



## UMW Appalachian District News 3rd Quarter, 2021



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Greetings,**

As I sit with my husband of 51 years at our local Hospice, I greet you in the name of Christ, our Sustainer, our Hope, our Savior! Life is such a blessing and love is such a motivator. It is in times like this, we realize the beauty in life and the awesomeness of our God! He works miracles every day! Peace to you my dear sisters in Christ.

**On Saturday, August 21, from 2-4 PM, we celebrate the year 2020 with recognitions of our UMW who kept on keeping on during the pandemic. We celebrate the goodness of God as we have never seen before. We are thankful for all His blessings. We are humbled.**

**On August 21, we elect officers for 2022. Check out the slate of officers the Nomination Committee has in this newsletter.**

On August 21, Mrs. Ernestine Shade and the author of *With "God and My Mother's Prayers: I Have Become What I Am Today"* by Gretchen Griffith will be our event speakers. "Ernestine Paschall Shade has come a long way. From a small village in western North Carolina to the sprawling metropolis of Los Angeles, California, Ernestine's determination and ceaseless energy impacted children she taught, teachers she supervised, Delta "sisters" she loved, and earned her the designation, "Legacy" from her alma mater, Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina. This is a story of deep faith and never-ending love poured out to her family, friends, and late in life, to her long-lost childhood sweetheart." Mrs. Shade is a member of New Covenant UMW and Gretchen Griffith is a member of the Littlejohn UMW.

Virtual Western NC Conference UMW Annual Celebration is September 11-12! Register on line @ [WNCCUMW.org](http://WNCCUMW.org). Join us on Saturday & Sunday, at 2 PM each day, "Light Up Our Spirits with Faith and Hope so that Love IS Action" is the theme.

Remember to check in with your Nurturing Partners, check out the Mission Today criteria and continue with your mission goals for 2021. Also, read!

**Prayers and blessings to all,**

**Sherry Summerlin, Appalachian District UMW President**

**[sherrysummer@charter.net](mailto:sherrysummer@charter.net) and (828)234-0850**



**United Methodist Women is 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.**

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Spiritual Growth.....	2
MEI .....	2
Social Action.....	3
Treasurer .....	3
VP .....	5
Reading Program.....	7

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- 2021 Nominations
- Form for Floor Nominations at Annual Meeting

## Spiritual Growth

Greetings,

At this time last year, we were all sheltering in place, social distancing and wearing mask due to the COVID pandemic. Many, if not all, activities were cancelled, including church services and meetings. But these things were not a "road block", just a "bump in the road" for us. We learned how to worship outdoors with Mother Nature, how to meet through Zoom, which was and is a challenge for some of us, and we learned all over again what it means to be a family.

Today we are witnessing the grace of God as he has given the ability to scientists to create a vaccine for the virus. This has allowed us to get back some of what was lost last year. Worship, for most, is back indoors, masks are optional, and now plans for vacations are being made. Yes, the virus is still with us and we still need to be careful and stay safe, but it is so good to see a light at the end of the tunnel.

As we look to the future, let us mark our calendars for the upcoming events. Mission u Virtual Event is July 15-16 and the study books for this are "Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools" and "Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship." These books will also count as bonus books for the Reading Program." The next event will be the Appalachian Annual Celebration on August 21 from 2-4pm. Keep watching for more information on these events.

In closing, let me share this -- "A dewdrop acts out the will of God as surely as the thunderstorm. God cares little about size; He cares immensely about service." As United Methodist Women, let us stay on course in our service to missions.

God's Blessings for all,  
Judy Sipe, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

### MISSION EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION:

Can you believe the year is already half over ... and there is still much work to be done! By the time you receive this newsletter, Mission u should be well underway and we should be learning about the moral witness of the church as we live as siblings in the "Kin-dom" of God and about the criminalization of black girls in school and how they find ways to breathe dignity into their lives. I do hope many of you registered for and are attending these excellent studies that teach us about our Christian and UMW mission.

