

Uwharrie District News

Western North Carolina Conference-United Methodist
Women-4th Quarter, October, 2020



Autumn is Here!

President's Message October 2020

Happy October! I don't know about you, but I don't know where summer went. But here we are in Fall. As I sit in my sunroom in the morning sipping my coffee, I watch the colored leaves fly through the air to the ground. It's like the leaves are waving goodbye to summer.

Lee Maynard describes Fall as "the one season of the year that God seemed to have put there just for the beauty of it." I know that for many of you Covid 19 has kept you confined to your home. As we go into phase 3, let's continue to be safe by practicing the 3 w's, but don't let the beauty of Autumn pass you by without enjoying it! Put that sweater on and get out and explore the outside, take time to watch falling leaves fall. Enjoy the seasonal pleasure of the fall season in all its' golden splendor.

I hope that you have all signed up for Mission U October 26-29th. (please see flyer). Finding Peace in an Anxious World is the topic. What better topic to learn about with all the stress we have been dealing with every time we watch or read the news.

All local officers are invited to participate in a virtual meeting Saturday, November 14th at 10:00 a.m. by zoom. (see flyer). This will be a time of sharing new information with local officers and for local officers to share concerns and suggestions with each other. All Uwharrie District UMW local officers will be meeting together. Everyone will get to hear about each office, with the exception of Treasurers, who will have their separate meeting. Whether you are a new beginning officer or a seasoned one we encourage you to attend.

Please make sure that you send me your end reports by December the 15th. These forms were mailed to you when you received the Program Book, along with your certificates, back in August. They will also be posted on-line. According to the new guidelines (sent to you) for a Mission Today Unit: Units may develop their own UBUNTU event in their communities. This can still be done this year.

I want to say a special thank you to all the officers who have agreed to stay on for another year or two. Thank you to those that have served and will be leaving and thank you to those that will be joining us. (see flyer of 2021 officers). I am looking forward to serving as your President for another 2 years. Thank you for your support. And thank you for all you do to help women, children, and youth around the world.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me and I will be happy to help. I pray that by 2021 we will be able to meet and greet each other in person.

Your sister in Christ,
Cathy Ward
Uwharrie President
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Uwharrie District Newsletter: 4th Quarter

Happy Fall to everyone! I have really enjoyed these cooler mornings and now they are saying it is going to get warmer again. I am ready for the beautiful fall leaves and cooler weather.

I hope everyone has stayed well and escaped Covid-19 and now we have the flu to contend with so be sure & get your flu vaccine!

I appreciate all of you that attended our District Annual Celebration. I have only received 5 evaluations and half of those are from District Team members. We had approximately 37 attending not counting the 20+ panelists presenting. I would really love to hear from more of you concerning how you liked the zoom platform and also the other parts of the meeting. I have attached an evaluation that you can complete and scan & email to me or send it to the address on the evaluation form.

I hope that many of you also attended the Conference Annual Celebration. Take care of yourselves & remember to wear masks, stay 6 feet apart, & maintain social distancing. I would like to close with a **Prayer for God to Be Glorified:**

Dear God,

You alone are worthy of all Glory & Praise!

You are not shocked by the state of the world, and nothing is impossible for you.

Today, we're proclaiming that you will be glorified through this pandemic. Your name will be praised throughout the earth. Pierce the darkness. Shine brighter than the fear of death, loneliness or economic ruin.

When we look back on this moment in history, would we be filled with joy as we remember the revival, hope & peace that came from this season.

Continue to draw this hurting world back to you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

Sarah Lee, Vice President, Uwharrie District

From Vickie Brown, Uwharrie UMW District Parliamentarian

There appeared to be some confusion concerning the new Standing Rules of the UMW.

Hopefully, the following will help clear any questions.

A mention of whether the previous meeting's minutes were read and approved (and the date of that meeting, if it wasn't a regular meeting)

Corrections to minutes are noted in the minutes being corrected; they're not detailed in the minutes of the meeting at which the corrections were adopted

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions. vickiebrown961@gmail.com

COVID-19 AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Our Climate and environmental changes are having a direct and indirect effect on our potential COVID virus outcomes. We are having more extremes of weather-related conditions: heat waves, drought, floods, Arctic warming, bad hurricanes, and wildfires. These all impact our overall health conditions and well-being.

The Western US wildfires this season, due to increased hot and arid conditions, are creating smoky air, fumes, falling ashes, and increased carbon monoxide levels throughout the region. This smoky and polluted air directly affects all people's lungs, but especially people with existing lung/heart conditions. Getting COVID in these weakened states greatly impacts the severity and prognosis of the infection.

