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UWF Appalachian District News
Third Quarter 2022

AppaLadies

In Mission



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I am still on a spiritual high after attending United Women in Faith Assembly in May in Orlando, Florida and our WNCC UWF Spiritual Growth Retreat in June. The SGR theme was “Come to the Water” led by Rev. Tammy Ingram. Many of us did come to the waters of Lake Junaluska and the thirst in our spiritual souls was certainly quenched.

Ladies, when you choose not to come to these uplifting events that take months of prayerful planning, you are missing out on opportunities to bond and worship with your sisters in faith and form meaningful relationships. We are truly a sisterhood. Please begin to make plans to be a part of our upcoming Conference and District Events and consider attending Assembly 2026 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Writer Sherri Curry stated, “Too often the ‘I-Can-Handle-It-Myself’ society we live in seems to promote loneliness rather than friendship. Friends are an important part of sharing the burden and worry of each day.” Come to our events! We want to be your friend! We cherish YOUR friendship.

I have been told that some units do not like all the things they think or believe that they have been told they must do in order to be involved in United Women in Faith. They want to do projects or activities that interest them. I say, “Go For It!” You are not required to do the things listed on the Mission Today checklist or the Justice Today checklist. Furthermore, you are not required to present programs from the Program Resource Booklet. These are tools for you to use if you want to use them. If these do not appeal to your group, plan activities that do appeal to you and programs that strengthen your faith. There are many other tools for you on the United Women in Faith website, www.uwfaith.org and on our Conference website, www.wnccumw.org. We invite you to share your unique ideas with us. Send me an email about your successes!

Something else I hear is that groups do not want to give all their money to UWF; they want it to go to local missions. AppaLadies in Mission, we don't want you to give ALL your money through UWF. The expectation is that you spend some of your funds on your local missions as well as funds you need to nurture your members and grow your membership. It is an individual decision as to what portion you will give through UWF channels. Traditionally, the guideline has been to keep 40% of the funds you raise for Missions and send 60% to support the many worthy missions supported by UWF.



United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

District Annual
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Conference Annual Celebration

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Remember that is a guideline and is to be decided by each local unit. As long as your unit gives annually to United Women in Faith, you are considered an active local UWF unit. You may read all about our mission projects in *response* magazine and on-line at the aforementioned website.

Feel free to contact me whenever you have questions and if I don't know the answer, I have some very knowledgeable friends who do!

Love, peace and joy,

Linda (LindaLu) Greer

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Vice-President

Wow – 3rd quarter already! For those who joined together at Lake Junaluska for our Spiritual Growth Retreat, what a true blessing this retreat was - great fellowship, fun and informative breakout sessions, wonderful worship and such a dynamic Retreat Leader and Music Team. I do hope that those who did not attend will consider attending Mission u at Pfeiffer University in July and/or our WNCC Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska in September. When we gather together, we energize and draw strength and knowledge from each other.

Our next Appalachian District event is our District Annual Celebration at Union Grove UMC (see the Annual Celebration flyer in this newsletter for details.) This is a time to celebrate each other for unit mission accomplishments for 2021, to review and approve our proposed District 2023 budget, and to elect and install our 2023 Appalachian District Officers. I hope that many of you will take time to attend and be a part of celebrating each other!

If there is anything I can do to help you, please don't hesitate to call, text or email me.

Blessings, Jan Taylor

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2022 Annual Celebration

September 9-11, 2022
In-Person, at Lake
Junaluska

Special Guest Speaker:
Tamara Clark, Treasurer
and
CFO, United Women in
Faith

Mission Speaker: Tracey
Owens, Deaconess serving
at Brooks-Howell

Registration will be
ONLINE, opening June 21,
2022.



Mission Education and Interpretation

“Just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see also that you excel in the grace of giving.” 2 Corinthians 8:7

The Appalachian District Women in Faith Units have been practicing giving by participating in Hands On Mission projects this spring. At the District Prayer Breakfast in March, units graciously provided approximately \$551.00 in school supplies for the Bethlehem Community Center in Winston-Salem. Deborah Forrest, Executive Director, expressed her gratitude for these gifts in support of the Center’s mission. Over \$310.00 in diapers and \$75.00 in cash and gift card donations were collected for the Caring Hearts Pregnancy Center in Taylorsville at the District Mission Study in April. The Appalachian District Annual Celebration will be in August. The Hands On Mission Project will be the Veterans and Community Market sponsored through Union Grove United Methodist Church. Donations of peanut butter and healthy cereals will be much appreciated.

Let’s not forget Mission u 2022, July 14-16, Pfeiffer University centered around the biblical exploration of Luke 13. Registration is open through July 1.

Blessings as you continue to grow in your mission efforts.