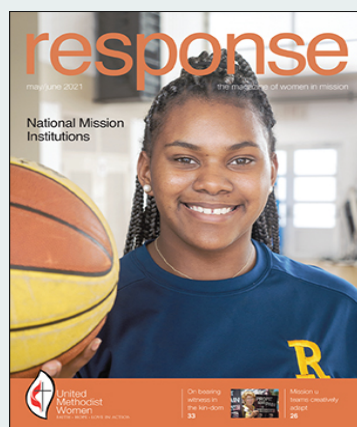
I also want to remind all units of our Hands on Mission projects: we are still collecting school supplies for the Bethlehem Center, Winston Salem (this was our District Mission study and one of the Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat mission projects.) For Virtual Mission u, we are asking for school supplies for the students served by Project AGAPE. Supplies needed are #2 pencils, colored pencils, hand-held pencil sharpeners, erasers, and school scissors. All items should be removed from packaging and packed in plastic shoeboxes. Any units that have collected items, or need a list or clarification of needed items, please contact Sherry Summerlin or me.

**response**  
the magazine of women in mission

If you don't already receive response magazine, I encourage you or your unit to subscribe ([www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/response](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/response).) If you do receive response, I encourage you to read it! This magazine features information and articles to help you think, learn, live, give, listen, act & pray – to put faith, hope and love in action as United Methodist Women. Each issue has a Bible study, highlights of various local units' mission work, information about our 'mission dollars' at work, and much more – always ending with a beautiful and meaningful prayer.

If you have any questions regarding UMW missions or need my help, please don't hesitate to call me! Love and Blessings to all....

Jan Taylor, 336-468-0313 (cell) or email: [j.kay.tay@gmail.com](mailto:j.kay.tay@gmail.com)



## **Treasurer**

**Greetings to all!**

**I would like to share with you the following from the United Methodist Women Handbook 2017-2020 page 14:**

**For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has - not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that here may be a fair balance. As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much and the one who had little did not have too little." 2 Corinthians 8:12-15**

**Paul asks the Corinthian church to help the struggling church in Jerusalem. He reminds them that giving is a matter of faith. Today there is abundance in Corinth, so that they may help others. Tomorrow, it may be Corinth that has need and because they shared so freely others will help them out of their abundance.**

**When we give, we give in the knowledge that what we have was given by God and that what we need will be supplied by God. All our resources, natural and financial, are from God, and it is the responsibility of people of faith to see that these resources are made available to meet the needs of all. Luke 8:1-3, tells us of how the women who followed Jesus helped support his ministry.**

**Mission Giving, which is mission money used for any part of our mission work and provides funds to which all mission programs have access, allows the work of United Methodist Women to reach far beyond our church walls and into the lives of women, children and youth who are often outside the bounds of our traditional ministries. Gifts and pledges are given out of what we have to accomplish God's mission in the world.**

**Your mission dollars travels all over the world through the five Channels of Mission Giving (Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and World Thank Offering). You can read all about these travels in the response magazine and the Prayer Calendar.**

**The Appalachian District UMW Executive Committee is in the process of developing the Proposed Budget 2022 to be approved on August 21, 2021 during the district annual meeting, which will be virtual. Please be in prayer for the committee and the budget that we may help others as stated in the above scripture, "For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has - not according to what one does not have."**

**Make plans now to be part of the Appalachian District Annual Meeting and the Western North Carolina Conference UMW Annual Celebration. More information is found in this newsletter concerning these two events.**

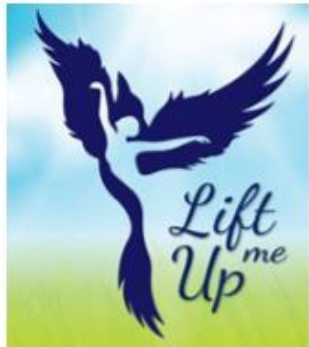
**If you have any question and/or concerns, or need more information about Mission Giving to share at your meetings, please let me know. You may e:mail, call (leave a message if I do not answer) or TXT.**