In the last 50 years, thousands of new chemicals and gases have been added to our environment that weren't there before. These pollutants affect our air, soil, water and oceans. Research has found that our immune systems are weakened because of these pollutants, which in turn create increased chronic inflammation, food allergies, and autoimmune diseases, all of which impair a good response to COVID.

Environmental justice research shows that industrial pollutants are adversely affecting our poor, black, and indigenous populations in disproportionate numbers. It has been well documented that polluting industries, factories, power plants, chemical plants, and disposal sites are built in close proximity to minority communities, even in North Carolina. These pollutants adversely affect the lungs, heart, immune system and total health of people living in these communities. Contracting COVID in this weakened condition can be disastrous for them.

For us all to stay healthy during COVID, please eat well, sleep well, exercise, pray and keep up social connections with others, even if online. And please speak out for a better environment for all.

Helen Shore, Social Action Coordinator

Program resources

The crisp morning air reaffirms God is in control and is bringing the fall season to this year...life goes on. We are very fortunate that our conference is holding Mission U as a virtual event. Many of you may already have a copy of the study book which is "Finding Peace In An Anxious World" edited by Erin James Brown. If not, it is available from the e-store at Mission Response and as a Kindle book also. To order simply go to www.unitedmethodistwomen.org and click the Members and Leaders section of the header, and then go to Mission Response from there. Click on the Mission u square and you will see the study and book. ***You will also see the Sampler packet to request program book, prayer calendar and study books for 2021.*** Don't hesitate to contact me for further assistance. "See" you at Mission U!

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Upcoming Events

November 14, 2020	Leader Development Day 10:00 a.m. by Zoom Meeting
October 26-29	Mission U 2020 7:00 p.m. Finding Peace in an Anxious World



\$\$\$ Notes from the Treasurer

While not all United Methodist Women members can travel the world and participate in hands-on-mission, their mission dollars, as given through the five channels of Mission Giving, make a difference for women, youth and children on their behalf. It's not too late to participate in the Five Channels of Giving: Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, and the World Thank Offering. Just \$5.00 in each category will satisfy your requirement for participation in the channel.

This has been a very challenging year for all of us but God will guide us through. Please remember to continue supporting UMW during these times, as our missions need us now more than ever. We started the year out well with Q1 giving at 26% of our 2020 Pledge goal, but now at the end of Q3, we are only at 62%. I know it's challenging because most of our Units haven't been meeting since February.

To help, anyone can now give on-line on the WNCC United Methodist Women website. It can be found on the very top line on the Home Page "GIVE NOW" or at <https://wnccumw.org/online-mission-giving/>. Donors will be asked to enter their name, church and district, so that their gifts can be credited back to their Unit and District. Or, anyone can send me a check towards their Unit's giving. Please remember to document your Unit on the check so I can give credit. My address is in this newsletter.

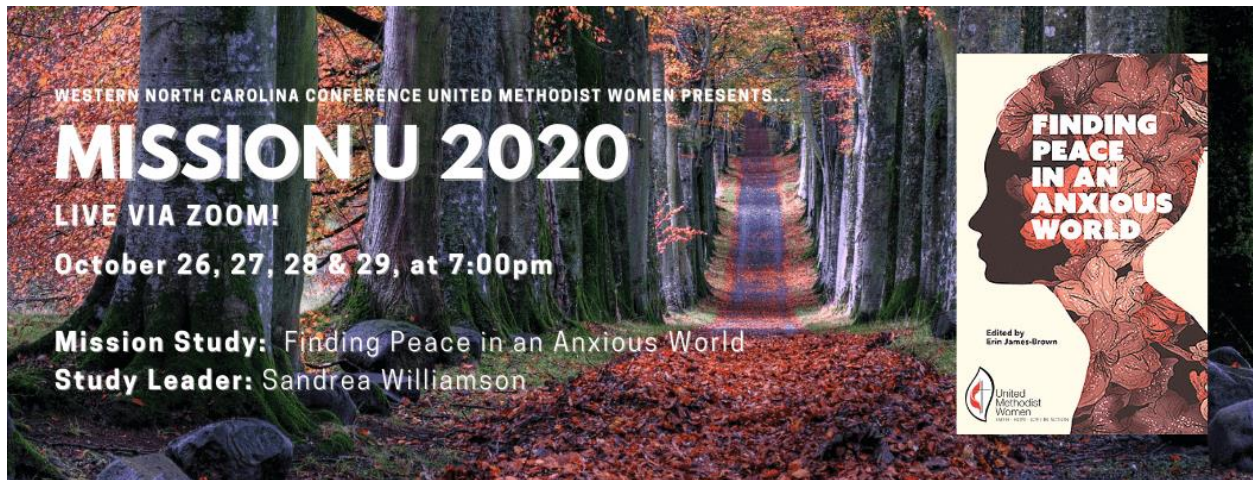
Treasurers will be receiving their 4th quarter letter from me at the beginning of November. I will include a spreadsheet with each Unit's status on giving in the 5 Channels, including documenting of a pledge. I will also be including a 2021 Pledge Form for next year. Fourth quarter remittances should be mailed so I receive them by November 30th. With their 4th quarter remittances, Treasurers should include their completed 2021 Pledge Form along with the form listing their Unit's mission recipients for 2020—Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, and Gift in Memory.

