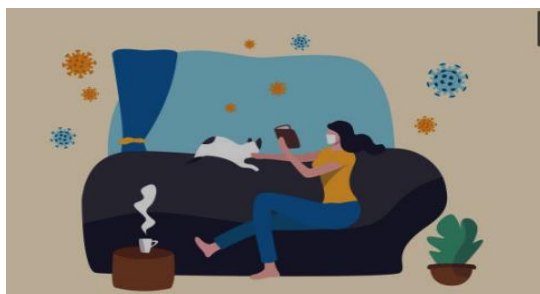


Uwharrie District News



Western North Carolina Conference-United Methodist Women-2nd Quarter, April 2020



Wash your hands, keep your distance, don't touch your face, it seems like I go to bed with those words swirling around in my head. But as a nurse I know how important those words and actions are. I hope that you all are following the guidelines and are well and safe.

I so looked forward to seeing you all at our local mission study and prayer breakfast but as you well know it was important that they be cancelled to keep us all safe. As you may have already heard, Spiritual Growth and Mission U has been cancelled for this year. In the newsletter you will see a memo from our Conference President, Julia Willis as how to contact Lake Junaluska regarding your room reservation. The registration fee is non-refundable but can be used for future events.

I hope that you will take some time while you are at home to get caught up on your reading. If you ordered the book Pushout for mission u, now is a good time to start reading it, because they plan to use this topic for next year. (see letter from Pat Moore). If you have not heard from your nurturing partner, I encourage you to pick up the phone and see how they and their church are doing. We need to stay in touch, let each other know we care, and keep each other in prayer during this pandemic. Most of us have access to a computer and are able to still attend meetings and participate in doing a program for you if you are doing them remotely.

A lot of you that are still working are doing so by remote access. I know that I am. I have not missed a single church service, bible study, Wednesday morning devotion, or any committee meeting. Yes, it is by remote, but it can work. We can still listen, speak and participate, see and wave to each other; we just cannot get that handshake or hug. For me, being a people person, I miss that a lot. So, while livestreaming, I have learned, that when I need a hug, I grab my dog LuLu or Bullet and it helps with that void. After all DOG is GOD spelled backwards. And I believe God made dogs to comfort us in times like this, for I know when my fur babies are near, I feel at peace.

I pray that by August, restrictions will be lifted, so we will be able to have our Annual local Meeting. I will keep you posted. In the meantime, let's continue to pray for our UMW sisters, our Nation, and our leaders.

Blessings,

Cathy Ward

Spiritual Growth Retreat Update

1. The Spiritual Growth Online \$25 registration fee is not refundable.

Options...

a. Request your \$25 registration fee be applied to the September 11-13 Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska

b. Request your \$25 registration fee be applied to the June 11-13, 2021 Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska

c. Request your registration be transferred to another person for either of the above events

d. Allow your \$25 registration fee to be a Love Offering toward our Pledge. The demands on Mission Giving are greater than ever and your support will be appreciated.

Please notify me (jawillis1@aol.com, 336-685-4857) which option you prefer.

2. Lake Junaluska Property Housing for Spiritual Growth:

ALL Spiritual Growth Retreat reservations, deposits, and payments for Lake Junaluska properties are being transferred to Annual Celebration, September 11-13, 2020. If this is acceptable, it will require no action at all on your part.

Options ONLY for CANCELLING September 2020 reservations:

a. Transfer \$100 deposit or full payment to 2021 Spiritual Growth Retreat at the current room rate

b. Give part or all of \$100 deposit or full payment as a gift to Lake Junaluska

c. In lieu of a refund, get a gift certificate for lodging at Lake Junaluska that is valid through the end of 2020

d. Receive full refund of \$100 deposit or full payment, because Lake Junaluska has generously agreed not to charge the \$15 administrative fee for refunds.

We urge you to consider options a-c above during this difficult period

ALL requests for Lake Junaluska housing payments MUST BE handled with the Lake's registration staff via email: reservations@lakejunaluska.com.

