

Newsletter

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2020
MISSION STUDY
"Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom"
Live and In-person—March 12th



STUDY LEADER: Anita Fox, CVD Program Resource Dir.

PLACE: Pisgah UMC 2582 Gastonia Highway, Lincolnton NC 28092

TIME: 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM—includes a short lunch break

LUNCH: Bring Your Own Lunch—Drinks will be provided.

REGISTRATION: All attendees must register. There is **No Registration Fee**. Please register as soon as possible by email at cvdcomm@gmail.com or by regular mail to: Gwen Perkins 2646 Jacobs Rd. Gastonia, NC

Include first and last names of attendees and your church name. We need to have all registrations in by Monday March 7th

HANDS ON MISSION FOR THIS PROGRAM:



HESD HOUSE OF HOPE

100 Ann Gaither Court
Lincolnton, NC 28092

The Hessed House of Hope is a non-profit organization and is currently the only homeless shelter in Lincoln County. So with kindness, we blend our collective hearts as one to shelter and feed those in need.

PLEASE BRING WHAT YOU CAN

- CURRENT NEEDS:**
- Paper towels Toilet Paper
 - Paper plates Plastic cutlery
 - Sugar Coffee creamer
 - Laundry Detergent HE
 - Cleaning Supplies of all kinds



President's Note

Greetings Catawba Valley District Women:

As we start a new year of Mission for Women, infants, and youth, we welcome all new officers of the churches in the Catawba Valley District. Your District Officers (sometimes called the Executive Team) have already met to create the Calendar of Events for 2022. You will find the calendar on page 9 of this newsletter.

We hope all of you are as excited as we are to see the return to in person meetings (Mission Study—March 12th on page 1) and who will be there. Even though we will still have some Covid protocols in place, we can still have a wonderful time of sharing and are looking forward to safely meeting face to face once again.

Please check the slate of District Officers on page 10. You will find contact information for all the current officers there. Also please take the time to look at all the open positions. Our nominations team is down to only two people and we lost three officers last year and regained only two. So pray for the efforts we put forth to keep our District going this year. Also be sure to look carefully at the page 8 "Message from Nominations" and prayerfully consider how you can help.

Also there are lots of good things coming up in June at the Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska is what you crave. We hope lots of you will attend.

Ever Hopeful,
Janet Bjork-Colton
President - Catawba Valley District

2 Corinthians 5:5 "The Spirit of God whets our appetite for what's ahead. He's given us a little of heaven in our hearts, so we will never settle for less."

P.S. Always remember to check the conference website frequently. You will find a treasure trove of information there on all things Methodist Women and more. The site is: www.wnccumw.org



United Methodist Women 2022 Reading Program

Since many of you are new, we wanted to explain the Reading Program again. The **Reading Program** is a cherished United Methodist Women tradition that brings together members in mission as they explore, share and discuss the books.

To participate, select one of our four plans and start reading! From captivating novels and heartfelt biographies to urgent messages about issues such as climate change and mass incarceration, there's something for everyone.

Reading Program books are divided into five categories and are available for people of all ages and reading levels. As you read, track your progress using the Reporting Form. When you submit the Report of Completion Requirements, you will be recognized with a Certificate of Recognition.

Earning your Certificate of Recognition is just one way to show what you've gained from the Reading Program. The Reading Program is not meant to be completed alone or in a vacuum. As you read, consider taking one or more of the following actions:

Track Your Progress

Share the program with United Methodist Women members and members of the community.

Help people attain books. Distribute this guide.

Connect with local and district groups. Start a book club, download books onto an e-reader to pass around and share, present book reviews at group meetings.

Display a progress chart in your church for all who wish to participate, and post displays to encourage book sales.

Pray. Books often raise concerns about people, countries and issues. Bring these concerns to God during your prayer time at home and at group meetings.

Advocate for tangible change. Many Reading Program books address issues such as climate change, mass incarceration, immigration and racism. Organize a task force to address these issues in your community.

God bless you as you pray, study, act and organize in Christ's name.

Where to Find Books

You might notice that books in this publication are not listed with stock numbers; nor will you find the usual order form and shipping information. For the first time, this year United Methodist Women members will obtain Reading Program books exclusively through third parties—libraries, local bookstores and online. Think of this resource not as a catalog, as in past years, but as a guide.