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A message from your district parliamentarian...

Greetings dear Sisters,

I enjoyed seeing you at Spiritual Growth 2022 at Lake Junaluska! What a blessing it was to be in person once again.

The following section is from our Standing Rules Article III Committees. Hopefully it will help us all to clarify our officers and committee meeting guidelines.



SECTION 1 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

The Administrative Committee shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian. The President may call a meeting of the Administrative Committee to transact only emergency business in the interim between meetings of the Executive Committee. The committee cannot change declared policy, the budget, or incur indebtedness.

SECTION 2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Mission Team)

A. The Executive Committee shall be composed of those elected (including Committee on Nominations) and appointed leaders and others as specified in the Bylaws of the United Methodist Women in the District.

B. Other persons related to the Executive Committee with voice and vote are the Parliamentarian, the Historian, and the Members at Large.

C. A majority of Committee members present shall constitute a quorum.”

I pray these tidbits help you. Together we are United Women in Faith!

Blessings,

Sherry Summerlin, Parliamentarian

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Social Action

Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matt 19:14)

Our faith teaches us that children and youth are specially cherished. Yet here in the United States many children and youth of color are regularly funneled into the school-to-prison pipeline. Harmful policies and practices divert youth away from educational success, wrongly rerouting children towards the criminal justice system. Schools' overreliance on school-based police contributes to this harmful trend. The federal government can help address this issue by passing the Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools Act (H.R.4011/S.2125).

The Gospel calls us to interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline. Urge your Representative and Senators to sign on as cosponsors for the Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools Act.

To read the full text of the bills, see here (Senate bill S.2125) and here (House bill H.R.4011).

Nominations

Hello!

Hope this summer is finding you doing well. Covid is still among us so let us still be safe, and look in on our shut-ins, especially our older friends and neighbors.

That time is among us and we are searching for willing vessels to be on our district team. Here are the positions we need for our district officers:

1. Secretary position
2. Communications
3. Nominations (we need one person to fill this slot) class of 2024.

We are so happy to have Brenda Jones coming on nominations, she comes to us from First Taylorsville. Thank you, Brenda, for coming on our district team!

My sisters, if you have someone in mind who would love to serve on our district United Women in Faith, please contact me.

Thank you so much and I pray your summer will be filled with blessings!

Because He Lives,

Roberta Walker, Nominations Chairperson

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Hello from Membership Nurture and Outreach.

As United Women in Faith, we need to remember that our membership is not only for Methodist Women, but all women of Faith. So grow your membership by reaching out to friends of Faith that would be a benefit to your unit or a benefit to them. Focusing on Faith and reaching out to others with mission work will improve our outlook on life and help those in need. We all should have a goal of adding new members to reach our Mission Today status.

District officers are assigned to Nurturing Partners. If you are having a special event or regular local unit meeting and would like one of the district officers to attend, just let your Nurturing Partner know and we will have someone there. If you need a special program, our team is standing by with programs like: Call to Prayer and Self Denial; Justice Today; Mission Today; Officer Installation; Pledge Services; Reading Program; World Thank Offering and many more that can be geared to your special needs. Reaching out and getting involved keeps your local unit healthy and creates relationships and community. We'll be looking for you at the District Annual Celebration on Saturday August 20th.

In 2022-2023, with Covid restrictions relaxing, we want to visit all of you. So remember, we are just an email or phone call away.

Micki Earp

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Appalachian District Annual Celebration

Share and celebrate your successes from 2021....



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Celebrating Women in Faith in the Kin-dom

Saturday, August 20, 2022

Registration & light refreshments ~ 9:30 am (preregistration not required)

Meeting ~ 10am-noon

Speaker ~ Rev. Lory Beth Huffman,
WNCC UMC Appalachian District Superintendant

District Officer Installation ~ Nancy Reigel, WNCC UWF Treasurer

Hands on Mission Project: Food for Veterans & Community Food Market
(Greatest needs: peanut butter & healthy cereals)

Love Offering: In Honor of all United Women in Faith

Location: Union Grove UMC

1331 Sloans Mill Road

Union Grove, NC 28689



For childcare, contact: Jan Taylor (336-468-0313) no later than August 6th

Directions to Union Grove UMC:

From Sparta/Elkin areas: Take I-77 South to Exit 65 and keep right to NC-901 North. In 2.1 miles, turn left onto Sloan Mills Road. The church will be on the right.

From Statesville, Hickory, Granite Falls areas: Take I-40 West to I-77 North. In 14 miles, take Exit 65 and keep left to NC-901 North. In 2.3 miles, turn left onto Sloans Mill Road. The church will be on the right.

