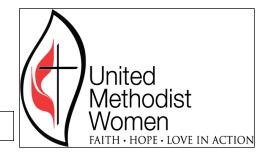
# Yadkin Valley District

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#### From Martha Isenberg, District President

We have just survived 2020, a year wracked by the COVID pandemic and racial injustice and didn't think it could get any worse. As I am writing this, we have just witnessed a violent mob breaking into our Capitol in Washington and holding our legislators and reporters hostage. We must continue to pray for our nation and the success of a new president, reduction in the hatred that has been so prevalent and a resolution to the pandemic.

However, a good piece of advice is what Paul says in Phillipians 3:13, "forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead." Let's put 2020 behind us and move into 2021 by looking forward to what God has planned. Let's make this year a year of unity, love, kindness and compassion. Our best days are ahead!

Even though last year was a challenging one, we grew and learned new ways of doing things so we could still stay connected and true to our Purpose. It has been heartening to read the "End of Year Reports" from units that have come in so far, to see that most of you are still continuing to meet in a safe way, still sending in mission money and still doing mission projects. There are a few units that have not sent their reports. I need to compile our district report and send it on by Feb. 1 to the conference. If you haven't done so, please send it on to me ASAP.

This year will continue to be quite different for some time. We already know that the Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat ,Mission u and Conference Annual Celebration will be held virtually. This actually gives the opportunity for more to participate. At this point we don't know which district events will be able to be held in person, but till fall most will be virtual. For the most up to date information on events, check our district newsletters, our district Facebook page and the conference website at <a href="www.wnccumw.org">www.wnccumw.org</a>. Do remember that I and your nurturing partner are only an

e-mail or phone call away if you have a question. Blessings for a better new year!

#### From Valerie Prim, District Spiritual Growth Coordinator

As we step into this new year, I would like to challenge you to grow spiritually. There are many steps you can take to do this, but the most important is to pray daily and ask God to guide you. That is what I did last year when I said yes to being your Spiritual Growth Coordinator. I took a step of faith, trusting God's guidance, as I follow HIS lead. Will you join me this year by doing the same? My name is Valerie Prim and I look forward to serving Christ and you, as we reach out to help empower children, women and youth, near and far. I would like to leave you

#### From Mary Jo Brewer, District Vice-President

Welcome 2021!!! We are looking forward to good times and renewed fellowship for Yadkin Valley United Methodist Women in this new year. Let's hope that we can meet in person later this year.

As Vice President, I am chairman of the committee to plan our Yadkin Valley District Annual Meeting. Linda Anthony, Gail Caudle, Faye Everhart and Donna Ireland are members of the committee. We have begun our planning but we will continue to plan more and report to you. Since we didn't get to have an in-person annual meeting last year, we are planning some of the things that were planned for last year and we hope that we will meet in person this year. Thank you for your participation in last year's online meeting. If possible, a 2021 in-person Annual Meeting will be **August 14, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., at Yadkinville UMC** in Yadkinville. Thank you to the Yadkinville Unit for hosting us "again." Our "Hands On" project will be books for Bethlehem Center. Thank you for sending gift cards last year for them to purchase books and let's hope that this year we can bring "real" books to the meeting to be delivered to Bethlehem Center. We will also have an Undesignated Love Offering. We will make more plans this winter and spring and I will share that information with you in the next newsletter.

As we begin this new year try to keep a positive attitude. Some of our members and their families have suffered from Covid-19 and I hope that they are well now. Stay well and stay safe! Find some joy in what you do at home or wherever you are. We will get through this.

Blessings to All!	
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#### From **Rhita Newcomb**, District Membership Nurture and Outreach

Happy 2021!

I pray this newsletter finds you safe and healthy. As we look forward to a new year with hope. We can share our love of the Lord and United Methodist Women with neighbors, friends, and family, it may be a phone call, a handwritten note, email, or some form of social media. Spread the word about our ministries in helping women, children, and youth in your own backyard and around the world. Please stay connected to your LUV partners. We need this connection more than ever, Unit Presidents please reach out to your nurturing partner via phone or email, we would love to hear what you have been doing during these unusual times and we would love to share with you the mission studies and ministries that are available.