Indicate in the email:

1. why you are cancelling your reservation

2. do you want the deposit refunded to you or donated to Lake Junaluska

3. do you want the refund on your credit card or by check

Please be patient as their "skeleton" reservation staff is very limited and refunds will not be swift. Please DO NOT call the reservations office.

Lake Junaluska has been very gracious in regard to our legal Agreement. We've had a long relationship with them and we greatly appreciate the understanding they have shown to us.

If you requested housing from Darlene Gardner within our conference block, you need do nothing! Those reservations were not submitted to Lake Junaluska.

If you have housing reservations at area housing or non-Lake Junaluska owned property, you must contact that facility. The above options do not apply.

Feel free to shared this with anyone who may not receive this information through other means.

Julia A Willis

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From Vickie Brown, Uwharrie UMW District Parliamentarian

I would like us all to pray for the pastors and their families as some will be relocating to other areas. They will be truly missed, but we understand the path of the Lord.

Also, pray for the children in our local communities as they must feel lost not attending school. There are many families needing food, especially young children that cannot provide for themselves. I would also like prayer for the elderly in homes, not able to have close contact with family. I pray this pandemic will soon be over.



Upcoming Events

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| May 23 | 9-11 Uwharrie Walk for Mission Dan Nicholas Park,
Salisbury |
| June 6 | 9-11 Uwharrie Walk for Mission Grimes Park, Lexington
12-2 Uwharrie Team Meeting, First Lexington UMC |

Mission u 2020

We have received word from the National Mission u office that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Mission u onsite training and activities have been cancelled for 2020. After much prayer and discussion, the Mission u team and United Methodist Women senior leadership team agreed that it is too great a risk to gather in person this summer.

We, the WNCC UMW Mission u Steering Committee, completely agree with the National Office staff—your health and safety are of upmost importance to us. We are saddened that we will not move forward with Mission u this summer. At the same time, we look forward to 2021 to gather at Pfeiffer University.

The *Pushout* study will be carried over to next summer since it was already scheduled. You will have more time to complete your reading, and additional resources on this very important subject will be made available. If you have not gotten your book yet, we will place more information on the web site about pre-paid ordering through your District resource person. Remember, once you have finished the book it will count towards your Reading Program credits. Even better, *Pushout* is a Bonus Book and counts as two books for Reading Program purposes.

At this time the *Finding Peace in an Anxious World* study is not slated to be on the schedule for next summer. Instead, “the National Office staff will collaborate with study leader trainers to bring elements of this study and *Pushout* online this summer. The exact format and timeline for each study is still in development and more information will be coming as those pieces take shape. However, it is our hope that those in the Mission u community and the wider church will still be able to engage and benefit from these timely studies from the safety and comfort of their homes.”

I personally will miss the spirit-filled plenary sessions, the early morning praise gatherings outside in nature, the time of serious discussions in class, but most importantly the opportunity to fellowship with one another knowing that God is ever present with us. Next summer, how good and perfect it will be to gather in His name.

Let Psalm 18:2 give you peace at this time.

“The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”

Patricia Moore
Dean, Mission u



PERMANENT PAID SICK LEAVE

As I am writing this article, I am home alone, happy, but missing church, restaurants, social gatherings, cancelled events, and basketball. How dramatically this coronavirus has changed our lives, and so quickly!


During this epidemic, our CDC and leaders say to stay at home if you are sick; sick people at work infect others. Many people are able to work from home, but many cannot. At the moment, the workers most exposed to the public are the ones often lacking paid sick leave. If these workers miss a couple of days or more of pay, they are in financial straits, or they risk being fired. Even if the company says they provide paid sick leave on paper, it often is denied or not activated, and workers are often afraid to ask for it. In the service industry, one person can make contact with up to 200 people a day, and these people are the least insured for sick leave. Workers making \$13.80/hour or less have only a 51% chance of having paid sick leave. The lowest workers making \$10.80/hour or less have only a 31% chance for paid sick leave. 85% of fast food workers are women, many of them minorities. The people already the most vulnerable suffer the highest economic risk; thus our economic inequality only widens.

