



2nd Quarter Issue 2021

# Metro Media

The voice for the United Methodist Women of the Metro District,  
Western North Carolina Conference.

## Welcome Springtime!

Spring is here and with it comes warmer weather, sunshine, new life, and endless possibilities. The same is true for United Methodist Women. With more and more people receiving the COVID vaccination and with the numbers of those infected coming down, we are cautiously looking ahead to new possibilities for the rest of the year. Our Metro UMW Praise, Worship and Memorial Service will be offered as an in-person and live streamed event. Those comfortable attending in-person, using all the safety precautions, will have that opportunity, while those who would rather remain distanced can view and participate from home. In May, plan to enjoy the outdoors and nature with our regional Walks for Mission. Drop in at any of the three sites to enjoy your walk. Or if you prefer, you can walk on your own in your neighborhood or wherever you feel comfortable, and still contribute to mission. Read more about these events in the following articles.

Be assured that in our planning, your safety is always our first consideration. Slowly but surely, we will enjoy the new possibilities to come, and we look forward to the time that we all feel comfortable meeting together.

Continue praying for one another and look for new possibilities in 2021!

Enjoy Spring!

Lynda Morris

Metro District President

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Faith  
Talks

A UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PODCAST

Faith Talks are monthly conversations with United Methodist Women hosted by Jennifer R Farmer, Spotlight PR. Each conversation explores themes and resources that empower us to put faith, hope and love into action. Subscribe to this podcast on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcast, Spreaker or Castbox

# Metro District Praise, Worship and Memorial Service

(Formally the Metro Prayer Breakfast)

Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 10:00 am  
Williamson's Chapel United Methodist Church  
575 Brawley School Road, Mooresville, NC  
2021 Theme: J.O.Y, Jesus, Others, Yourself  
Featured Speaker: The Rev. Jan Brittan  
Registration Link: <https://wnc-reg.brtapp.com/MetroUMWPraiseWorship>  
(Registration opens on April 5, 2021)  
Livestream Link: [willchapumc.org/liveworship](http://willchapumc.org/liveworship)



After last year's cancellation of the Metro Prayer Breakfast, I'm pleased to announce the 2021 Prayer Breakfast will be held as the Metro District Praise, Worship and Memorial Service on April 24. To accommodate safety requirements, no breakfast will be served, no copies of the Order of Worship or the Memorials will be distributed, and communion elements will be individualized. Attendance is open to both in-person and virtual attendees. Masks and social distancing between households is **required** for in-person attendees and in-person space is limited to 100 attendees.

Registration is required for all, both in-person and livestream, via this link: <https://wnc-reg.brtapp.com/MetroUMWPraiseWorship> (link opens on April 5, 2021). If you do not have access to registering online, ask a family member, or someone you know who does to help you register. Since seating is limited, in-person attendees **MUST** bring their registration confirmation to the event. Copies of the Order of Worship and/or the Memorials will be available online beginning April 15, 2021, if you'd like to print hard copy for yourself.

The Hands on Project for the event is UMCOR Hygiene Kits, see the kit details on the next page. Participants may contribute to the Love Offering on-line. For those who are attending via livestream, use this link [willchapumc.org/liveworship](http://willchapumc.org/liveworship) and have a piece of bread and some juice available if you'd like to participate in communion during the event.

Remember, send in your list of deceased United Methodist Women members for 2020 to be included in the Memorial Service by **April 10, 2021** to:

Kay Jones  
3011 Fairmead Drive, Concord, NC 28025  
Email: [k328jonez@gmail.com](mailto:k328jonez@gmail.com)

**SAVE THE DATE :**

*June 18-19, 2021 for the WNCC UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat.*

Kay Jones  
Spiritual Growth Coordinator





## Hygiene Kit Instructions

Kit Value: \$12.00 per kit

### Kit Materials

- One hand towel (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches), No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- One washcloth, No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- One comb
  - Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth
  - No pocket combs or picks
  - Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth
- One toenail or fingernail clipper, No emery boards or metal nail files
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger), In the original packaging, no Ivory or Jergen's soap
- One adult toothbrush, In the original packaging with no personal advertising
- 10 adhesive bandages (3/4 by 3 inches), Common household bandages acceptable
- One one-gallon size re-sealable bag

### Assembly Instructions

- Lay hand towel flat on a table.
- Lay the washcloth in the center of the hand towel.
- Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth (except the plastic bag).
- Fold the sides of the hand towel to cover the items.
- Grasp the bundle tightly and roll over the remainder of the towel.
- Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag, remove air, and seal.

