2022)

\*\* Jamie Stirewalt, Roberta (2021 2023)

**Codes:        \*Extension of term**  
**\*\*New Nomination**

United Methodist Women Metro District

**PROPOSED BUDGET 2021**

**PLEDGE TO MISSION - \$ 110,000.00**

**ADMINISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (A & M D)**

**OFFICER EXPENSES:**

Postage	\$ <u>150</u>	
Supplies	<u>400</u>	
Telephone	<u>0</u>	
Travel (mileage)	<u>600</u>	
Printing (letters, handouts, etc.)	<u>300</u>	
Total Officer Expenses		\$ <u>1,450</u>

**MEETING EXPENSES:**

District Annual Meeting	\$ <u>200</u>	
District Prayer Breakfast	<u>400</u>	
District Officer Training	<u>400</u>	
Other District Events	<u>250</u>	
Total Meeting Expenses		\$ <u>1,250</u>

**OTHER EXPENSES:**

Newsletter 1) Printing	\$ <u>1,400</u>	
Newsletter 2) Postage	<u>700</u>	
Resources and Literature	<u>200</u>	
SMR, GTM, & GIM	<u>300</u>	
Local Women Stipend (3)	<u>450</u>	
(3 first-timers to WNCUMW Spiritual Growth, Conference Mission u & Annual Celebration)		
Miscellaneous	<u>500</u>	
Total Other Expenses		\$ <u>3,550</u>

**TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES – A & M D** **\$ 6,250**



## MISSION, EDUCATION, AND INTERPRETATION

I pray you are each well and safe during this Pandemic and that you are finding a way to work for justice! Our Mission Study has been **RESCHEDULED—hurrah, hurrah!**

Please join us on Saturday, October 3, 2020, at Pineville UMC located at 110 S. Polk Street, Pineville, NC 28134. The registration form is included in this newsletter. Gather several from your church and UMW unit to join our past WNCC United Methodist Women President, Tonya Lanier\* as she provides a look into our 150-year history with **Women United For Change: 150 Years in Mission**. *This study is about women who established vibrant societies to support mission. We will learn about early female leaders who made a difference. Every woman who “stepped out of her place” to participate in mission societies was part of a movement that brought women front and center of Christian ministry. Participating in this study is sure to enrich lives and provide a greater understanding of this organization. Women who dared to change the world for the better, discovered that they too were changed.* “Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission”, by Ellen Blue is our study book. Due to changes in the Program Resources structure, we will **NOT** have books at the study. Please [order your book](#), before the meeting, online at UMW Store. If you attended Mission u last year and have a book, great! If you have a book and are not attending, please loan it to someone attending or make plans to share, if needed. [Amazon](#) has digital copies for Kindle.

**\*work gloves\* re-usable wipes\* heavy-duty trash bag rolls\***

The **Hands-On Mission Project** for this study is work gloves, reusable wipes, and rolls of heavy-duty trash bags. Currently at the Mission Resource Center there are many incomplete cleaning kits. These items will complete the kits and allow them to be sent to a community in need. Collect one item two items, or all three Work gloves should have a leather palm or be all leather; re-usable wipes such as Handiwipes (no terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels); 24 count ROLLS, not boxes, heavy-duty trash bags (33 gallon or larger). Thank you in advance for your support!

Please ensure your registration has reached us by September 21, 2020. If you had preregistered and paid, you will be credited for that. As usual, check-in begins at 8:45 a.m. and our study will include a working lunch. Invite new or potential UMW or UMC members to learn about the impact our United Methodist Women has made in our 150-year history!

\*Tonya Lanier is a member of St. Stephen United Methodist Church, Lexington, NC, where she serves as Church Council Chair, a member of United Methodist Women, the Historical Committee and an alto voice in the church choir. She is a certified lay speaker, member of the United Methodist Archives and three-time elected to serve as a delegate to General Conference. Tonya enjoys reading, researching and spending time with positive people.

Nancy Litton

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## PARLIAMENTARIAN

No new developments in this area at this time!



## Metro District Mission Study Registration

**Saturday, October 3, 2020**

**Pineville United Methodist Church**

**110 S. Polk Street. Pineville, NC 28134**

Check in 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. Registration is required for all participants, however, those who had paid previously will be credited with those funds. Please indicate that on the form. Our Mission Study presenter is Tonya Lanier, presenting [Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission](#). Please [order your book](#) prior to the study.