We are planning our second annual Wear a Hat, Bring a Hat Tea. Our tentative date is June 5, 2021 at 2:00. We are hoping we will be able to have this event in person, if not we may have a virtual tea, more information to come.

I look forward to the day we will be able to meet in person again! Miss seeing your beautiful faces!

Love and Prayers.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. - Romans 12:12

#### From Cathy Smith, District Mission Education and Interpretation

Due to the Pandemic, we are unable to meet in large groups at this time. Therefore, we are unable to schedule a District Mission Study at this time. After discussing this with our Conference MEI Officer, the Yadkin Valley District will actively promote the Mission u Mission Study to be held virtually in July, 2021. More information on this Mission Study will be provided when available.

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#### From **Debra Lawson**, District Nominations Chair

Happy New Year. Each year we anticipate a new beginning. This year has new opportunities. This is especially a year of opportunities for nominations. We are faced with finding nominees to replace our President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary, Communications, Social Actions, and Membership, Nurture, and Outreach. Please contact us if you know someone or if you would be interested in joining our district team. Please be in prayer for our district's ongoing leadership.

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#### From Jamie Smith, District Treasurer

New Year Greetings.

I know we're all hoping that this New Year will bring health, peace and a new "normal", a much better year that we were in during 2020.

Please inform your unit Treasurers that I will be mailing my first quarter treasurer's letters, along with forms needed for this coming year, in early February. If your Unit has not sent your Unit Pledge Form for 2021 and the President's and Treasurer's information, please get that to me before the end of January. Mail it to: **Jamie Smith, 738 Key Road, Ararat, NC 27007.** 

We were not able to meet our District 2020 Pledge, but I was thankful for so many Units who were able to meet their Pledge and also for those who contributed all they could toward their Pledge. I believe Yadkin Valley can be proud of what we were able to give during the year of the pandemic!

Keep our United Methodist Women and all of our mission projects in prayer this year as we continue to help the least of these. There are so many lives touched by our organization! Check out the stories in the *response* magazine, our Prayer Calendar, our Program book and the many books from our reading list, to be able to understand where your giving goes and how those who receive benefit!

If I can be of help at any time, please call, text or email me! I look forward to serving you for the last year of my term and for the day we can meet personally again, but join our Zoom meetings until that can happen.

#### From Rhita Newcomb, District Legacy Fund

Happy New Year!

#### Have you thought about becoming a Legacy Builder? What is a Legacy Builder?

A Legacy Builder moves forward the mission of United Methodist Women by making a monthly gift of \$18.69 or more to The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign in honor of United Methodist Women's 150th anniversary. **Just as our foremothers invested in our future in 1869**, gifts to the campaign will ensure that United Methodist Women continues to prepare future generations of women to practice mutuality in mission, working to transform the lives of women, children and youth in deeper and even more impactful ways.

#### What is the impact of my giving \$18.69/month or more?

Endowing core expenses will equip United Methodist Women to make even more of a difference in the lives of women, children, and youth in communities around the world.

Visit **unitedmethodistwomen.org** and discover how your donations have been a blessing to so many women, children, and youth around the world.

YOU are a critical and important part of the celebration in reaching our \$60 million goal to ensure United Methodist Women will continue to be a blessing into the future to those in need.

THANK YOU!



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# Ways to Give to the Legacy Fund

- Make a gift to the Legacy Fund through your local unit United Methodist Women treasurer.
- Use our Western North Carolina Legacy Fund Commitment Form
- Online on the national office website at unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund
- By phone: 800-278-7771 (8 am-6pm EST, M-F)
- Text Legacy150 to 41444
- By check: note "Legacy Fund" in memo and mail to: United Methodist Women, Treasurer's Office 15th Floor, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115
- Other methods include gifts of stock, life insurance, bequests, and other forms of planned giving. If you are interested in making a gift like this, contact the national office at 800-278-7771.

#### NO YADKIN YALLEY DISTRICT MISSION STUDY!

You are encouraged to join by Zoom the Mission U on July 15 - 18

More details when they become available

# One of the Blessings of My Life for which I am Most Thankful... United Methodist Women

As I write this, it is actually Thanksgiving Day, and one of the blessings of my life for which I am most thankful is United Methodist Women and my part in it. I have just read and reread <a href="Nancy Reigel's wonderful letter">Nancy Reigel's wonderful letter</a> in which she stressed that we are each "doing something" "to bring healing and hope" to the world through our giving to the World Thank Offering. I would like to add by our giving to the <a href="Legacy Fund">Legacy Fund as Legacy Builders</a>.



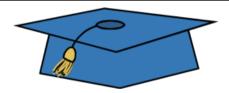
Did you read <a href="Christi Campos" article about Legacy Builders on page 16 of the November/December response">Christi Campos</a> article about Legacy Builders on page 16 of the November/December response</a>? If you haven't read it, please do. I wonder if your first reaction to the article was the same as mine, that Christi was too enthusiastic in her praise of my recruiting new Legacy Builders. That's what I thought until my Program Advisory Group roommate from South Dakota called to congratulate me. We talked for a few minutes about our families and things, and then I asked "How many Builders have you recruited?" There was silence. Then she said "Myself". I said "You mean you are the only one?" She said "Yes. I guess I'd better get busy. Maybe I'll start by sending a letter to our conference officers."

I suggested she make it personal, as I did. I told her I had sent a personal e-mail to persons in my circle, district, and conference that I hoped to recruit, women with whom I already had a relationship. I suggested she could also make it a contest, telling people to read the response article and "not to let my WNC roommate and her conference beat us."

I do not know what she will do. I DO know what I will do: I will continue to ask individuals to become Legacy Builders. It IS personal. I think of Jesus as he walked by the Sea of Galilee and called Simon(Peter), Andrew, James,, and John. He called them by name, not by extending a blanket invitation. As I continue to ask women I know to join me in Legacy Builders, I encourage each of you to talk about Legacy Builders with women with whom you have a relationship. Giving to United Methodist Women IS personal.

Dixie Liggett

Program Advisory Group Member (2016-2020) Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women



#### SUPPORT THE WNCCUMW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Do you know a student that is a member of one of the WNCC United Methodist Churches?

Will they attend one of our conference institutions (Bennett College, Brevard College, Greensboro College, High Point University, Pfeiffer University) for the fall semester 2021?

Then they are eligible to apply for a WNCCUMW scholarship!

Applications should be requested by contacting the scholarship committee chairperson:

Cathy McCauley 6835-A Farmingdale Drive Charlotte NC 28212

Phone: 704-965-6566

Email: cathymc855@yahoo.com

Applications are due to the committee by March 1, 2021. Interviews will be conducted on Saturday March 28, 2021.

YOU can support our scholarship program by:

Referring students.

Praying for our students and conference institutions.

Contributing to the general scholarship fund as districts, units, circles and individuals.

Please contact me if you need additional information.

Blessings, Cathy McCauley Scholarship Committee Chairperson



Western North Carolina Conference

# 20/21 Vision & Goals

Turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world

- Raise awareness & build relationships with the United Methodist Women mission institutions in our conference: Alliance Center for Education (Formerly Bethlehem Center Charlotte), Bethlehem Center Winston-Salem, Brooks-Howell Home, Bennett College, and Pfeiffer University
- Raise awareness and promote personal advocacy for our two United Methodist Women priority issues: Climate Justice and Criminalization of Communities of Color & Mass Incarceration
- Building relationships, supporting, and encouraging local units in living out our Purpose during a pandemic and beyond.
- Achieve our Conference Financial Goal: Each unit will make at least one Gift to Mission of at least \$5.00, using any cards they have, in honor of one person in Mission listed in either the Prayer Calendar or a response magazine article.
- Continue to live out our Purpose as we move into the NEXT 150 Years of United Methodist Women in Mission!

