

SMOKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

ANNUAL CELEBRATION

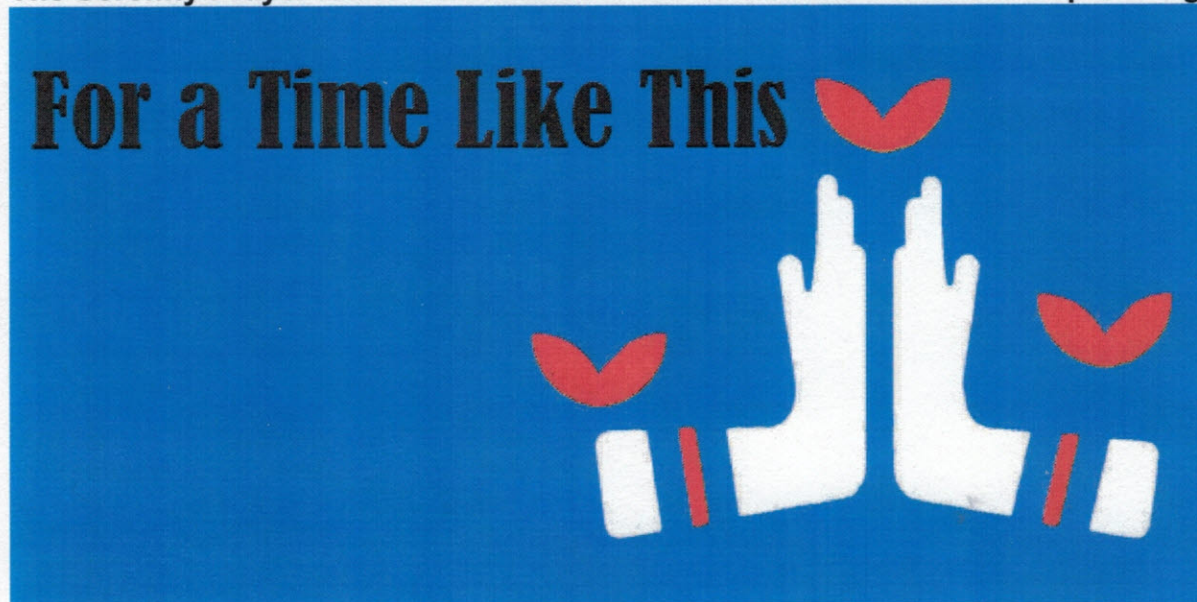
VIRTUAL MEETING

AUGUST 26, 2020



## Prayer: Finding Serenity in the Midst of Anxiety

The Serenity Prayer is the framework for United Methodist Women's spiritual growth study.



The Serenity Prayer written by theologian Reinhold Niebuhr against the backdrop of two world wars and the Great Depression is the framework for United Methodist Women's spiritual growth study because it is a well-known and time-tested example of how prayer can teach God's people to manage anxiety, namely through serenity, acceptance, courage, and wisdom.

The longer version of the prayer as recorded by Niebuhr's daughter, Elisabeth Sifton, reads:

God, grant me the serenity  
 To accept the things I cannot change;  
 Courage to change the things I can;  
 And the wisdom to know the difference.  
 Living one day at a time;  
 Enjoying one moment at a time,  
 Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace;  
 Taking, as He did, this sinful world  
 As it is, not as I would have it;  
 Trusting that He will make all things right  
 If I surrender to His Will;  
 So that I may be reasonably happy in this life  
 And supremely happy with Him  
 Forever and ever in the next.  
 Amen.

The prayer does not deny that anxiety exists or that it is powerful, but instead encourages us to place our trust in God. This is a prayer for times of uncertainty, for feelings of anxiety, for moments of fear; it is both a soothing balm and a weapon of resistance.

-*Elisabeth Sifton, The Serenity Prayer: Faith and Politics in Times of Peace and War* (New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2003) as quoted in *Finding Peace in an Anxious World* leader's guide, United Methodist Women, p.5.