Although Amazon is always a convenient option, please consider obtaining Reading Program books through:

School and public libraries

Local independent bookstores

Franchises of larger bookstore chains

As always, most Reading Program books can also be found for reading electronically on your Kindle, tablet or other devices. For e-books free of charge, check your local library, Google eBook store, Project Gutenberg or Open Library.

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READING PROGRAM CONTINUED...

Why Read??? We are all Adults but have we learned it ALL? I had a friend who explained the necessity by the phrase “Don’t worry, they are from Off”.

In this case, “Off” meant off the mountain or not from around here; a cut for the person being discussed but a coping mechanism for the audience.

Reading helps us be inclusive. We don’t have to leave the couch to empathize about the scars of severe poverty, being behind bars, or any other abuse. Our Reading Program gives us a Faith Based perspective about our World. So grab a book and learn about “Off”.

Come to the District Meeting, learn about God’s Kin-dom, our Kin-ship and gain insights on how to deal with the others who are “Off”.

Thanks,
Anita Fox
Program Resources

Contact the Reading Program Specialist

Andris Salter administrates the program and welcomes book recommendations, as well as questions and suggestions about the reading program. She has updated the Reading List since its initial publication. To see the updated book list go to:

Unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram

You can find links to reading lists, requirements, and much more here on the website. You can also Read the updated Reading Program letter from Andris Salter:

e-mail:
asalter@unitedmethodistwomen.org
phone: 212-870-3733

When suggesting a book please include the title, author, publisher, date of publication and price.



Winter is the perfect time for reading!

Spiritual Growth Retreat 2022



Come to the Water

Spiritual Growth Retreat 2022

Thursday, June 9 - Saturday, June 11

Lake Junaluska

In-person and Live Streaming

Retreat Leader: Rev. Tammy Ingram

Music Leaders: Amy Johnson & Donna Cooke

Retreat Registration opened on our website on February 15th.

Housing Reservations for Lake Junaluska hotels and apartments **open on February 15th, by phone.**

Complete Information and Registration link is available on our website!



Retreat Leader:

Rev. Tammy Ingram

Bass Chapel / Raleigh's Crossroads

Northern Piedmont District



A Little Bird said:

REGISTER SOON—HOUSING FILLS UP QUICKLY

Visit the conference website below for additional details and to register:

Wncumw.org/events/spiritual-growth-retreat-2022/



“Come to the Water”

WNCC UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat

June 9-11, 2022

Register online beginning in February.

Make hotel reservations by calling the Lake Junaluska reservations department at 1-800-222-4930.

(Be sure you ask for the UMW group rate.)

See you at the Lake!

Housing Information:

Terrace Hotel (2 nights lodging, 5 meals, taxes included) **Per Person:**

Single \$369.00 Double \$229.00 Triple \$197.00 Quad \$166.00

Lambuth Inn Renovated (2 nights lodging, 5 meals, taxes included) **Per Person:**

Single \$346.00 Double \$217.00 Triple \$186.00 Quad \$170.00

Lambuth Inn Economy/Junaluska Apartments **Per Person Per Night**, taxes extra:

(No meals included but meals may be added):

Single \$90.00 Double \$45.00 Triple \$35.00 Quad \$30.00

Catawba Valley District Treasurer's Report

Greetings Catawba Valley District Treasurers and Members,

Getting a new year underway is always an awesome task. Having computer problems and then very unexpected printer problems has made it even more difficult. But here we go. I certainly hope that your year has begun without any hiccups.

The Western North Carolina Conference of UMW met and exceeded its pledged goal for 2021. We had a goal of \$500,000 and we exceeded that by a little over \$4,000. Considering this was a Covid-19 year that was marvelous. Give your selves a pat on the back.

The letter to the local treasures and presidents will be completed in the next couple of days and hopefully mailed by the end of the week. In that letter I plan to share our financial data for 2021 and upcoming dates that you need to put on your calendar. The close of the first quarter for 2022 will be coming up at the end of February and your reports will be due to me on March 10. If you haven't sent the contact information for your treasurer and president, please do so now. It is difficult to send you information, if you haven't provided this vital information to me. Please call me if you have questions about your report.

Looking forward to working with all of you.