**In His Service,  
Nancy Johnson, District Treasurer  
nananurse85@charter.net  
828-612-6142**

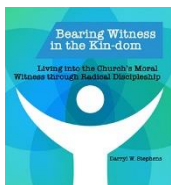


# Western North Carolina United Methodist Women

## 2021 Conference Events



Spiritual Growth Retreat  
“You Lift Me Up”  
June 18 - 19  
Virtual Event



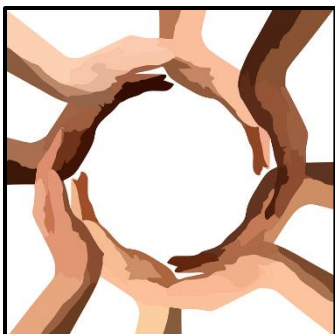
Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom:  
Living into the Church's Moral Witness  
through Radical Discipleship

Mission u  
July 15 - 18  
Virtual Event



Pushout:  
The Criminalization of  
Black Girls in School

Annual Celebration / September 11 - 12 / Virtual Event



Ubuntu Days of Service  
“I am because you are”  
Saturday, October 2 and 9  
Across the Conference





## Everyone Can Promote Mission Giving!

Mission Giving is the lifeblood of United Methodist Women. Mission Giving

- are funds that are undesignated, unrestricted and used to underwrite the total program of United Methodist Women at the local, district, conference, national, and international levels.

- currently has five channels -- or opportunities -- for giving: Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, and World Thank Offering

- is faith, hope, and love in action for women, children, and youth around the world.

Mission Giving is a priority for every member of United Methodist Women. Every conference leader has a role to play in promoting Mission Giving through her specific office and through working together with the rest of the leadership team to develop strategies for the local, district and conference levels.



## *Get Ready for Mission U These books count for the reading program too*

### VICE PRESIDENT

Greetings To each of you,

A few notes to inform you of our next two programs. Please put these dates on your calendar and join us. Other dates will follow in next newsletter. All meetings will be Virtual (Zoom).

United Methodist Women - Western North Carolina Conference

“Mission u”

Theme: Bearing Witness in the Kingdom and Pushout

Thursday, July 15th through  
Sunday, July 18

Again, put these dates on your calendars. All Unit Presidents, will you please make sure all your members are aware of these dates and times. If you don't have the Zoom App, you will need to download it to join in meetings.

For any questions you may have, contact me:

Annette Echard @ 828-754-5526 or  
EcHardSr@gmail.com

### Appalachian District Annual Meeting

Annual Appalachian District Meeting

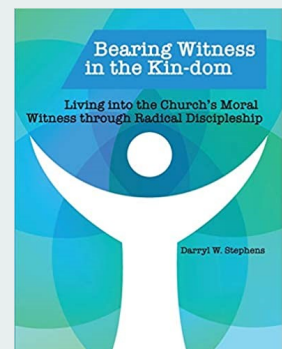
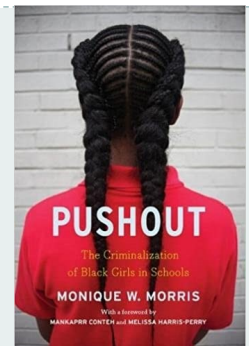
**Saturday, August 21, 2021-4 PM**

Speaker: Gretchen Griffith with Ernestine Shade on *With God and My Mother's Prayers I Have Become What I am Today*

Local author Gretchen Griffith brings this educator's story to us.

Local Unit Recognitions 2020

Hands on Mission: School supplies for students served by Agape Project



## Social Action

**Maternal and Child Health**  
CAMPAIGN:  
**END MATERNAL MORTALITY**

Call on health care workers, lawmakers and advocates to fund maternal mortality review committees and implement recommendations in hospitals and communities.