► [Finding Peace in an Anxious World - Spiritual Growth Mission Study 2020](#)

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**Smoky Mountain District United Methodist Women  
Annual Celebration August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Virtual Meeting**

Gathering together	
Opening Prayer	Debbie Ray
Welcome & Announcements	Debbie Ray, President
Presentation of GTM cards	Judy Bromley, District Treasurer
Prayer Calendar	Carol Harper, Spiritual Growth
Social Action Moment	Myrtle Kinyon, SA, Waynesville First
Business Session:	
Presentation of 2021 Budget	Judy Bromley
Recognition of Retiring Officers	Debbie Ray
Presentation of Slate of Officers for 2021	Erlinda Rogers, Nominations
Election of Officers	Debbie Ray
Installation of Officers	Lisa Bacon, Conference
Celebration of SMD UMW Unit Accomplishments:	
	Esther Manchester, MNO coordinator
Introduction of Program	Debbie Ray
Congregations for Children	Linda Dills, District C4C Coordinator
Sending Forth	Debbie Ray



**Smoky Mountain District  
2019 Annual Celebration  
Hinton Rural Life Center  
August 10, 2019**

President, Debbie Ray, opened our meeting with prayer, followed with song, "Open the Eyes of My Heart" led by Nancy Jo Willis, accompaniment by Anita Sloan.

Debbie welcomed everyone and made an announcement about the passing of Lavinia Hawk's husband. Lavinia is a member of Andrews UMW, a former district president.

Marilyn Jones, Murphy 1<sup>st</sup> treasurer presented GTM cards to Hinton Center hostess Beth Leinbach, our pianist Anita Sloan and to Nancy Jo Willis for leading our songs.

Carol Harper presented our prayer calendar, focus was on the Community Center in San Marcus, TX and birthday person was J. Jamison Frank from West Liberty, KY.

Beverly Bard thanked everyone for their prayers and cards for the passing of her son Dennis. She reminded us of the Mission Festival that will be held Nov. 16 at Waynesville 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be preparing Hygiene kits again this year. No wash cloths, soap or combs will be needed. Notification will be sent prior to the event asking each unit to supply a certain amount of an item or items. Also, we are reminded that Christmas Shoeboxes for Armenia may be brought to the conference annual meeting at Lake Junaluska September 13 – 14 or to Clyde Central UMC on September 24 – 25. Please call 828-627-2287 (Clyde) before dropping off to make sure someone will be there to receive your boxes.

Julie Leatherwood presented information about the Legacy Fund. As in our undesignated giving Western North Carolina Conference leads the nation in our giving to the Legacy Fund.

Business Session:

Minutes to the 2018 Annual Meeting were approved as corrected.

The 2020 Budget was presented by Debbie in the absence of treasurer Judy Bromley (unable to attend as her husband is dealing with recent serious injuries). Our Pledge to Mission of \$41,500 is an increase of \$500 over last year and was unanimously approved as was the A&MD amount of \$5,700 an increase of \$100. (Noting that the \$800 allotted to District Spiritual Enrichment will be divided evenly between Day Apart and Mission u.)

Recognition of retiring officers – Julie Leatherwood, Sharon Cooper, Ellynne Stonebreaker and recognition of Debbie Ray, Gail Powell and Beverly Bard for completing 4 years in their respective offices. However, they will continue to serve until such time as replacements can be found to fill these offices. We are asked to please pray for leaders to step forward.

Martha Phillips, Chair of the Nominations Committee of the WNCC, installed all elected officers and appointed positions for 2020. New officers include Joann Black from Cullowhee as secretary and Trudy Reynolds from Andrews, class of 2021 on the Nominations Committee.

Chicken feed was then collected with all proceeds going to the UMW Legacy Fund.

Esther Manchester, MNO Coordinator, asked members to stand if their units participated in any of the various activities, mission works, etc. that she read off. All need to know What We Do and "Why" We Do It.

Beverly Bard made additions to the 2018 five channels of giving report adding Sylva 1<sup>st</sup>, Murphy 1<sup>st</sup> and Oak Forest to the list.

Debbie *reluctantly* introduced our program as the participants supposed to present had to cancel at the last minute but did send a DVD of their presentation of Celebrating 150 Years. We were able to watch a portion of the program but poor sound quality prevented us from being able to see the entire presentation. To round out the program some of our "thespian" members gave an excellent performance of the "Legacy Carol" skit.

In closing we were reminded that UBUNTU Day is Oct. 12 with the Hinton Rural Life Center being added as a location for those in this end of the district though a different date will need to be set and will be announced soon.

Closing Hymn: "Spirit Song"

Debbie sent us forth with blessings for safe travels and blessings on the food that those staying for lunch enjoyed after the meeting.

There were 50 registered attendees.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Leatherwood  
SMD UMW Secretary



# United Methodist Women

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SMOKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

## PROPOSED BUDGET

### 2021

PLEDGE TO MISSION

\$ 41,500

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#### ADMINISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (A & MD)

##### OFFICER EXPENSES:

Postage	\$ 450	
Supplies	600	
Telephone	-0-	
Travel (mileage)	200	
Printing (letters, handouts, etc.)	200	
Total Officer Expenses		\$ 1,450

##### MEETING EXPENSES:

District Annual Meeting	\$ 500	
District Spiritual Enrichment	400	
Mini-mission u	400	
District Officer Training	500	
Other District Events	100	
Total Meeting Expenses		\$ 1,900

##### OTHER EXPENSES:

Newsletter 1) Printing	\$ 450	
Newsletter 2) Postage	350	
Resources and Literature	200	
SMR, GTM, & GIM	800	
Local Women Stipend (3) (3 first-timers to Conference Mission u, SGR, & Annual Meeting)	450	
Miscellaneous	100	
Total Other Expenses		\$2,350

**TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES - A & MD**

**\$ 5,700**

**DO NOT ADD OR CHANGE ANY CATEGORIES TO THE ABOVE LIST**



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
**SUMMARY OF GIVING - ANNUAL**

Year: **2019**

District: **Smoky Mountain**

Member-ship	Pledge	Unit Name	Pledge Paid	Special Mission Recognition	Gift to Mission	Gift in Memory	World Thank Offering	Walk for Mission / Other Undesignated Giving	Call to Prayer	Supplementary Gifts	Other	Amount Sent to Conference Treasurer
	1,490.00	1 Andrews UMW	1,470.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	93.00	0.00	217.00	0.00	138.45	1,948.45
	300.00	2 Beaverdam UMW	300.00	40.00	5.00	5.00	110.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	94.32	654.32
	300.00	3 Bryson City	300.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	320.00
	1,200.00	4 Canton Central UMW	1,200.00	160.00	5.00	5.00	36.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	1,481.71
	0.00	5 Canton First UMC	1,400.00	0.00	0.00	80.00	34.00	0.00	70.00	0.00	262.50	1,846.50
	1,500.00	6 Clyde Central UMC	1,500.00	45.00	25.00	20.00	15.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	223.22	1,878.22
	1,400.00	7 Crabtree UMC	1,400.00	40.00	10.00	25.00	198.92	0.00	54.00	0.00	88.62	1,816.54
	700.00	8 Crusu UMC	700.00	10.00	60.00	50.00	241.58	0.00	10.00	0.00	59.98	1,131.56
	1,200.00	9 Cullowhee UMC	1,200.00	60.00	130.00	70.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,610.00
	1,500.00	10 Elizabeth Chapel UMC	1,500.00	40.00	35.00	25.00	141.58	0.00	105.00	0.00	113.13	1,959.71
	160.00	11 Fincher's Chapel UMC	160.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	50.00	285.00
	530.00	12 Francis Cove UMC	530.00	40.00	30.00	50.00	255.80	0.00	75.00	0.00	150.00	1,130.80
	605.00	13 Ruby Beehars / Franklin 1st	1,755.00	240.00	60.00	50.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	2,330.00
	1,100.00	14 Haysville First UMC	1,675.00	40.00	50.00	25.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,805.00
	3,733.00	15 Long's Chapel UMC	3,733.00	120.00	60.00	10.00	105.63	0.00	143.00	100.00	816.23	5,087.86
	0.00	16 Love's Chapel UMC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	1,044.00	17 Maggie Valley UMC	2,409.00	5.00	5.00	75.00	481.58	0.00	33.00	0.00	325.15	3,333.73
	960.00	18 Maple Grove UMC	960.00	50.00	50.00	110.00	345.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	50.00	1,715.00
	0.00	19 Mount Zion UMC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	1,105.00	20 Murphy First UMC	2,453.00	240.00	11.75	5.00	262.00	0.00	331.00	0.00	332.25	3,635.00
	700.00	21 Oak Forest UMC	700.00	10.00	120.00	25.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	100.00	990.00
	400.00	22 Peachtree UMC	400.00	25.00	10.00	5.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	590.00
	0.00	23 Piney Grove UMC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	305.00	24 Plains UMC	660.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	165.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	885.00
	1,100.00	25 Ranger UMC	1,100.00	40.00	55.00	25.00	245.15	0.00	103.00	0.00	228.65	1,797.80
	0.00	26 Robbinville UMC	5.00	0.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
	50.00	27 Rockwood UMC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	600.00	28 Shady Grove UMC	600.00	60.00	30.00	40.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	880.00
	1,000.00	29 Sylvania First UMC	250.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	187.71	457.71
	200.00	30 Tomolia UMC	200.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	12.00	0.00	75.00	307.00
	3,500.00	31 Waynesville First UMC	4,222.40	125.00	185.00	95.00	798.00	0.00	529.00	0.00	467.03	6,421.43
	200.00	32 Webster UMC	200.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	125.00	0.00	350.00
	0.00	33 0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	34 Smoky Mountain District	2,500.00	220.00	95.00	15.00	0.00	571.00	0.00	0.00	534.82	3,935.82
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1146.75