### Important Notes

- All items must be new.
- Do not wash any of the items as they will no longer be considered new.
- Do not include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits.
- Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols

### Delivery Instructions

Hygiene Kits must be delivered by the local units to:

WNCC UMC Mission Response Center  
8973 Greenwood Rd, Terrell NC

Contact Brian Mateer at 704-714-2340 to make drop off arrangements

## Treasurer

Peace in Christ to you all. We are resilient in our continued support of the outstanding mission work of United Methodist Women. Our 1st quarter 2021 remittance giving was approximately \$7,000 less than in 2020. A persistent deficit significantly impacts our ability to help the women, children and youth who need it the most, as mentioned in Matthew 25:34-40. But we are STRONG and will rebound in the next quarters to meet our commitment to the hungry, thirsty, and sick.

After you spiritually give to United Methodist Women, remember to also support the United Methodist Women Legacy Fund to keep the organization viable for the next 150 years. Contributing to the Legacy Fund endowment assures the continuation of ministries with women, children and youth worldwide. We are proud to be fiscally responsible AND a volunteer community of Women in Christ.

Together in Missions,  
Kim Shafer - Metro District Treasurer  
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### **Metro UMW & WNCC UMW Dates to Remember 2021**

**Please save these dates!**

*\*Subject to change to Zoom meeting dependent on COVID Virus Status*



#### **April 24**

Metro District Prayer Breakfast  
Speaker: Rev. Jan Brittain  
William's Chapel UMW  
575 Brawley School Rd  
 Mooresville, NC

#### **May 15**

Regional Walk for Missions  
St Stephen UMC  
6800 Sardis Rd, Charlotte  
Morrows Chapel UMC  
1536 Brawley School Rd, Mooresville  
Forest Hill UMC  
265 Union St. N, Concord, NC

#### **June 18-19**

WNCC UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat  
Virtual Meeting

#### **July 15-18**

WNCC UMW Mission u  
Virtual Meeting

#### **August 28**

Metro District Annual\* Celebration  
Speaker: Rev. Holly Cobb McKim  
St. Stephen UMC, 6800 Sardis Rd,  
Charlotte, NC

#### **September 10-12**

WNCC UMW Annual Celebration  
Virtual Meeting

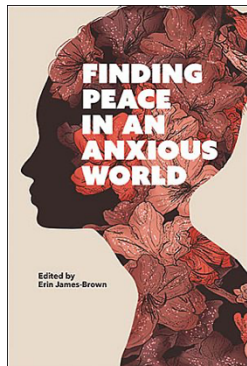
#### **October 2**

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#### **November 20**

Metro District Local Officers  
Virtual Meeting  
Leadership Development Day sponsored by  
WNCC UMW 10:00 am

## Mission, Education and Interpretation



I hope you enjoyed our *Virtual Mission Study*, 'Finding Peace in an Anxious World' – we certainly enjoyed preparing it for you! Over 67 people registered for the study with 46 people joining us on both 13<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup>. Our evaluations

showed people enjoyed 'gathering' even in a virtual way! The spiritual practices were very popular – I hope you are practicing one regularly. Some people noted they had connection troubles, that is not surprising, and we will continue to improve our virtual skills.

If you have not yet please give a **Gift to Mission** in celebration of our Mission Study: mail checks to Kim Shafer, PO Box 480638,

Charlotte, NC 28269–5305 or give on-line ([www.wnccumw.org/on-line-mission-giving](http://www.wnccumw.org/on-line-mission-giving)). AND remember our **Hands on Mission** project was to support a local food pantry/bank near your church. Please send me the number of items donated and an estimation of the value of your giving.

If you were not able to join us in March, please know you were missed. As your ME&I Coordinator, I am available to visit your unit, in person or by Zoom to provide a quick overview of the study - including a demonstration of one spiritual practice. To arrange a visit, use the contact information below:

Nancy Litton, ME&I Coordinator  
704.938.5803  
email [nailskate@gmail.com](mailto:nailskate@gmail.com)

## Program Resources

In preparation for our Praise, Worship and Memorial Service and our desire for continued spiritual growth, I offer the following brief description of a book most appropriate for this point in time.

"RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW: THE PRACTICE OF CHRISTIAN MINDFULNESS"

By Amy G Oden

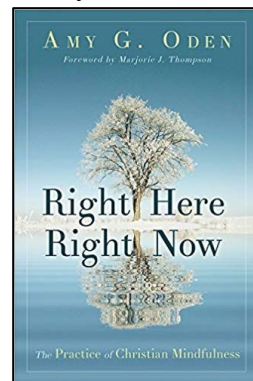
*"Many Christians practice mindfulness outside of church and believe it does not belong to our faith tradition. However. Christians have always practiced mindfulness. This book reveals the Christian roots of mindfulness and the actual practices*

*that, when reclaimed, deepen the life of faith and the power of our Mission of love in the world."*

Remember, Reading Program books are available at public libraries, Amazon, local bookstores, or electronically. There may be other Units/Circles who are willing to share.

God Bless You and Keep You Safe.

Sheila Barrell, Program Resources  
704-788-4130 (please leave a message)



# Metro District Walk for Missions

**May 15, 2021 9 am to 12 pm**

The Metro District Walk for Mission is May 15<sup>th</sup>. You're invited to join other Metro District members for our "drop-in event at one of our three convenient locations between 9 and 12 pm, whether rain or shine:

- St. Stephens, 6800 Sardis Road, Charlotte
- Morrows Chapel, 1536 Brawley School Road, Mooresville
- Forest Hill, 265 Union Street N, Concord

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



Use the sponsor form on the next page of the newsletter to solicit and collect funds from your friends, family and neighbors and plan to walk anytime between 9 am – 12 noon. Plan to bring your own water and please bring the collected funds and your sponsor form with you to the event.

Walk individually or with your local unit at one of our Regional walk locations, at your own church or your neighborhood. If you are unable to participate in the walk, please sponsor someone else who is walking. Let's have fun with our UMW sisters while we support a great cause.

Have questions? Need an additional Sponsor form? Contact either Lynda Morris or Martha Hyler, either will be happy to help you.

Lynda – [lfmorrisap@aol.com](mailto:lfmorrisap@aol.com) or 704-84702521

Martha – [mkhyler@gmail.com](mailto:mkhyler@gmail.com) or 704-781-5505

Do not forget that you have a Nurturing Partner on the Metro District board. We would love to answer your questions about Metro District events, visit with your unit or just talk.

Please feel free to contact us at any time.

Martha Hyler  
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**Walk for Mission 2021**

**Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women**

District Name.  Metro District

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

(Please print all information)

Walker’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Office use only

Total Pledge \$ _____
# of Sponsors _____
Initial _____
Date _____

(Please print and make additional copies of this form as needed)

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Turn in this form and the money collected when you come to walk. If you cannot attend the Regional Walks, mail the money and form to: District Treasurer, Kim Shafer, PO Box 480638, Charlotte, NC 28269-5305. Checks should be made out to Metro District UMW.

## Historian

Since 1869 the woman’s organizations that ultimately became United Methodist Women have made their mark on their communities and the church. Sylvia Casey, our Metro District Historian, highlights the many great accomplishments our members have made in the last 150 years.

### Then

#### Stalwart Women Refuse to Hear “No”

- 1869 Margaret Van Cott is granted a local preacher’s license ME.
- 1876 Anna Oliver first woman to receive a Bachelor of Divinity degree from an American theological seminary.
- 1878 Anna Howard Shaw receives a Bachelor of Divinity degree.
- 1880 The General Conference of the ME refused to ordain Anna Howard Shaw and Anna Oliver and denies women the right to preachers’ licenses. Ana Howard Shaw joins the MP and is ordained by its New York Annual Conference.
- 1884 The MP General Conference rules that Anna Howard Shaw’s ordination was out of order.
- 1889 Ella Niswonger becomes first woman ordained in the UB.
- 1894 Sarah Dickey is ordained by the UB.
- 1910 The General Conference ME denies women laity rights.

#### 1914-1918 First World War

- 1920 The local preacher’s license, the first step to ordained ministry officially extended to women in the *Book of Discipline* ME.
- 1924 Women in the ME are given limited clergy rights.

#### 1936 – 1945 World War II

- 1946 Women are denied ordination by the UB.

- 1956 Women in the MC win full clergy rights. Maude Kristler Jensen is the first woman to be granted such rights.

#### 1968 Merger forming the United Methodist Church

- 1972 United Methodist Women name adopted
- 1996 4,955 United Methodist Women ministers.

### Today

#### Stalwart Women Continue to Answer the Call

- The UMC has about 12,300 women ministers of a total of about 83,800. (2014)
- In the Western North Carolina Conference, there are 356 women in ministry. Total appointed clergy in the Conference is 1,093.
- Of the eight District Superintendents, three are women.
- Members of 2016 WNCC delegation for the General and Jurisdictional Conferences, endorsed a woman, Rev. Amy Coles as their episcopal nominee.