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

Registration should reach Kim Shafer by **Monday, September 21, 2020**.

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Please print the names of those attending:

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Number of persons \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to “Metro District UMW” and mail forms and checks to:

Kim Shafer, PO Box 480638, Charlotte, NC 28269

**HANDS ON MISSION PROJECT:** Individual items needed to complete Cleaning Buckets

- Work gloves - cotton with leather palm or all leather
- Kitchen gloves—durable for multi-use
- 24 piece **Roll** of Heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon size)
- Reusable cleaning wipes such as Handiwipes (no terrycloth, microfiber, or paper towels)

## Where Your Dollars Go

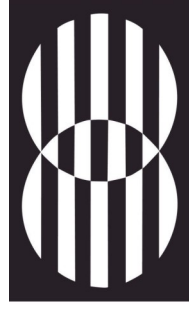
- Every dollar raised in the Walk for Mission will be used to support the mission and ministries of United Methodist Women.
- United Methodist Women is an organization of approximately one million members. The organization's purpose is to foster spiritual growth, develop leaders and advocate for justice. 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**.



Mission Giving

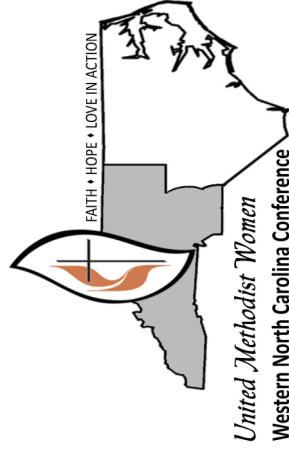


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# Walk for Mission

## Districts and Units Walking for Mission Giving



United Methodist Women  
Western North Carolina Conference

# Metro District UMW Walk for Mission

**Hold your own!**

**Walk anywhere, any time!**

**Get Your Sponsors Today!**



Every dollar raised in the Walk for Mission will be used to support the mission and ministries of United Methodist Women.

Questions? Need a Sponsor Form?

Contact Lynda Morris [lfmorrisap@aol.com](mailto:lfmorrisap@aol.com) or 704-847-2521 **OR**  
Debbie Eudy [snakcak3655@yahoo.com](mailto:snakcak3655@yahoo.com) or 704-759-4477

**Walk for Mission**

**Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women**

**District Name : Metro District**

**Unit Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Walker's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

*Office Use Only—Do not Write in these spaces*

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Collect your money, and mail your form and money to your District Treasure, Kim Shafer PO Box 480638, Charlotte, NC 28269-5305

## PROGRAM RESOURCES

We are experiencing very difficult times with the pandemic, violence and social unrest. I am sharing two books which relate to the current issues. The first book paints a picture of the difficulties faced by people of color and the second book tells us about eight women who were called to save the world. This may be our time to follow God's calling in our lives to make a difference in the world.

In the bonus book, Nobody Cries When We Die, Patrick B. Reyes writes that for people of color living each day surrounded by violence and for whom survival is not a given, vocational discernment is more than "finding your purpose"--it's a matter of life and death. Balancing the tension between pain and healing, this book takes you to the places that make American society flinch, redefines what you are called to do with your life, and gives you strength to save lives and lead in your community.

In the book, When Others Shuddered: Eight Women Who Refused To Give Up, by Jamie Janosz, we learn about eight women (Fanny Crosby, Mary McLeod Bethune, Nettie McCormick, Sarah Dunn Clark, Emma Dryer, Virginia Asher, Evangeline Booth and Amanda Berry Smith) who were called to serve God and change the world. Their stories inspire us to follow God's calling in our own lives and teach us that each individual person can make a difference.

Faye K. Coggin

Secretary of Program Resources

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## MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE, AND OUTREACH

Hello Everyone,

It is hard to believe we are living in such uncertainty. I want you to know that in that uncertainty your Metro District team is here for you. Although we are unable to meet with you in person right now, we are available for virtual or Zoom visits. If your unit is meeting via Zoom or other virtual means invite your Nurturing Partner or other team member to join you. We would love to be a part of your meetings. Also don't forget to do an individual or a social distancing group Walk for Mission. There may be a way to do one virtually if you are creative. Once you complete your walk and collect your donations send them to Kim Shafer. If you have any questions contact me.