885.00

3913.95

571.00

2002.00

250.00

1142.36

50609.16



## Smoky Mountain District Officers for 2021

President – ?

Vice President – ?

Secretary – Joann Black (Cullowhee)

Treasurer – Judy Bromley (Canton Central)

Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth – Carol Harper (District At Large)

Mission Coordinator for Mission Education and Interpretation – ?

Mission Coordinator for Social Action – ?

Mission Coordinator for Membership, Nurture and Outreach – Esther Manchester (Murphy 1<sup>st</sup>)

Communications Coordinator – Nancy Jo Willis (Andrews)

Secretary for Program Resources – Gail Powell (Elizabeth Chapel)

Committee Nominations:

Chair Person – Erlinda Rogers

Class of 2021 -

Class of 2021 -

Class of 2022 -

Class of 2022 -

Class of 2023 -

Class of 2023 -Sarah Clark

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Appointed Officers:

Historian – Lisa Bacon

Parliamentarian – Ellynne Stonebraker

Nurturing Partner Coordinator – Esther Manchester



## Acknowledgements

It is with gratitude that the contributions of the following are acknowledged:

Local and District Officers for providing reports and other valuable assistance

Lisa Bacon for installation of officers

The Annual Meeting Committee: Julie Leatherwood, Judy Bromley, Beverly Bard,  
Esther Manchester, Carol Harper, Gail Powell, Nancy  
Jo Willis, Ellyne Stonebraker, Joann Black, Lisa  
Bacon, Debbie Ray

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### *Rules of Order for District Annual Meeting*

#### **Section 1 General Information**

Meetings shall open and close at the time stipulated in the official program.

#### **Section 2 New Business**

All new business that has not been considered by the Executive Committee of the district shall be presented in writing to the secretary seven days prior to the Annual Meeting at which time it is to be proposed.

#### **Section 3 Motions**

1. All motions, except on matters of procedure, shall be written and signed by the maker and furnished to the chairperson before action is taken.
2. The secretary, unless directed otherwise, shall not record motions ruled out of order, points of order on which no appeal is made or trivial matters of privilege.

#### **Section 4 Debate**

1. In seeking recognition from the chairperson and on being recognized, state her name before making a comment or a motion.
2. The mover of a motion shall be entitled to the floor immediately after the motion is stated in preference to any other member.
3. No person shall speak a second time to a motion until all other persons have been given an opportunity to speak.
4. No person shall speak more than twice on the same question, not more than two (2) minutes at a time, without the consent of the body.
5. General consent shall be required if any additional time is to be given.
6. Debate shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes per topic.

#### **Section 5 Quorum**

A quorum shall be a simple majority of the members present.

#### **Section 6**

1. Robert's Rules of Order, newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority.
2. A two-thirds vote of the membership present is required to suspend or amend the rules.



## Smoky Mountain District Membership Record for 2019

<b>Unit Name</b>	<b># Members 01-Jan-19</b>	<b># New Members</b>	<b># Lost by Death Or Other Reasons</b>	<b>Total Members 31-Dec-19</b>
Andrews	44	6	4	46
Beaverdam	24	0	0	24
Bryson City	21	3	1	23
Canton Central	22	2	6	18
Canton First	26	1	4	22
Clyde Central	30	0	5	25
Crabtree	26	1	3	24
Cruso	9	0	0	9
Cullowhee	47	1	1	47
Elizabeth Chapel	28	0	2	26
Fincher's Chapel	4	0	0	4
Francis Cove	13	0	13	0
Franklin First	47	6	6	47
Hayesville First	34	0	0	34
Long's Chapel	133	4	12	125
Love's Chapel	6	0	0	6
Maggie Valley	26	2	7	21
Maple Grove	12	0	2	10
Mt. Zion	12	0	12	0
Murphy First	71	4	1	74
Oak Forest	14	0	8	14
Peachtree	20	0	20	0
Piney Grove	3	0	0	3
Plains	30	0	0	30
Pleasant Hill	0	7	0	7
Ranger	19	0	2	17
Robbinsville	11	0	0	11
Rockwood	5	0	0	5
Shady Grove	10	1	1	10
Smoky Mountain	2	0	0	2
Sylva First	53	1	1	52
Tomotla	19	1	0	20
Waynesville 1st	207	14	17	204
Webster	6	0	0	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1034</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>966</b>



**SMOKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT**

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

**5 Channels of Giving Report 2019**

Andrews  
Beaverdam  
Byson City  
Canton Central  
Canton First  
Clyde Central  
Crabtree  
Cruso

Cullowhee  
Elizabeth Chapel  
Francis Cove  
Franklin First  
Hayesville  
Long's Chapel  
Maggie Valley  
Maple Grove  
Murphy First

Oak Forest  
Peachtree  
Plains  
Ranger  
Shady Grove  
Tomotla  
Waynesville First  
Webster



# SMOKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

## Mission Today Units 2019

Andrews  
Bryson City  
Canton First  
Canton Central  
Clyde Central  
Crabtree

Cullowhee  
Elizabeth Chapel  
Franklin First  
Long's Chapel  
Maggie Valley  
Maple Grove

Murphy First  
Oak Forest  
Ranger  
Rockwood  
Shady Grove  
Waynesville First

## Justice Today Units 2019

### GOLD UNITS

Crabtree  
Elizabeth Chapel  
Murphy First  
Ranger  
Waynesville First

### SILVER UNITS

Canton Central  
Long's Chapel  
Maple Grove  
Shady Grove

### BRONZE UNITS

Rockwood  
Franklin First



**Smoky Mountain District  
Mission Study Report  
2019**

D-District  
SCM-Conference Mission u  
Y-Youth

<b>Andrews</b>	Missionary Conference-UMC (D-1)
<b>Canton Central</b>	Missionary Conference-UMC (D-1)
<b>Canton First</b>	Missionary Conference-UMC (D-3)
<b>Clyde Central</b>	Missionary Conference-UMC (D-1)
<b>Crabtree</b>	Missionary Conference-UMC-(D-7) Gospel of Mark – (SCM-Y-1)
<b>Cruso</b>	Missionary Conference-UMC-(D-3)
<b>Cullowhee</b>	Missionary Conference-UMC (D-2) Gospel of Mark – (SCM-1) Women United for Change – (SCM-1)
<b>Elizabeth Chapel</b>	Missionary Conference-UMC (D-4)
<b>Long's Chapel</b>	Missionary Conference-UMC (D-8) (Church Wide-14)
<b>Love's Chapel</b>	Missionary Conference-UMC (D-2)
<b>Maggie Valley</b>	Missionary Conference-UMC (D-5)
<b>Murphy 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Missionary Conference-UMC (D-2)
<b>Peachtree</b>	Missionary Conference-UMC (D-2)
<b>Ranger</b>	Missionary Conference-UMC (D-2)
<b>Shady Grove</b>	Missionary Conference-UMC (D-4)
<b>Sylva First</b>	Missionary Conference-UMC (D-1)
<b>Waynesville First</b>	Missionary Conference-UMC (D-7) Gospel of Mark – (SCM-2) Women united for Change – (SCM-2)
<b>District At Large</b>	Missionary Conference-UMC (D-2) Gospel of Mark – (SCM-2) Women United for Change – (SCM-2)



## Smoky Mountain District Reading Program Report 2019

### **Andrews**

Judy Wyke (1)  
Darlene Graham (1)

Martha Palmer (1)  
Jane Payne (1)  
Cora Edwards (1)

### **Canton Central**

Pat Dobbins (1)  
Barbara Markham (1)  
Virginia Miller (1)

### **Ranger**

Bobbi Hall (1)  
Joyce Miller (1)  
Marcie Price (1)

### **Canton First**

Judy Sellers (1)  
Lisa Wells (1)

### **Shady Grove**

Julie Leatherwood (2)  
Laura Smith (1)

### **Clyde Central**

Shirley Stevenson (4)  
Sara Brown (4)