Sincerely, Your WNCC UMW Team

#### **UPCOMING CONFERENCE UMW EVENTS FOR 2021**

**June 18- 19-** Spiritual Growth Retreat by Zoom (Friday night open session/ morning and afternoon sessions on Saturday)

**July 15 - 18 - Mission u by Zoom (night sessions)** 

September 10 - 12 - Conference Annual Celebration by Zoom (afternoon sessions)

October 2 & 9 - Ubuntu Day of Service

#### **Reading Program E-Books**

Books for e-readers are ideal for those who prefer large print as the text size is adjustable to meet the reader's needs. E-books are also keyword searchable which makes it easy to locate content. If you don't have an e-reader (Kindle, Nook, etc.) you can read e-books on your computer, tablet or smart phone with a free app from <a href="mailto:amazon.com">amazon.com</a> and/or <a href="mailto:barnesandnoble.com">barnesandnoble.com</a>. Here are just a few listed for you that are on our UMW reading program:

Lessons to Nourish the Soul Sally Ride—America's First Woman In Space

Good Health, Good Life The Book of Joy Extraordinary Grace

Girls with Swords – How to Carry Your Cross Like a Hero

In Defense of Food – An Eater's Manifesto A Waist Is a Terrible Thing to Mind Living into Hope Across Many Mountains That Used to Be Us

Help, Thanks, Wow The Well Women

#### **2021 YV SUB-DISTRICT CHAIRS**

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#### **Bright Lights**



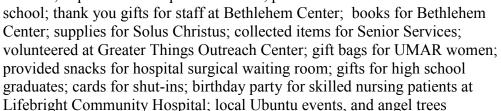
In every issue of **response** there is a "Bright Lights" article which highlights some of the amazing mission outreach projects done by units throughout the United States. We can have our own Bright Lights on our Yadkin Valley District Facebook page if you will send information and a photo when you are doing a project. Just send it to Martha Isenberg, president or to Gail Caudle, communications coordinator. Please encourage your members to join our Facebook page and submit information for it so we can give a shout out to your unit.

It's been interesting reading the end of year reports and seeing how many different projects were done in 2020 in spite of the meeting restrictions we had due to the pandemic. Here are just a few that were reported:

Lap quilts for elderly shut-ins; prayer shawls donated to hospice, Cancer Center and homeless shelters; warm hats, socks and personal hygiene items collected for homeless shelters; school supplies and holiday gifts for students; backpack program; donations to Next Step Ministries, Bethlehem Center, Habitat for Humanity, Operation Smile, Gifts from the Heart, Open Arms, Red Bird Ministries, Pinebrook Assisted Living, American Children's home, Hands of Hope, Yadkin Christian Ministries, King Outreach, Samaritan Ministries, Winston-



Salem Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, Ronald McDonald House; school kits, health kits and layette kits for UMCOR; teddy bears for children at Dragonfly House; made chemo hats for Cancer Services; food drives for needy families; made fidget mats for Alzheimer's patients; snack packs for local police and fire departments; paid tuition for a child for preschool; shoe box ministry; cards and flowers for those in hospital; dresses for girls in Honduras; masks for local hospitals and schools; nap blankets for pre-K children; prizes for the "Treasure Chest" at a



"What a difference you have made for the lives of women, children and youth in our district as well as around the world!"

Congratulations to all on your local community outreach!

Gail Caudle YV District UMW Communications 7490 Ridge Road Tobaccoville, NC 27050

#### **UPCOMING DISTRICT UMW DATES**

(These may have to be Virtual/Zoom) More details when they become available

**April 24 -** District Day apart/Prayer Breakfast By Zoom and details in next newsletter

June 5 - District Membership, Nurture & Outreach "Wear A Hat, Bring A Hat" Tea Fairgrove UMC, Thomasville 2:00 pm (could be virtual)

August 14 - YVD Annual Celebration Yadkinville UMC 2:00 pm (could be virtual)

November 6 - Leadership Development Day Pine Grove UMC -WS 9:00 am (could be virtual)

# **United Methodist Women**

Faith. Hope. Love in Action

#### We are women with a 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



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