Many women are unable to access proper health care prior to, throughout and after pregnancy.

African American women have the highest rates of maternal mortality, dying at **three to four times** the rate of white women.

Since 2000, the maternal mortality rate in the United States has increased **26.4 percent** - the only developed country whose rate did not decline.

**26.4%**

**TAKE ACTION:**  
unitedmethodistwomen.org/maternal-child-health

## Maternal & Child Health

United Methodist Women continues to support the health and family needs of women and children around the globe. Women are still dying in childbirth, children continue to die from preventable diseases, and many communities have no access to healthcare.

## 2022 Appalachian District United Methodist Women Proposed Slate of Officers

<b>President</b>	Linda Greer	3201 Mt. Wesley Church Rd	Stony Point, NC 28678	First Taylorsville	704-585-6263 h 828-244-2251 c	<a href="mailto:jacklindagreer@bellsouth.net">jacklindagreer@bellsouth.net</a>
<b>VP</b>	Jan Taylor	580 Waddell Road	Roaring River, NC 28669	Wilkesboro	336-957-3024h 336-468-0313c	<a href="mailto:j.kay.tay@gmail.com">j.kay.tay@gmail.com</a>
<b>Secretary 2021-2023</b>	Janice Chester	5349 Meadowlane Drive	Granite Falls, NC 28630	Baton	828-493-2311	<a href="mailto:janice_chester48@gmail.com">janice_chester48@gmail.com</a>
<b>Treasurer 2021-2023</b>	Nancy Johnson	661 Teague Town Rd	Taylorsville NC 28681	Mt. Bethel, Alexander	828-612-6142	<a href="mailto:nananurse85@charter.net">nananurse85@charter.net</a>
<b>Spiritual 2022-2024</b>	Judy Sipe	494 B & S Lane	Hickory, NC 28601	Mt. Bethel (Bethlehem) UMC	828-612-1519	<a href="mailto:jsipe09@gmail.com">jsipe09@gmail.com</a>
<b>Mission Education &amp; Interpretation 2022-2024</b>	Penny Ledbetter	324 Mosswood Road	Olin, NC 28660	Union Grove UMC	704-880-3722	<a href="mailto:pennygrietie@gmail.com">pennygrietie@gmail.com</a>
<b>Membership, Nurture &amp; Outreach 2022-2024</b>	Micki Earp	267 Devonshire Rd.	Taylorsville NC 28681	Stony Point UMC	828-632-6769	<a href="mailto:13micki@gmail.com">13micki@gmail.com</a>
<b>Social Action 2022-2024</b>	Sherry Mabry	506 3rd Street	North Wilkesboro NC 28659	Wilkesboro	336-927-4332	<a href="mailto:mabrysh@gmail.com">mabrysh@gmail.com</a>
<b>Communication 2021-2022</b>	Denise Harris	2606 Fines Creek Dr.	Statesville, NC 28625	Broad Street UMC	704-871-9219 h 704-437-2794 c	<a href="mailto:denise.harris2105@gmail.com">denise.harris2105@gmail.com</a>
<b>Program Resources 2022-2024</b>	Brenda Kimberlin	4028 Meadow Circle	Lenoir, NC 28645	Little John UMC	828-728-0371	<a href="mailto:bkimberlin@caldwellschools.com">bkimberlin@caldwellschools.com</a>
<b>Nominations Chair 2023</b>	Roberta Walker	192 Oak Grove Rd	Elkin, NC 28621	New Beginnings (Jonesville)	336-835-1939	<a href="mailto:r_walker1961@yahoo.com">r_walker1961@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Nominations Committee - 2022</b>	Kimberly Witherspoon	917 Sunrise Circle	Lenoir, NC 28645	New Covenant UMC	828-729-0876	<a href="mailto:kwitherspoon03@yahoo.com">kwitherspoon03@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Nominations Committee - 2022</b>	Pamela Harshaw	508 Robbins Avenue	Lenoir, NC 28645	New Covenant UMC	336-324-2393	
<b>Nominations Committee - 2023</b>	Jane Long	913 Hemlock Dr., NE	Lenoir, NC 28645		828-292-9250	<a href="mailto:jshooklong@gmail.com">jshooklong@gmail.com</a>
<b>Nominations Committee 2024</b>						
<b>Nominations Committee 2024</b>						
<b>Member-at-Large</b>						
<b>Parliamentarian</b>						
<b>Historian</b>						
<b>Music Leader</b>						
<b>Conference Officers</b>						
<b>Conference Liaison</b>						