### **Waynesville 1<sup>st</sup>**

Deborah Ray (1)  
Judy Starnes (1)  
Myrtle Kinyon (2)  
Beverly Bard (2)  
12 Children

### **Crabtree**

Doris Meadows (1)  
Irene Noland (1)  
Sharon Cooper (2)  
Grace Sawyer (1)  
Sue Morrow (1)  
Grace Patton (1)

### **Cullowhee**

Lisa Bacon (3)

### **Elizabeth Chapel**

Gail Powell (1)  
Bobby Payne (1)

### **Long's Chapel**

Julia Hoyle (1)

### **Murphy First**

Sharon Hotchkiss (1)  
Marilyn Jones (4)  
Esther Manchester (2)



**SMOKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT**  
**Special Mission Recognition Recipients**  
**2019**

<b>Beaverdam</b>	Harvey Worley
<b>Canton Central</b>	Erin & Victor Gamez, Vallire & Greg Hooper
<b>Clyde Central</b>	Diana Little
<b>Crabtree</b>	Kathy Ross
<b>Cruso</b>	Pete & Shirley Cogburn
<b>Cullowhee</b>	Sue Heckert
<b>Elizabeth Chapel</b>	Jean White
<b>Francis Cove</b>	Karen Yarborough
<b>Franklin First</b>	Kathryn Sellers, Merrilee Bordeaux, Susan Hirsch, Michele Hubbs, Donna Nickel, Doug Nickel
<b>Hayesville 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Betsy Donnally
<b>Long's Chapel</b>	David Moody
<b>Maggie Valley</b>	Gail England
<b>Murphy 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Esther Manchester, Mary Ann Packard, Gary Crump, Bill Schuller, Karen Watson
<b>Peachtree</b>	Iris Silvers
<b>Ranger</b>	Mara Sooy
<b>Shady Grove</b>	Larry Leatherwood
<b>Waynesville 1st</b>	Aiden Patten, Emily Patten, Emma Leichssering, Rose Leek, Haley Benning, Jack Collins, Jackson Langston, Stirling Thomas, Bill & Corinne Faircloth
<b>Smoky Mountain District</b>	Debbie Ray, Gail Powell, Julie Leatherwood, Ellynn Stonebraker, Sharon Cooper



## Smoky Mountain District

### Gift to Mission Honorees 2019

Beaverdam	Wanda Mann
Canton Central	Erin & Victor Gamez
Clyde Central	Hospitality Committee of Clyde Central
Crabtree	Lawson Rich, Emilie Ann Williams
Cruso	Aryn Ruebel, Michelle Larue
Elizabeth Chapel	Jozy Balance, Sarah Simmons
Francis Cove	James & Debbie Francis
Franklin 1 <sup>st</sup> (Ruby Beshears)	Maggie Schmidt, Kathy Leedom
Long's Chapel	Becky Jarrell
Maggie Valley	Linda Kelly
Peachtree	Gretchen Timmons, Sarah Sutton
Ranger	Esther Manchester
Shady Grove	Prayer Calendar missionaries
Waynesville 1 <sup>st</sup>	Jane Kirby, Lily Seymour, Jennifer Martin, Rev. Paula Milo-Meatrerie,
Smoky Mountain District	Maggie Valley UMC, Maggie Valley UMW, Becky Hall, Roger Bard,
	Waynesville 1 <sup>st</sup> UMC, Waynesville 1 <sup>st</sup> UMW, Anna Kline
	Sylva 1st UMC, Sylva 1 <sup>st</sup> UMW, Hinton Center, Beth Leinbach, Nancy Jo
	Willis, Anita Sloan

### Gifts In Memory Honorees 2019

Beaverdam	Elaine Scott
Canton Central	Ellie Anderson
Canton 1 <sup>st</sup>	Margaret Warren, Doris Cochran, Gail Sheppard
Clyde Central	Wanda Winecoff, Nelda Scroggs
Crabtree	Dennis Bard, Norma Adair, Margaret Morrow, Margaret Palmer
Cruso	Schneider family, Sam McNeil
Cullowhee	Ellie Oren
Elizabeth Chapel	Betty Galloway
Francis Cove	Cleta Franklin
Franklin 1 <sup>st</sup>	Allison Cook
Long's Chapel	All who passed this year
Maggie Valley	Denise McCullough
Peachtree	Martha Francis
Ranger	Bessie Ruth Hedricks
Robbinsville	Dot Webster
Shady Grove	Dot Ross, Nadine Miller, Faye Eberhart's sister
Sylva First	Patsy McGuire
Waynesville 1 <sup>st</sup>	Corrine Shepherd, Frances Bigelow, Norma Adair, Ethel Matney, Dennis Bard,
	Rev. Harry Hawk, Gilda Deck, Mary Ann Goodrich, Margaret Palmer,
	Shirley Robinson, Shirley Wiginton
Smoky Mountain District	Norma Adair, Rev. Harry Hawk, Dennis Bard



## SMOKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

### President's Report 2019

It was a challenging year for Smoky Mountain District. We lost three units during the year but the women of the district celebrated our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary all year long. We remain dedicated to missions and our purpose. Most units had a celebration with some innovative ways to honor UMW. Some had a cake and birthday party. Some collected UMCOR kits and some collected 150 non-perishable items for their food pantry or community kitchen.

Our mini-mission u was held on March 23, 2019 at Maggie Valley UMC with a study of our Missionary Conferences facilitated by Becky Hall who had been one of the presenters at Mission u. We enjoyed the study and learned a lot. After the study we had a birthday party with a gorgeous cake.

Our Day Apart was held on April 13<sup>th</sup> at Sylva First UMC. Attendance was lower than usual due in part because it came so close to mini mission u. The timing was unavoidable because of the church's responsibilities. Our DS, Rev. Linda Kelly was our speaker and everyone thoroughly enjoyed her homily. She spoke about what UMW has meant to her and being part of something that has been in mission for 150 years.

District Annual Meeting was held at Hinton Rural life Center on August 10, 2019. We stayed for lunch and time to fellowship with each other. We also learned about being flexible as our program that had been planned didn't work out. Instead we learned about the units and how they participate in missions by responding to questions. We took part in the quiz about Suzanna Wesley and then had volunteers do a skit about our UMW, past, present, and future, about the Legacy Fund. The ladies did an excellent job and everyone enjoyed this very much.

For the second year, we held a mission's festival in November at First United Methodist of Waynesville. We learned about making plarn mats for the homeless, had a chair yoga session, put UMCOR hygiene kits together, and learned about making Bible studies more interesting and interactive. Evaluations were very positive but officer training will be evaluated for next year as most did not spend time with their district counter-parts as we had hoped.

The young girl's circle continues to do well. We added ten new members this year. They are service oriented, participating in church service through helping with communion and being acolytes. Two participated in our mission's festival and several helped with the cookie walk for Waynesville First UMW fundraiser. They participate until 6<sup>th</sup> grade but then transition to youth missions.

We still lack officers for 2020, including president, vice-president, ME&I, social action, and nominating committee. We will concentrate on adding members to the nominating committee in 2020, while still trying to fill other offices. Submitted by: Deborah Ray, President SMD





## God is in Control

"Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." -Isaiah 41:10

In an attitude of prayer and gratitude, may we lift our voices as one through this responsive reading.

Leader: Loving God, You know our lives have changed over the past few months in ways we would have never imagined. Yet, in the midst of uncertainty, loneliness, sickness, and loss...

**All: You are in Control**

Leader: This world-wide pandemic is frightening, Lord. As we continue to do what is necessary to stop the spread of the virus, help us as Your people to remain calm, yet vigilant and keep in mind that...

**All: Our God of Healing and Mercy is in Control**

Leader: We are grateful that as we strive each day to find new ways to continue the mission and advocacy work we do in Your name we know that...

**All: Our God of Justice is in Control**

Leader: As we provide support for the vital mission work of our National Mission Institutions across the United States, we know we can say...

**All: Our God of Abundance is in Control**

Leader: We know, Dear Lord, that you bless and sanction the work of our Regional Missionaries, retired missionaries and deaconesses, and active deaconesses and home missionaries.

**All: Our God of Love and Service is in Control**

Leader: We know that in the development of each of our mission education resources...

**All: Our God of Wisdom is in Control**

Leader: We pray that through our leadership development programs, and in each decision we make to support and lift-up the faithful work of our members we remember that...

**All: The God Who Leads Us All is in Control**

Leader: As we diligently work for racial justice, maternal and child health, and the care of Your glorious creation...

**All: Creator God, We Know You are in Control**

Leader: We are grateful that in all our advocacy work for the needs of women, children, and youth...