However, there is good news on a temporary basis. As of this writing (3/17/20), our Congress is finalizing a bill which will provide various forms of relief in the wake of the coronavirus, including about 14 days of paid sick leave for people affected.

We are the only industrial nation in the world that doesn't provide paid sick leave to all workers. Let us hope and pray that this pandemic crisis will awaken our nation to the urgent need for a permanent provision for paid sick leave for ALL workers. Please keep in touch with your representatives! And wash your hands.

(Information is from [Greensboro News and Record](#) and the [New York Times](#).)

Helen Shore, Social Justice Coordinator



To my UMW Sisters in Christ, please be in daily prayers for everyone due to the COVID – 19 virus that has descended on our nation and others across the world, causing thousands of illnesses and deaths.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention is asking the public to avoid gatherings of 50 or more people for the next two months at this time.

The Uwharrie District Prayer Breakfast – “Faith, Hope, and Love” – scheduled for Saturday, May 2, at FUMC in Lexington is cancelled. My sincere thanks to FUMC – UMW in Lexington for their willingness to host the breakfast, and to Rev. Lynn W. Cash who would have delivered a great message.

Stay well and keep “Faith, Hope, and Love” in your daily lives. I am sharing a recipe for hope, which, I read in an Amish book. I found it very inspiring and, I hope you will as well.

A Recipe for Hope

Ingredients

A taste of faith	4 ounces of kindness
A spoonful of love	2 cups of forgiveness
3 cups of prayer	1 bucketful of laughter
1 cup of trust	

Directions

1. Mix all of the above together – but be careful not to let judgment, bad attitude, pride, or bitterness mingle with ingredients.
2. Adjust measurements as needed to fit your daily needs, and always have ingredients on hand.
3. Serve abundantly every day, sharing with as many people as you can.

Betty Hunt

Uwharrie District Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator



Spring is here and it is time to get outside and start walking. Our Walk for Missions walks will start soon. Our first walk will be May 23rd at Dan Nicholas Park, Salisbury; the next one will be June 6th, Grimes Park, Lexington; followed by June 27th, Monroe Crossing, Monroe (new date for Monroe); and our last one will be August 1st at the Randolph Mall, Asheboro (new date for Asheboro). Remember the unit with the most walkers at each walk will be entered into a drawing for a Mission Recognition Pin. Our goal this year is \$4,000 so that is an average of \$1,000 per walk. Hope to see you at one of our walks.

Carolyn Thompson

Membership Nurture and Outreach Uwharrie District
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Hi Ladies of the Uwharrie District: During this difficult time of protecting ourselves from the Pandemic of Coronavirus-19, I would like to challenge you to think about our Purpose and how we are using it to help ourselves & others in our home towns & around the world. Many of us have it memorized & many times just say it from memory without really thinking about what it truly means. Read each work below slowly, carefully, and thinking about how you can apply each part of it to your lives during this, one of the most difficult times in our lives.

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.

We are a unit of women who don't all have to be Methodist), but we are a group of women who know God & experience freedom of worship and grow in our spiritual walk through Jesus Christ. We have a very supportive fellowship with women around the world as we work to provide mission activities for women, children, & youth through ministering with churches, nurseries, orphanages, day care centers, and many more activities locally, nationally, & internationally.

As the entire world is now dealing with this Pandemic, I challenge each of you to look for ways that we can provide the ministries we have provided in the past in new & creative ways while distancing & protecting

ourselves from the virus. And look to new ministries that we can provide to meet the needs that women, children, & youth are presently facing & will face in the future.