I miss seeing all of you in person, but I hope you will attend our upcoming virtual Uwharrie District Local Officers' Training on November 14th. There will be a special breakout session for Treasurers. This is very important if you are a new Treasurer, or even if you are a seasoned veteran. There are always changes and new things to learn.

If you need anything from me or have any questions, please feel free to call, text, or email me.

Blessings,

Diane James, Uwharrie District Treasurer



Mission u Spiritual Growth Study:

Finding Peace in an Anxious World

Study Leader: Sandra Williamson
 Music provided by Catherine Ritch
 October 26-29, 2020 7:00-8:15pm

Virtual Online Study via Zoom Meeting

Online registration for the Zoom Meeting is OPEN.

We also expect to live stream each session on our YouTube page.

Please read the text book: **Finding Peace in an Anxious World**,
 continue to pray and sign up for the study.

Finding Peace in an Anxious World resource page on the United Methodist Women website

The book is available in **paperback (\$10.00) from the UMW Mission Resources E-Store**,
 and also as a **Kindle book (\$5.95)**.

At this time of COVID-19 we are surrounded by much uncertainty and anxiety all over the world. We are not able to “Pass the Peace” at our houses of worship, our children are not able to attend school, so many lives have been lost and many are facing economic uncertainty. Across the country there are marches everyday demanding justice and calling for police reform following the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and others. The stress level for many of us is at an all-time high. Sandra will lead us through the study using the Serenity Prayer as a guide to help us **de-stress and refresh** so we may continue to live out our **Purpose** as United Methodist Women.

*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*

Author: Reinhold Niebuhr



In an effort to care for the safety and well-being of all of our members, a virtual All District Leader Development Day for 2021 Local Unit Officers, Circle Chairs, and other leaders has been planned

You can get complete information about Leader Development plans for ALL EIGHT districts at: <https://wnccumw.org/districts/lddlocalunitofficers2020/>.

There will be a brief gathering time with all eight districts together, and then we will divide into breakout Zoom Meeting rooms by District. Handouts by District should be available on the website by November 9th. **Registration is required** for these free Zoom meetings, and registration is now OPEN. Register TODAY for the **Uwharrie District** UMW Leader Development Day at the link above.

Looking forward to the day when we can again gather safely in person!

Uwharrie United Methodist Women

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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

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Local Unit 2020 Mission Study Report**

District _____

Unit Name _____

Report Completed by _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Office in UMW _____

Virtual Mission u

Name of Study **# Attended**
Attendees must have attended all 4 1-hour sessions to count.

Finding Peace in an Anxious World _____

District Mission Study

 Name of Study _____

(Local) Sub-Groups, Circles, Fellowship Reports *

Name of study	# Attended	#Hours
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Children or Youth Mission Study Report*

Name of study	# Attended	#Hours
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**Remember that to count as a Mission Study, programs must be National Mission Study Topics and be a minimum of 4 hours.*

Return this form to your District President

“Be Strong and Of Good Courage”

2020 Uwharrie District Annual Meeting

Evaluation

Is this your first Annual Meeting? Y/N

Did you learn something **NEW** about the **UMW**? Y/N

How did you like having the Annual Meeting in a webinar format on zoom? What did you like most about the meeting?

Did the Annual Meeting meet your expectations? Y/N

If no, please explain: _____

How would you feel about future meetings being held via webinar on zoom? Would you attend?

If no, please explain:

Is there anything that we as a District can help/explain to you or your church?

Would you recommend this meeting to others? Y/N

If no, please explain:

What other topics of interest would you recommend to the committee? _____

Return evaluation responses to Sarah Lee @accnurse@rocketmail.com or 40645 Mt. Zion Church Rd. Norwood, NC 28128