From Taylorsville/Stony Point/Hiddenite: Take NC-115 North (toward Wilkesboro); turn right onto NC-901 South. In 5.2 miles, turn right onto Sloans Mill Road. The church is on the right. Or take I-40 & follow directions from Statesville.

From Boone & Wilkesboro areas: Take US-421 South to Exit 282 (NC-115 South); keep right toward Statesville. In 12 miles, turn left onto NC-901 South. In 5.2 miles, turn right onto Sloans Mill Road. The church will be on the right.

From Lenoir/Hudson: Take NC-18 to Moravian Falls NC. Turn left on NC-16 North (toward Wilkesboro) and at the 1st traffic light (Country Club Road), turn right. Follow Country Club Road to NC-115 (approx. 4.8 miles.) Turn right onto NC-115 South (toward Statesville.) In 12 miles, turn left onto NC-901 South. In 5.2 miles, turn right onto Sloans Mill Road. The church will be on the right.

Spiritual Growth

Greetings all,

Wow, it's June already! Half of 2022 is already gone. Where did the time go?

I just got home from a very exciting and fulfilling event at Lake Junaluska -- the 2022 Spiritual Growth Retreat. What a great time it was and very well organized. If you were not there you missed a great experience. After three years of not being able to meet in person at the lake, it was great to see everyone again. The theme for this year was "Come to the Water" and it was carried out through music, scripture and special messages, entitled "It's Party Time," "The Thirst Quencher," "There's Something in the Water," and "Come! Eat! Drink! Live!", from Rev. Tamara "Tammy" Ingram, pastor of two churches in Greensboro. It is hard for me to explain the feeling we got from listening to her, you just had to be there. She was accompanied by her husband Rev. Rob Ingram who conducted Holy Communion before we left. We had breakout sessions from knitting to a walk around the lake and after these sessions some of us found that we could make beautiful music with handbells and could use our voices in the UWF Choir. After Communion, it was time for us to come back down the mountain, but as we said good-bye to one another, we knew it would not be three years until we see one another again. There is Mission U at Phieffer University July 14-16 and then September 9-11 Annual Celebration back at Lake Junaluska. I hope to see you at one or both of these events.

As I close, I would like to share these two facts with you:

1. The Bible mentions WATER 722 times.
2. WATER begins and ends the Bible -- Genesis Chapter 1 & 2 and Revelation Chapter 22:17.

Physically and Spiritually we need WATER!

If I can be of help to anyone, please give me a call at 828-612-1519 or email me at jlsipe09@gmail.com.

Until next time, May God Bless You!

Judy Sipe,

Spiritual Growth Coordinator.



INTERRUPT THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE CAMPAIGN

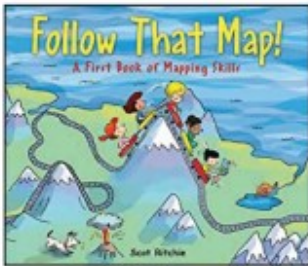
The school-to-prison pipeline is a term describing how children and youth of color are rerouted and funneled away from educational success toward the criminal justice system when they are overpoliced and punished in schools.

To successfully interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline, we must resist efforts to criminalize children of color and move toward comprehensive, community-rooted solutions that offer genuine safety for all children.

READING IS CONNECTING.

Greetings ladies.

I'm thinking of summer. Warm relaxing days sitting by a pool, or the ocean, or just sitting at home curled up with a good book. Reading is a joy wherever I go. I remember the quote by John Wesley, "It cannot be that the people should grow in grace unless they give themselves to reading. A reading people will always be a knowing people." Reading takes us away from our own world, informs us, entertains us, and challenges us. This summer, challenge yourself to read a book from each reading program category. If you want a short read, try a children's book. Here is a suggestion from Reading Program Catalog 2021-2022 <https://www.umwmissionresources.org/downloads/ReadingProgramCatalog2021.pdf>. Summer is the time when we find women to fill leadership positions. Let this story encourage you to figure out how God is pushing you to step out and lead and serve others.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (2021) FOLLOW THAT MAP! A FIRST BOOK OF MAPPING SKILLS by SCOT RITCHIE LEE. Pablo and his friends want to spend the last day of summer at Coney Island. They can ride bumper cars or play ring toss—there's so much to do! But first, they need to figure out how to get there from their neighborhood. It's a long trip, so it's a good thing Pablo has his trusty maps. This early chapter book is part of a series about five friends from diverse backgrounds navigating the world around them.

As in the previous year, United Women of Faith 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 can be found electronically. You can read them on a laptop, tablet, e-reader or other device. While Amazon is 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, Amazon's charitable giving page, and select "United Methodist Women" as your charitable organization. For all eligible purchases made on smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate 0.5% to United Methodist Women. It is still listed as United Methodist Women. Be sure to choose the one in New York. As of June 2022, \$2,157.37 has been donated through Amazon sales.