## Nominations

Greetings Ladies,

I hope this year is beginning to look more normal for you after a stressful, isolating year. As you begin to meet again in person in your local units, enjoy the chance to fellowship with a new thankfulness. As the saying goes, you never know what you have until it's gone. There are ladies in your communities who have never known the joy and fellowship of UMW. Let God help you see these ladies and invite them to participate with you. Also allow God to lead you to serve. Listen for his still quiet voice. Is he calling you to help a needy person, to feed the hungry, to raise money for a need in your community or beyond. Is he calling you to serve on Ubuntu Day. Is he calling you to lead or see the leadership qualities in others? The nominating committee at the district and local level looks to see the gifts in others and helps each other discern where God is calling us to serve and lead.

If you feel called to lead at the district level please email me or any member of the Nominations Committee. I hope to see you at Annual Celebration in August.

Blessings,  
Brenda Kimberlin  
Nominations Chair  
Bjkimberlin22@gmail.com



## Reading Program

Where to Find Books:

As in the previous year, United Methodist Women members will obtain Reading Program books exclusively through third parties—**libraries, local bookstores and online**. Even when libraries are closed and physical books are hard to come by, most of the books listed here can be found electronically. You can read them on a laptop, tablet, e-reader or other device. While Amazon's more popular than ever, please consider supporting small, local bookstores if they're open, as these businesses rely on community support now more than ever.

If you do order books through Amazon, please remember to visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), Amazon's charitable giving page, and select "United Methodist Women" as your charitable organization. For all eligible purchases made on [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), Amazon will donate 0.5% to United Methodist Women.



**Appalachian District United Methodist Women**  
**Form for Nominations from the Floor**  
**2021 Annual Meeting**  
**Submission Deadline: August 15, 2021**

The United Methodist Women's bylaws allow for nominations from the floor. Please use this form for nominations from the floor for this year's extraordinary virtual meeting and election. If you want to nominate for more than one office you must complete a form for each.

All nominations from the floor must be received by Brenda Kimberlin, at [bkimberlin@caldwellschools.com](mailto:bkimberlin@caldwellschools.com), or Penny Ledbetter, at [pennygristje@gmail.com](mailto:pennygristje@gmail.com) using this form by 11:59pm on Sunday, August 15, 2021.

1. For which office is your nomination?

---

2. Nominee's Contact Information Name:

Address:

City/Town:

State/Province:

Zip/Postal Code:

Email Address:

Home Phone Number:

Cell Phone Number:

Work Phone Number:

3. Please identify the age range of the nominee:

18-30 years   31-40 years   41-50 years   51-65 years   66-70 years   71 years and over

4. Please identify the ethnicity/race of the nominee. Choose all that apply.

☐ African   ☐ African-American or Black   ☐ Asian-American or Asian   ☐ Caribbean   ☐ Caucasian or White  
☐ Hispanic or Latina

☐ Native American   ☐ Pacific Islander

☐ Please write in your own preferred description

5. Please identify the local church to which the nominee belongs:

Local Church:

6. Nominator Contact Information Name: (Let us know who YOU are)

Address:

City/Town:

State/Province:

Zip/Postal Code:

Email Address:

Phone:

