



United
Women
in Faith

Blue Ridge District NEWSLETTER

Here we are, Lord! Send us to pray.

*The Blue Ridge District cordially invites you to attend the
Prayer Breakfast.*

Saturday, April 30, 2022

First United Methodist Church

Marion, North Carolina

Time: 10:00 am (service)

Cost: \$10 (includes breakfast)

Guest Speaker: Martha Efird

Special Music: Tracey Owens

Hands on Mission: Hygiene Kits



*Love Offering: Gift to undesignated giving to honor people, like the people in
Ukraine, who are struggling against tyranny.*

*Unit Presidents will soon be receiving registration forms in the mail,
and we ask that you respond to those as soon as possible so
we can get a correct count for food.*

Directions to Marion First United Methodist Church: From I-40 East: Take exit 81 toward Marion. Turn left on Sugar Hill Road (becomes W. Henderson). Continue onto W. Henderson Street to Main Street. Turn left. Continue on Main. Turn right onto New Street (across from Wells Fargo Bank). Turn left onto Garden Street. Turn right onto Fleming Ave. Turn right onto Robert Street. Church is on the left. From 1-26 West: Take exit for Interstate 40 East. Follow directions above. From Highway 221N: Follow 221 Business through town. Turn right on New Street. Follow directions from above – Garden to Fleming to Robert Street. Church has good directional signage.

A Message from Our Conference President and Advisor

United Women in Faith

On March 3, 2022, United Methodist Women had a new name—United Women in Faith. After 5 years of research, prayerful discernment and hard work the National staff and elected leaders made this decision.

United Women in Faith addresses the needs and different life stages of new women who for various reasons have not been drawn to the membership of United Methodist Women. The new name is inclusive to current members whose local churches may choose to disaffiliate with the United Methodist Church as well as women of other faith traditions who want to join because they are drawn to the mission of the organization.

We are inviting women to connect in new ways and by using new tools we will affirm the centrality of faith, action and sisterhood.

The March/April edition of *response* magazine has several articles to clarify how we became United Women in Faith. The article on pages 32-34 by Yvette Moore, director of public relations and marketing for United Women in Faith, explains not only the new name but also the new logo.

United Women in Faith: What will not change

- Our PURPOSE
- Official women's organization of the United Methodist Church
- Legal name will remain United Methodist Women
- Vision remains the same: Turning faith, hope and love into action for women, children and youth around the world
- The core of who we are remains the same: We believe love in action can change the world
- There will be no age group left out
- We will gather for Christian fellowship, prayer, support and study
- We remain committed to training women for leadership, growing spiritually, transforming through education and providing opportunities for service and advocacy
- We will continue to live out our faith in lives of action for justice

Joanie Strohm, President, WNCC United Women in Faith

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2022 NURTURING PARTNERS (SHEPHERDESSES)
PLEASE ASK YOUR NURTURING PARTNER TO VISIT YOUR UNIT

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Dorothy Johnson (828) 738-8148 (828) 460-3778	Clinchfield Ebenezer Marion First	Leith Tate (828) 301-6028	Grace Oakley Salem
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Glenda Fuhrmann (828) 337-2617	Montmorenci		

A Message from Your President

As I write this article, United Methodist Women has a new name and a new logo: We are now United Women in Faith. In our 153-year history, we've had over 25 different names with each name trying to capture who we are at a particular time for a generation or generations of women.

Our new name reflects a desire to be more inclusive and reflect that we're not just for United Methodist women but for women of other faith traditions, also. We also have a new logo, but our vision remains intact: We're still advocating for all who are oppressed, and we are still putting faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth. We're still supporting mission in our own backyards and to the far reaches of the earth (see March/April response).

We who have been in the organization for a long time have a very important task as we attract new members. We need to transfer the culture of our organization to newcomers. The culture (character) of an organization refers to the way people treat one another within the confines of the organization and how we are perceived by those outside the group. We must live the UMW culture of love, sisterhood, faith, and action. What we do is vitally important but the attitude we have doing it is even more important. We seasoned members of UMW carry the culture into the evolving United Women in Faith because culture is caught, not taught.

Closer to home, I was so pleased as I reviewed your End-of-Year Reports. For a COVID year where many units did not meet at all and others met sporadically, we really did well, but now that we can meet in person, we must step up our game. As things get back to normal, attend every meeting of your local, District, and Conference United Women of Faith that you safely can. The camaraderie (culture?) of in-person meetings inspires us to fuller participation in the activities. Participation seems to breed more participation. When friends are talking about reading list books they've read, you want to read them, too. When someone is recounting a justice today activity that blessed their unit, you may decide a similar program would be helpful in your group. Next year, I trust we will have far more Mission Today units, Justice Today units, reading participants, mission study participants, and units that participated in all Five Channels of Mission Giving. By all means, stay safe but be as active as you can be. Let's fan the flames to new life in our local units, District, and Conference!

I trust that all of you are as excited I am about the Prayer Breakfast on April 30 at Marion First. Martha Efird will be our speaker. She was scheduled to speak in 2019 when we had to cancel at the last minute.

From May 20-22, Assembly will be taking place in Orlando. If you've never been, try to attend. Orlando is close enough to drive. Those who prefer flying can be there in less than two hours. I can almost guarantee that you will come away inspired and renewed, ready for action.

Gwen Harris, President

Vice President

This weekend we will begin Daylight Savings Time. Don't forget to Spring Forward! Many of us like this because we have more daylight in the evenings, and we begin to look ahead to the longer days of summer.

It is time to "spring forward" into the busy time of our new year together. We have so many opportunities to spring into District and Conference events. Make your schedule include participation in as many of these events as possible. Read your entire newsletter to see when all these events are scheduled.

I am so excited that we can finally meet face-to-face for our Prayer Breakfast. Marion First has been so patiently waiting to host us. Our Mission Study, Prayer Breakfast, Book Clubs, Annual Meeting, and Leadership Development Day are all planned to help us be informed and energized to do the mission work that is such a rich part of our heritage.

Continue to make use of the many programming resources that we have available to us. Check the conference website often to see what is new! We have such a rich heritage of mission and so much potential to continue to be that light of mission at home and all around the world.

Lucy Earls, Vice President

Secretary

I need change. "Try to look younger," I say to myself when looking in the mirror. "Some fresh, new clothes are needed," I think. So I look in a catalog for colorful, stylish and useful items to order. Now, I'm feeling not so old; I have energy to join a committee, go to a meeting, do a volunteer assignment, make a meal for a homeless shelter, make sure my checkbook is in order and in alignment with my values.

UMW, with a new name, United Women in Faith, has outfitted itself in a new look. This look is colorful and stylish and is meant to be even more inclusive of many cultures and communities of women around the globe. The look is younger. We need that. We can have that. We'll use it to make connections with our global partners, to finance our national institutions, to keep our units alive and vital, to make our circles local instruments of change—all with more enthusiasm and energy! We'll work for our vision of bettering the lives of women, children, and youth with a spring in our step.

Glenda Fuhrmann, Secretary

Treasurer

Communication is the key to increasing membership and commitment to mission giving. Thank you as you spread the good news about United Women in Faith mission institutions around the world. This month's **response** magazine has a great amount of information that can be used.

Spring season is approaching. The days show off their beauty with warmth and sunshine. All the new growth of flowers and trees is coming forth all around us. Just as God places new growth in His plants, we can plant new growth in our United Women in Faith units. Take every opportunity to tell the mission story in your unit and as you visit with United Women in Faith sisters.

It does not seem possible, but we have completed our first quarter of Mission Giving. We have made a good start toward our \$82,100 pledge to mission for 2022. There are several ways to contribute to undesignated mission giving which impact our pledge.

I encourage each of you to help your unit contribute in the Five Channels of Undesignated giving:

- ***Pledge to Mission:*** Your personal pledge is any amount you have prayerfully considered. The pledge of our United Women in Faith is an important reminder of the commitment we have made to Mission.
- ***Gift to Mission:*** Several types of cards are available for various occasions. These cards are \$5 each and are an excellent way to remember a person at a special time in her life.
- ***Gift in Memory:*** Cards are free when you obtain them, but donations begin at \$5 per card upon using them. It is good to have these cards on hand in your church. Encourage members of your congregation to use them, thereby contributing to Mission.
- ***Special Mission Recognition:*** Pins are available at costs beginning at \$40. Encourage your Unit to present a pin to a special person in your congregation or community thanking them for their efforts.
- ***World Thank Offering:*** This is an opportunity for us to respond to God's abundance and grace with gifts of gratitude. Include your congregation in your World Thank Offering program and encourage participation in your offering.

I am honored to serve as Treasurer for the Blue Ridge District United Women in Faith. At the end of each year, I am amazed at how much more I have learned about the wonderful work we are doing in the United States and around the world. I hope each of you will make an effort to learn more about our Mission Institutions and their work. **response** magazine is an excellent visual source of information about United Women of Faith missions in action. Many units have a "Mission Moment" as part of their meeting. Sharing information and taking it into our communities strengthens support for the United Women in Faith Mission institutions.

Linda Johns, Treasurer

Spiritual Growth

Mark your calendars now for the Blue Ridge District Prayer Breakfast! I look forward to gathering with you all for the first time in over two years! Our annual Prayer Breakfast is on Saturday, April 30 at First United Methodist Church, Marion.

Please check the front page of this newsletter for more details about this event. The theme for the Prayer Breakfast is “Here we are, Lord! Send us to pray!” The cost for the delicious breakfast is \$10 per person. It is very helpful to have one check from each unit payable to First United Methodist Women, Marion for the total number attending.

Martha Efird will speak, and Tracey Owens will provide special music. There will also be a time of remembrance for members who passed in 2021. Put their names on the registration form.

Your unit president or contact person will receive a letter and registration form describing the event with all details in late March. We will have two registration times, 8:30 and 9:15. The time for your unit to arrive will be on the registration form.

Please return your registration form and check (payable to First United Methodist Women, Marion) to me by April 17 at 164 Emma Drive, Ellenboro, NC 28040.

Please feel free to email me at jengreenway@bellsouth.net or call me at 828 289-1642 if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing all of you.

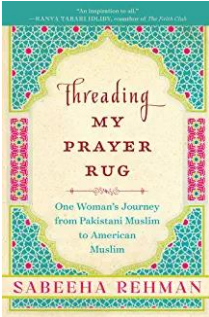
Jennie Greenway, Spiritual Growth Coordinator



Tracey Owens will provide special music for the Prayer Breakfast.

Program Resources

Salaam Alaikum: Peace be upon you.



I am very excited to share that at our next Book Club meeting on June 25, 10:00 am to 11:30 am, we will be reviewing the book Threading My Prayer Rug by Sabeeha Rehman.

The book gives a richly textured reflection on what it is to be a Muslim in America today. It is also the luminous story of many journeys: from Pakistan to the United States in an arranged marriage that becomes a love match lasting more than 40 years. Beginning with a sweetly funny, moving account of her arranged marriage, the author undercuts stereotypes and offers a refreshing view of an American life through Muslim eyes. Ms. Rehman vividly and beautifully transports us through rich and elaborate threads of a lifetime lived with love, intelligence, and compassion – an inspiration to all. A Reader's Digest review says, “reading the book is guaranteed to broaden your horizons and make you see the world a little differently.”

Leader for the book club meeting will be Rev. Deb Demorest, pastor of Moore's Grove UMC in Henderson County. You should be able to register on the Conference website by early April. Meanwhile, go ahead and get the book and enjoy.

And don't forget to watch “Faith Matters” and other videos on the national website. Watching three videos counts for reading two program reading books.

I made this challenge in 2020, but COVID 19 got in the way: Do you have older Reading Program books (preferably from years 2015-2020) that are no longer being read? If so, donate them to the District. (Go to the Reading Program online to download old catalogs.) We will resell the books for a nominal amount at district meetings, (hopefully at this year's Prayer Breakfast), encouraging others to participate in this program. Funds received from the sale will go to mission.

One of the blessings of “United Women in Faith” (our new name) is the education of its members so that we have a better understanding of the needs in the world. Here's hoping each of you will take advantage of this opportunity and will come to the Prayer Breakfast carrying bags or boxes of Reading Program books to share.

Looking forward, we will have one more Book Club meeting this year on September 17. We are currently doing research on which book to highlight, hopefully under the “leadership” category. If you have suggestions, please share them.

In Christian Love,
Jeannette Byrd, Secretary for Program Resources

Membership, Nurture and Outreach

Tis a season of change – green leaves and flowers are coming out in plants. United Methodist Women are emerging from Zoom meetings to being able to meet in person. We’re looking forward to an in-person Prayer Breakfast in Marion on April 30 at 10:30! Please register and gather for a celebration!

You are encouraged to review the name of your Nurturing Partner in this issue and know she is a friend to contact for information, support, and a visit to your group when you invite her.

Important changes regarding our United Methodist Women are detailed in other reports in this issue and in the latest edition of **response** magazine. We have successfully met other challenges as United Methodist Women, and we will meet another change of our name in the same way.

To God we give thanks for the opportunities and challenges to serve the needs of women, youth and children around the world. Let us also pray for wisdom and discernment as we move forward.

Thelma McGraw, Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator

Communications Coordinator

Moore’s Grove UMW unit is sending cards to the ladies that are mentioned in the United Methodist Women program book. The reason for this outreach is to show our appreciation to these wonderful women for what they have done in their churches and around the world.



“ Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them.”
(Matthew 6:1)

Tammy Long, Communications Coordinator

Social Action

As District Social Action coordinator, I remain committed to our campaigns as United Women in Faith to work to dismantle systems of oppression and hate and to build a better world for all persons around the world. Our love of God is always linked with a love of neighbor, a passion for justice, and a renewal of peace and freedom in the life of the whole world.

So, of course, we are heartbroken, angry, and fearful about Russia's immoral and illegitimate attack on Ukraine because it affects each of us in nearly every area of our lives. The Ukrainian people are no different from us— they seek to live in peace and to make the world a better place, but a powerful, mad autocrat wants to control them. We should care and do everything we can to stop it.

But how? There are many ways to help. Financially, we can give to UMCOR or to any number of legitimate, efficient, and accountable charities providing emergency aid to victims of violence in Ukraine.

We can stay informed about the conflict and be cautious about the information that's spread on social media. Disinformation is one of Russia's favorite weapons of war, and if we amplify and spread it, we will do great harm.

We can adjust our lifestyles to face the growing decline of our economy by tightening our belts, driving less, being more frugal in our choices, and preparing to welcome and support with compassion the imminent inflow of Ukrainians to our country, just as we have done with other countries at war, most recently Afghanistan.

And finally, we can pray. Prayer is the greatest weapon in times of war. We should remember how many times that God in his Word says 'do not be afraid.' We should boldly cry out to God for mercy, justice, and peace. And we must follow our prayers with action, whenever we can, however we can, for as long as we can.

With our brothers and sisters around the world, please pray for Ukraine, for Russia, and for our own country and its leaders. Pray that God will restrain evil and restore peace.

And may we follow our prayers with action, action which is a bedrock of United Women in Faith.

Leith Tate, Social Action Coordinator

GREAT NEWS! Blue Ridge District welcomes two new units from Rutherford County: Brook's Chapel and Mundy's Chapel. They come to us from the Catawba District, and we look forward to meeting them in person.

Committee on Nominations

A Nominating Committee's main responsibility is to fill the positions for leadership in any organization. In the United Women in Faith, these positions are unique from others in that we make decisions that affect physical, emotional, educational and spiritual needs of women, youth and children worldwide.

The positions we will need to fill this year are two positions on the Committee on Nominations.

As we fill these and as others continue in their present roles, I would ask each person to consider things I have recently found in Martha Zaraska's book Growing Young: How Friendship, Kindness and Optimism Can Help You Live to 100, in which she maintains that we are "hard-wired to serve." She replaces the conventional thinking of diet and exercise as keys to a healthier life with convincing arguments and ample evidence that social engagements, kindness and/or serving do much more for achieving longevity.

Each of us has what Zaraska calls a care-giving system with three aspects: serving makes us healthier, makes us happier, and makes God happier because we are hard-wired to serve. And is it not true that God made us that way (Matthew 20:28)?

As we move into the year, I would encourage every officer and those we approach about being a part of the Executive Team to take Martha Zaraska's message to heart. Yes, we will ourselves receive from serving, but our main focus should remain, as it always has been, what others receive from our efforts as there will always be those who will need what United Women in Faith was organized to provide (Deuteronomy 15:11).

Jo Pyatt, Nominations Chair

The Legacy Endowment Fund



In March 1869, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was founded. In March 2019, United Methodist Women turned 150 years old. In March 2022, United Methodist became United Women in Faith. Join in celebrating our past and future by giving to the Legacy Fund, a permanent endowment to ensure the mission of United Women in Faith continues for 150 years and beyond. Visit unitedmethodistwomen.org/150 or call 800-278-7771.

(March/April *response Magazine*, p.45)

Historian **What's In a Name?**

Changing our name to *United Women in Faith* (no longer United Methodist Women) may come as a surprise or a shock. But a name change is not new. The **response** magazine article* which introduced the new name stated that during 150 years we have had 25 names among our predecessor groups. This change may seem sudden, but it is the first in 50 years!

The names of the earliest societies in the mid-1800's identified the groups they were working for/with: Foreign missions (now called international partners) and Home missions (now called National Mission Institutions and partners.)

The names of the first groups – Woman's/Women's Missionary societies stressed the fact that women were reaching out to other women and children, an unheard of undertaking at the time. Later names added the concepts of outreach, service and ministry: Woman's Society of Christian Service and Women's Society of World Service.

The then "new" organization, United Methodist Women, created in 1972, affirmed our identity within the new United Methodist Church.

And so, in 2022 we've become *United Women in Faith*. "[The change] includes a new look, new feel and new and improved programs designed to better nurture current members and welcome new members into our sisterhood to put their love in action too." *

Barbara E. Campbell, Blue Ridge District Historian

- March/April issue, response magazine, page 32. This issue also includes maps and listings of people, projects and programs supported by Mission Giving.
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Hygiene Kit Materials

One hand towel (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches)

One washcloth

One comb with at least 6 inches of teeth

One toenail or fingernail clipper

Bath-size soap (3 oz. or larger; no Ivory or Jergen's soap; do not remove from packaging)

One adult toothbrush (Do not remove from packaging)

10 adhesive bandages (3/4 by 3 inches)

One one-gallon size re-sealable bag

\$2 per kit for the cost of toothpaste and shipping

**Blue Ridge District
United Women in Faith**

**2022 Frances Yelton Scholarship Form to Mission u and
Annual Meeting**

One scholarship to Mission u and one scholarship to the Conference Annual Meeting will be given this year. Each unit is encouraged to submit a name or names of anyone interested who will be a first time attendee. Please complete this form and return to the District President by the following dates:

Mission u: June 1, 2022 Annual Meeting: August 1, 2022

Name: _____ Church: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Adult or Youth? _____

Please check the event you are applying for. You may apply for both.

_____ Mission u (July 14-16)

_____ Annual Celebration (September 15-17)

Provide a short biographical sketch of yourself, including your participation in United Women in Faith.

Why do you wish to attend Mission u or Conference Annual Meeting?

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Mail to District President-Gwen Harris, 215 Grand View Lane, Burnsville, NC 28714.

The logo features the words "TURN IT UP!" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. "TURN" is positioned above "IT UP!". The text is set against a circular background that is split into two colors: a teal top half and a purple bottom half. The purple part of the circle has a white shadow effect, making it look like a sticker or a button.

**TURN
IT UP!**

ASSEMBLY 2022

MAY 20 – 22, 2022
ORLANDO CONVENTION CENTER
WWW.ASSEMBLY2022.ORG

In 2022 we will reflect on today's challenges and together find comfort and strength to move forward, building new ways for faith-filled women to make a difference in our communities and the world. We will recommit to our purpose, but also more. For such a time as this we will **TURN IT UP!**

TURN IT UP! for spiritual healing and renewal
TURN IT UP! for rebirth in a new time
TURN IT UP! for women leaders
TURN IT UP! for justice for women, children and youth

Come to Orlando to care for your spirit, worship with your sisters and celebrate the positive impact women create in the world.

For more information contact:

Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women
Central United Methodist Church
27 Church Street
Asheville, NC 28801-1218

Mark Your Calendars for 2022

May 20 – 22 – Assembly –Orlando, Florida

Conference Events 2022

June 9-11 – Spiritual Growth Retreat – Lake Junaluska

July 14-16 – Mission u – Pfeiffer College

September 9-11 – Annual Celebration – Lake Junaluska

October 1, 8 & 15 – Unbuntu Days of Service – Various Locations

October 22 – Leadership Development Day – Zoom

District Events February-June

March 26 – District Mission Study – (10:00 – 12:00); March 28 – (6:30-8:00)

Zoom, with Smoky Mountain

April 30 – Prayer Breakfast –Marion First – 10:00 A.M.

June 25 – BR District Book Club – 10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.