ME – Methodist Episcopal Church
MP – Methodist Protestant Church
UB – United Brethren
MC- Methodist Church
UMC – United Methodist Church



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**The Metro District Team need you!** The Program Resources and ME&I offices are currently open, and several other position terms are ending in 2021. Contact Linda Davidson or any Nominations team member with your questions or recommendations.


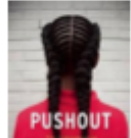
## 2021 Metro District UMW Nurturing Partners

<b>Church</b>	<b>Partner</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Partner</b>
Aldersgate	Debbie Eudy	Mill Grove (Indian Trail)	Nancy Ward
Assurance	Kim Shafer	Morrrows Chapel	Judy Cline
Bethpage	Judy Cline	Mount Mitchell	Nancy Litton
Broad Street	Lynda Morris	Mount Olivet	Martha Hyler
Calvary	Kelly McKinnon	Mount Pleasant	Lynda Morris
Centenary	Sylvia Sekle-Dueh	Myers Park	Sylvia Sekle-Dueh
Center	Kay Jones	North Davidson	Linda Davidson
Central (Charlotte)	Sylvia Sekle-Dueh	North Kannapolis	Judy Cline
Central (Concord)	Jatana Royster	Oak Grove (Char)	Donna Varner
Central ( Mooresville)	Kim Shafer	Oak Grove (CG)	Kim Shafer
Christ	Kim Shafer	Pineville	Nancy Ward
Cokesbury	Sylvia Sekle-Dueh	Pleasant Grove	Donna Varner
Cold Springs	Martha Hyler	Providence	Lynda Morris
Commonwealth	Debbie Eudy	Roberta	Jatana Royster
Covenant	Donna Varner	Rock Grove	Jamie Stirewalt
Davidson	Lynda Morris	Rocky Mount	Kim Shafer
Dilworth	Delta Sonderman	Rocky Ridge	Kay Jones
Epworth	Nancy Litton	Royal Oaks	Martha Hyler
Fair View	Lynda Morris	Simpson-Gillespie	Kelly McKinnon
Faith ( Mooresville)	Jamie Stirewalt	South Tryon	Sylvia Casey
First (China Grove)	Jamie Stirewalt	SouthPark	Donna Varner
First Hmong	Kim Shafer	St Andrews	Debbie Eudy
Forest Hill	Kay Jones	St Francis	Delta Sonderman
Friendship	Martha Hyler	St Marks	Sylvia Casey
Harrisburg	Nancy Ward	St Paul ( Mooresville)	Lynda Morris
Hickory Grove	Linda Davidson	St Stephen	Debbie Eudy
Hunters Chapel	Linda Davidson	Thrift	Debbie Eudy
Huntersville	Linda Davidson	Trinity (Charlotte)	Donna Varner
Indian Trail	Nancy Ward	Trinity (Kannapolis)	Jamie Stirewalt
Jackson Park	Judy Cline	Vanderburg	Lynda Morris
Matthews	Delta Sonderman	Westford	Kay Jones
Memorial (Charlotte)	Delta Sonderman	Williamsons Chapel	Kim Shafer
Memorial (Kannapolis)	Jamie Stirewalt	Woodlawn Community	Delta Sonderman
Midway	Nancy Litton	Zion	Nancy Ward

Your Metro Nurturing Partners are here to help. Please welcome them when they call or visit, and feel free to contact your Partner, or any of the Metro Officers with your questions, ideas or concerns.

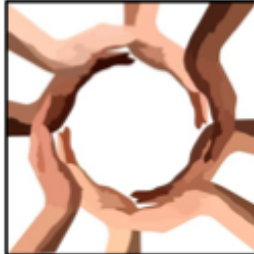

Western North Carolina United Methodist Women  
**2021 Conference Events**

	<p>Spiritual Growth Retreat "You Lift Me Up" June 18 - 19 Virtual Event</p>	
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 <p>Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship</p>	<p>Mission u July 15 - 18 Virtual Event</p>	 <p>Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in School</p>
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Annual Celebration / September 11 - 12 / Virtual Event



	<p>Ubuntu Days of Service "I am because you are" Saturday, October 2 and 9 Across the Conference</p>	
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WORDS OF WISDOM: **Know God!** **Develop** relationships! **Expand** your vision!  
United Methodist Women make it our **PURPOSE!**