Maybe all of this is happening for a reason...to humble us, to teach us about sacrifice, to help us put our selfish ways aside, and to remind us to love one another and take care of each other as God has commanded us to do. Think on the following things that we take for granted by Laura Kelly Fanucci:

And when this is over, may we never again take for granted any of the following:

- A handshake with a stranger
- Full shelves at the store
- Conversations with neighbors
- A crowded theatre
- Friday night out
- The taste of communion
- A routine checkup
- The school rush each morning
- Coffee with a friend
- The stadium roaring
- Each deep breath
- A boring Tuesday
- Life Itself

When this ends, may we find that we have become more like the people:

- We wanted to be
- We were called to be
- We hoped to be
- And may we stay that way—better for each other because of the worst

Don't forget to either call your nurturing partners and fellow UMW members, or send them a note to let them know that you are thinking about them and to see if there is anything that you could do for them from a distance(it may be something as simple as a prayer right then & there on the phone).

Peace, love, & blessings to each of you during this different time in our lives and remember that God is in control.

Sarah Lee, Vice-President Uwharrie District UMW



Uwharrie United Methodist Women

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**Uwharrie District
United Methodist Women
2020 Scholarship Application Form**

One scholarship to the Spiritual Growth Retreat, one scholarship to the Mission u (formerly School of Christian Mission), and one scholarship to the Conference Annual Celebration will be given this year. Each unit is encouraged to submit a name(s) of someone who will be a first-time attendee. Women ages 15 and up are eligible. **Please complete this form, and return to the District President by the following deadlines:**

Spiritual Growth Retreat: April 1, 2020 Mission u: May 10, 2020 Annual Celebration: July 1, 2020

Name: _____ Church: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Adult or Youth? _____

Please check if you would like to apply for either or all three of these scholarships:

_____ Spiritual Growth Retreat, Lake Junaluska (June 12 – 14)

_____ Mission u, Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer (July 23 – 26)

_____ Annual Celebration, Lake Junaluska (September 11-13)

Short Biographical Sketch (Just a paragraph or two about yourself.)

Why do you wish to attend the Spiritual Growth Retreat, Mission u or the Conference Annual Celebration?

Applicant's Signature _____

Recommendation of the UMW President of your local unit:

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail to: Uwharrie District President – Cathy Ward, PO Box 807, Denton NC 27239

Unit Name	Nurturing Partner
Bethel (Salisbury)	Andrea Mohammad
Christ (Salisbury)	Andrea Mohammad
Mount Tabor (Salisbury)	Andrea Mohammad
The Arbor (Salisbury)	Andrea Mohammad
Central (Asheboro)	Betty Hunt
Piney Grove (Denton)	Betty Hunt
Pisgah (Asheboro)	Betty Hunt
St. Luke (Asheboro)	Betty Hunt
Central (Denton)	Carolyn Thompson
Cleveland (Cleveland)	Carolyn Thompson
First (Lexington)	Carolyn Thompson
Matton's Grove, Meisenheimer	Carolyn Thompson
Milford Hills (Salisbury)	Carolyn Thompson
New Hope (Monroe)	Carolyn Thompson
Shiloh (Granite Quarry)	Carolyn Thompson
Alleghany (Denton)	Cathy Ward
Bethany (Albemarle)	Cathy Ward
Fairview (Denton)	Cathy Ward
Macedonia (Lexington)	Cathy Ward
New London (New London)	Cathy Ward
Bethel (Wadesboro)	Cheri Barker
Bethlehem (Waxhaw)	Cheri Barker
First (Norwood)	Cheri Barker
First (Wadesboro)	Cheri Barker
Gilboa (Marshville)	Cheri Barker
Marshville	Cheri Barker
Mineral Springs	Cheri Barker
Morven (Morven)	Cheri Barker
Pleasant Hill (McFarlan)	Cheri Barker
Prospect (Monroe)	Cheri Barker
Wingate (Wingate)	Cheri Barker
Linwood	Cheri Murray
St Stephens, Lexington	Cheri Murray
Central (Spencer)	Diane James
First (Salisbury)	Diane James
Liberty (Gold Hill)	Diane James
Providence (Salisbury)	Diane James
Bethany (Lexington)	Elizabeth Lookabill
Wesley Chapel (Misenheimer)	Elizabeth Lookabill
Cotton Grove (Lexington)	Gay Smith
Rockwell (Rockwell)	Gay Smith
Brower's Chapel (Asheboro)	Helen Shore