**All: Our Mighty God is in Control**

Leader: God, in all our efforts to put our faith, hope and love into action help us remember that...

**All: Our Loving God of Action is in Control**

Leader: As we walk through our collective journeys, You lead us, guide us and comfort us and with each step we know that..

**All: Our God of Guidance is in Control**

Leader: And, God, as hard as it is for us to sometimes let go of trying to control every detail of our own lives, we know we can and should because...

**All: The God Who Gives Us Choice is in Control**

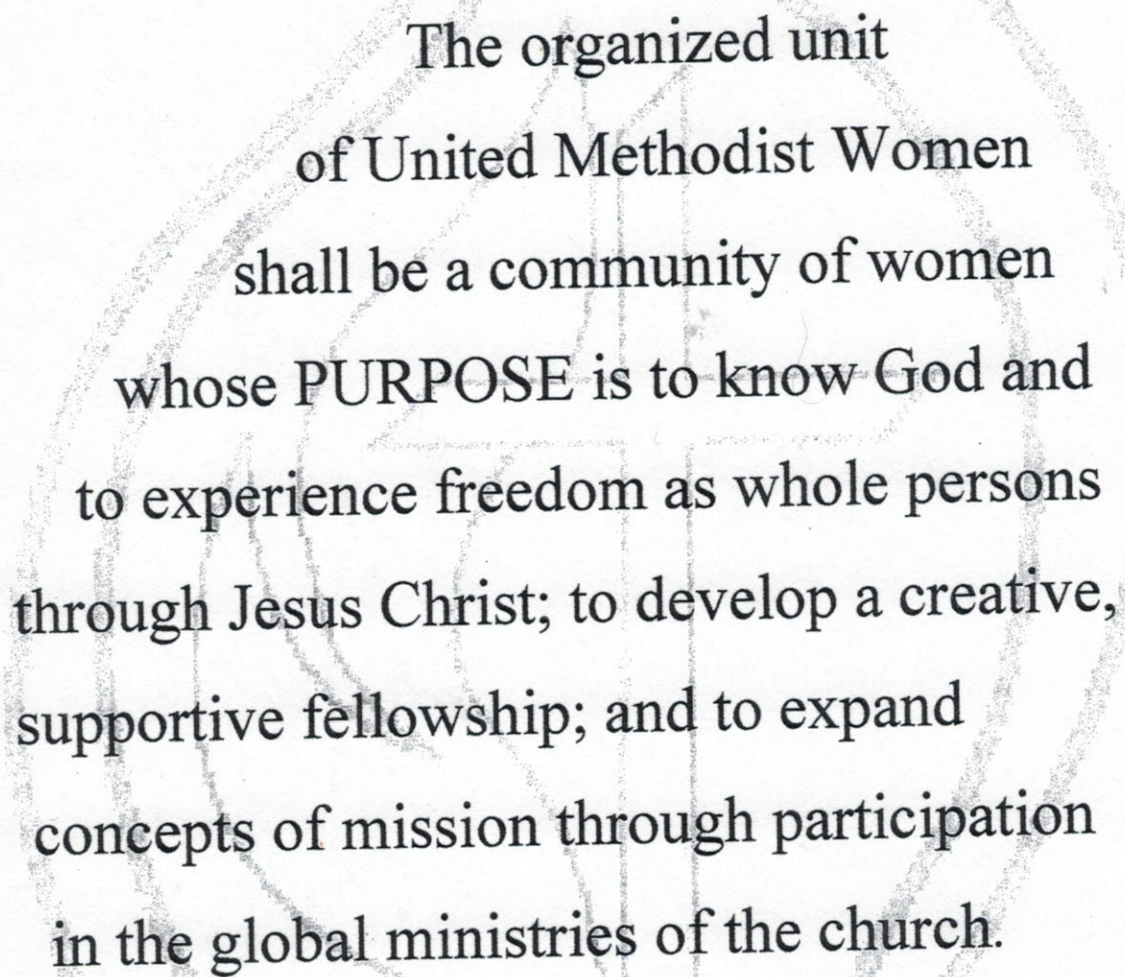
Leader: As we meet today and each time, we gather to connect, plan, and do Your work we are blessed to know that You, God, are in Control.

**All: Enable us to let go of our worry, fear, and self-centeredness and let You, God, be in Control.**

Leader: Amen.

--Deaconess Christi Campos, executive for donor relations, United Methodist Women





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.