Stay safe,

Debbie Eudy

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## HISTORIAN

### History of Rocky Mount UMW

Rocky Mount UMW began in the late 1800's to early 1900's as The Missionary Society. In 1946, the Missionary Society became known as The Women's Society of Christian Service. In 1972, the United Methodist Women (as it is known today) was formed. There are four circles at Rocky Mount, named after four dedicated church women. RMUMW currently has 135 women on its role. Some of their mission projects are:

Baby Bottle Boomerang benefiting the local pregnancy center

Hat & Mitten tree for children in need

Angel Lunch Program at three local elementary schools

My Sister's House center for at-risk women and children

Youth Camp Scholarships

Mooresville Soup Kitchen

Bereavement Meals

SCAN Child Protection Program

Rocky Mount Food Pantry

Sponsorship of families at Christmas

Thank you to the women of Rocky Mount UMW for all you do to support the purpose of United Methodist Women. God bless you and keep up the good work!

You may have noticed the history boards on display at our Metro District events. The boards contain the church name, date unit was organized, name of woman who was president at the time the unit organized and the banner under which the unit was organized. We would love to have all units in the district represented on the boards. Due to COVID-19, we have not gathered in many months, however your information is still requested and will be accepted at any time. If you know your unit was not on the board, please send to me.

Be Safe, Be Blessed,  
Sylvia Casey, Historian  
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## TREASURER

Hi everyone!!! Thanks to everyone who submitted their remittances in by June 1<sup>st</sup>. I am sad to report our remittances were down approximately half from 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2019. While that is not unexpected, it is so sad that we will not be able to support those that need our help most and depend on us. Please continue to give as able and to think outside the box for fundraisers. The next quarterly remittances are due to be mailed by August 28<sup>th</sup> – please remember to use my mailing address: Kim Shafer, PO Box 480638, Charlotte, NC 28269. Don't forget to read *response* magazine for encouraging stories of where our money goes. I look forward to what we can accomplish in 2020 and beyond because we are United Methodist Women! You all are faithful, your service is outstanding and I appreciate your partnership!

Peace in Christ, Kim Shafer

# SOCIAL ACTION



Greetings and Blessings to my dear UMW Sisters,

As your Social Action Coordinator, it is with heavy heart that I write my sisters in the Metro District. In this time of unrest in our nation I want to focus on two social justice issues that will make some of us uncomfortable. The two issues are COVID-19 & the Native American Communities and the indiscriminate killing of individuals of color/RACISM.

## **COVID-19 & Native American Communities:**

According to statistics, COVID-19 is disproportionately impacting the vulnerable communities of our nation in a devastating way and the Native American Communities are no exception. The Navajo Nation especially is seeing the highest infection rate of the COVID-19 per capita in the nation. As of May 2020, the number of COVID-19 cases has reached a record high of 3,245 positive cases with 103 deaths. I am asking that we keep this community in our prayers and if you feel led to donate, you can donate online at the Official Navajo Nation Covid-19 Relief Fund <http://www.nndoh.org/donate.html>

## **The Indiscriminate Killing of Individuals of Color/RACISM:**

I am saddened by the extrajudicial killings of people of color in the nation.

As United Methodist Women and as individuals I am asking that we commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism. Let us strive to confront and dismantle systemic racism and White supremacy as we cooperate with God in building a just and equitable society.

I am also asking that we condemn the culture of White supremacy and the racism it nurtures by lifting our voices and speaking up, writing letters to our senators and representative.

I am sorry if what is said in this article offends any of my sisters. Remember that all lives matter to God and Black lives are no exception, and I believe that Black lives matter also to us as United Methodist Women, think about it!!!!!!

Love and blessings as we strive to put our **Faith, Hope and Love in Action** and **make a change!**



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*But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amos 5:24*





## Metro UMW Dates to Remember 2020

**August 24**

**Metro District Virtual Annual Celebration  
(Business Session only)  
And Memorial Service**

Hands on Project: UMCOR Hygiene Kits

**AND**

Hands on Project: school supplies for Bethlehem Center

**October 3**

**Metro District Mission Study  
Pineville United Methodist Church  
110 S. Polk Street, Pineville, NC 28134**

Hands on project: Work gloves, Kitchen gloves, Roll heavy duty  
Trash bags, and reusable cleaning wipes (please see registration  
included above)

**November 15**

**Metro District Local Officers**

Leadership Development Day, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Simpson-Gillespie UMC, 3545 Beatties Ford Rd., Charlotte, NC



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