Catawba Valley District UMW Treasurer
Gaye Dagenhart
cvdtreasurer@gmail.com
(828) 381-2716

Nominations Committee Message

With things gradually getting back to normal we are able to get together as a body of Christ believers to do the work of United Methodist Women. We are all called to be the hands and feet of Jesus. In John 13:14-16, he set the example of what a servant's duties are, and with that being said we hope that you would find it in your hearts to step in a new and different way. We know that there are unique talents and gifts you would can share with the District Team. Please don't think that you have nothing to share, God has given us all something, maybe you are just the person we need.

Please look at the District Officer list on **page 10** and note the OPEN positions Please be in prayer and if you or someone know wants to be of service, contact Linda Reep or Vickie Boyd. If you would like to see a position description for any of the openings, please contact Gwen Perkins. (All their contact info is on the Officer list

The Secretary's Message

Hi everyone:

Let me introduce myself. I am the new Secretary of the Catawba Valley District. My name is Kim Arrowood. I attend Pisgah UMC in Lincolnton. I live in the Laboratory area. I have been a member of Pisgah for approximately 9 years. For the last 4 years I have served as president of our UMW group. I look forward to fulfilling my duties at my new position and working with the women of the Catawba Valley District.

Kim

Don't Forget

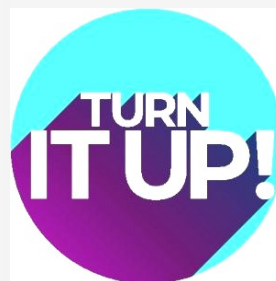
United Methodist Women

Assembly 2022

May 20-22, 2022 ♦ Orlando, Florida

Turn It Up!

For more information go to :Www.wnccumw.org





2022

Calendar of Events

Catawba Valley District UMW



March 12 th 2022 Mission Study leader: Anita Fox "Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom" Pisgah UMC 2582 Gastonia Hwy Lincolnton, NC 28092 10:00AM - 2:00PM Bring your bag lunch & donation for Hessed House		
March 26 th at Messiah UMC	10AM	Executive team meeting
April 30 Prayer Retreat Speaker : Janet Reep-Morgan 10AM - 12noon Place: TBD		
May 20—22 Assembly 2022 Orlando Florida		
June 9-11 Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat Lake Junaluska		
June 25 th	Time and Place TBD	Executive team
August 13 th District Annual Meeting Speaker : Ann Aldridge 10AM - Noon place TBD		
Fall Executive Team Meeting—TBD		
November 5th CVD Leadership Development Day As in past, to be started with Conference Support Team		

United Methodist Women's 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 of the church.

Catawba Valley District UMW Officer Team - 2022			
Office	Name	Address	Phone and Email
President	Janet Bjork Colton	516 Roderet St. S Valdese, NC 28690	828-205-4157 jntcltn61@gmail.com
Vice President	OPEN		
Secretary	Kim Arrowood	3681 Laboratory Rd Lincolnton, NC 28092	704-813-8504 Kimarrowood@live.com
MNO	OPEN		
Treasurer	Gaye Dagenhart	29 31st Ave. Court NE 30 Hickory, NC 28601	828-381-2716 gpd719@hotmail.com
Social Action	OPEN		
Communications Coordinator	Gwen Perkins	2646 Jacobs Rd Gastonia, NC 28054	704-300-9553 cvdcomm@gmail.com
Spiritual Growth Coordinator	OPEN		
Mission Education & Interpretation	OPEN		
Parliamentarian	OPEN		
Historian	OPEN		
Nominating Chair	OPEN		
Program Resources	Anita Fox	2430 Mountain Laurel Ln Morganton, NC 28655	828-390-6349 Taco582001@yahoo.com
Nominations - Burke	OPEN		
Nominations - Catawba	OPEN		
Nominations - Cleveland	OPEN		
Nominations - Gaston	Vicki Boyd	2305 Hillside Dr Dallas, NC 28034	704-922-3241 vwboyd@bellsouth.net
Nominations - Lincoln	Linda Reep	4780 Grigg Rd Lincolnton, NC 28092	704-276-2150 lindareep@charter.net
Conference Liaison	Ann Aldridge	2542 Silverbrook Court Morganton, NC 28655	828-443-7414 ahaldridge1@charter.net