Empire Charge (Piney Ridge, Pleasant Hill, Stouts Chapel)	Helen Shore
Grays Chapel (Franklinville)	Helen Shore
McCrary Chapel (Ramseur)	Helen Shore
Mount Vernon (Polkton)	Jane Elickson
Oak Grove (Mt. Pleasant)	Jane Elickson
Oakboro (Oakboro)	Jane Elickson
Olivet (Lilesville)	Jane Elickson
Union Chapel (Albemarle)	Jane Elickson
Adonai Mission	Leigh Harris
Charlotte (Asheboro)	Leigh Harris
Franklinville (Franklinville)	Leigh Harris
Fountain Hill (Peachland)	Lissell Currie
Love's Chapel (Stanfield)	Lisell Currie
Love's Grove (Stanfield)	Lissell Currie
First (Asheboro)	Pat Jarvis
Flag Springs (Asheboro)	Pat Jarvis
Pleasant Hill, Seagrove	Pat Jarvis
Central (Albemarle)	Sarah Lee
Central (Monroe)	Sarah Lee
First Street (Albemarle)	Sarah Lee
Green Memorial (Norwood)	Sarah Lee
Mount Zion (Norwood)	Sarah Lee
Randall (Norwood)	Sarah Lee
Salem (Albemarle)	Sarah Lee
Friendship	Vanessa Brooks
Rehobeth (Ramseur)	Vanessa Brooks
Tabernacle (Trinity)	Vanessa Brooks
Jordan Memorial (Ramseur)	Vanessa Brooks
Bethel (New London)	Vickie Brown
Chapel Hill (Denton)	Vickie Brown
Cid (Denton)	Vickie Brown
Palestine (Albemarle)	Vickie Brown
Pine Grove (Albemarle)	Vickie Brown
Mount Carmel (Lexington)	Wanda Craven
Stony Hill (Albemarle)	Wanda Craven

Uwharrie United Methodist 2020 District Calendar



(revised 01/16/19)

January 18 th	Uwharrie Team Meeting 10-12 Pisgah UMC
March 14 th	Mission Study Milford Hills UMC, Salisbury “Finding Peace in an Anxious World” Registration 9:30, MS 10-2 Uwharrie Team Meeting following (bring bag lunch)
May 2 nd	Uwharrie Prayer Breakfast Location: First UMC, Lexington, N.C. Speaker TBD Registration 9:30 with light breakfast
May 5 th -15 th	UMC General Conference, Minneapolis, MN
May 23 rd	Uwharrie Walk for Mission 9-11 Dan Nicholas Park, Salisbury
June 6 th	Uwharrie Walk for Mission 9-11 Grimes Park, Lexington Uwharrie Team Meeting 12-2 First Lexington UMC
June 12-14 th	Spiritual Growth Retreat Lake Junaluska
June 19-21 st	WNCC UMC Annual Conference Lake Junaluska
June 27 th	Uwharrie Walk for Mission 9-11 Monroe Crossing, Monroe
July 11 th	Uwharrie Team Meeting 10-12 Linwood UMC
July 23-26 th	Mission U Pfeiffer University
August 1 st	Uwharrie Walk for Mission 9-11 Randolph Mall, Asheboro
August 22 nd	Uwharrie Annual Meeting Salem UMC???? Topic TBD Speaker: Barbara Brooks, District President Registration 9:30 with light breakfast, meeting 10-12
September 11-13 th	Annual Celebration Lake Junaluska
October 10 th	Ubuntu Day location TBD
October 17 th	Uwharrie Team Meeting 10-12 New London UMC
October 24 th	Leadership Development Day St. Luke’s UMC, Hickory
November 14 th	Uwharrie training for local officers Milford Hills, UMC Registration 9:30, training 10-12 Uwharrie Team Meeting following training (lunch provided)