Don't forget to bring books to trade at the District Annual Celebration at Union Grove UMC on Saturday, August 20, I hope to see you there.

Blessings,
District Secretary of Program Resources
Brenda Kimberlin

Local Leadership Day

Saturday, November 5
Granite Falls UMC

Notes from our Treasurer:

Greetings to all!

The Appalachian District United Women in Faith pledged \$48,000 to Missions for 2022. We are at the half way point of giving for this year. With that being said (written), we are NOT half way at meeting that goal with \$13,513.50 received for the first two quarters. Have our members stopped giving? NO, members do continue to give faithfully in support of our Mission. That is something to celebrate!! The problem is retention of current members, recruitment of new members, and units no longer meeting.

Remind your unit members that when they make a gift through United Women in Faith, they can be confident it will be used to make the greatest impact where it matters the most, for women, children and youth around the world. Their gifts help make an impact on today's key social issues such as climate justice, racial justice and equality. Spiritual growth and nurturing opportunities are provided to support inspiring programs that enable sisters to explore their faith and nurture their souls.

The Appalachian District United Women in Faith "Leadership Team" is in the process of developing the Proposed Budget 2023 to be approved on August 20, 2022 at Union Grove United Methodist Church at the Annual Meeting. Please be in prayer for the committee and the budget.

Make plans to attend the Appalachian District Annual Meeting and the Western North Carolina Conference United Women in Faith 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 email, call (leave a message if I do not answer) or TXT.

**In His Service,
Nancy Johnson, District Treasurer
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Western North Carolina Conference

Annual Celebration Registration:

(Begins June 21, 2022)

- All registration is online. There will be no on-site registration.
- All attendees must be fully vaccinated and up to date on COVID boosters. Go to www.wnccumw.org for more details
- Get a DISCOUNT! Register early! Online registration, June 21 through August 15 is only \$25.00 per person! August 16 through September 7, registration is \$40 per person. Use the online registration link on our website at www.wnccumw.org.
- Registration fees are non-fundable and, because of our COVID 19 safety measures, registration fees are also non-transferable
- Register yourself AND others! Our online registration is for one person at a time, but one person can do multiple individual registrations using the same email address. Thanks for helping other members of your local unit to register online — especially those who may not use a computer!
- Contact us if you have a question about registration.

What: 49th Annual Celebration

Celebrating 153 Years in Mission

When: September 9-11, 2022

Registration begins 2pm; Program 6:45pm

Where: Lake Junaluska, Harrell Center

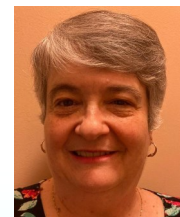
Keynote Weekend Speaker:

Tamara Clark, Treasurer and CFO, United Women in Faith



Mission Speaker: Tracey

Owens Deaconess serving at Brooks-Howell



Musician: Richard Ramsey

Hands-On Mission: Gift in Memory/Gift to Mission Cards and UMCOR Hygiene Kits

Turn It Up! Saturday Afternoon :

UWFaith Choir led by Richard Ramsey
New Wineskins led by Molly Welch
Jazzercizing 4 Jesus led by LaDonna Butts

Turn It Up! Highlights:

- Hosting Missionaries for Lunch
- The Celebration Continues...- Saturday Night Entertainment
- UWF Choir on Sunday
- Inspiration Point, Rose Walk, Susanna Wesley Garden, Biblical Garden, Corneille Bryan Native Garden, 2.3-mile Lakeside Walking Trail

Hostess District: Blue Ridge

Complete information about Annual Celebration is available on our website:

www.wnccumw.org

Mark your calendar!

Contact Persons:

Annual Celebration Program

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Lake Junaluska
Conference & Retreat
Center, P. O. Box 67
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

Reservations Phone #:

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Lake Junaluska Reservations:

**Housing Reservations
Open June 21, 2022**

To book Lake Junaluska
lodging for
Annual Celebration

Group Code : 86319

- **Call the Lake Junaluska reservations department at 1-800-222-4930.**
- Then select 1 for the Reservations Department, and the next available agent will be glad to assist you. The Lake Junaluska reservations team is on duty from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.



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2022 Annual Celebration

September 9-11, 2022 - Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Lake Junaluska Accommodations & Rates

The Terrace or Lambuth Inn*

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, mini fridge, coffee maker, elevator, free WI-FI) Room tax is 11%

Rates are per room, per day, room & meals, before applicable taxes

	The Terrace Room per night	Lambuth Inn Room per night	Weekend 5-Meal Package*
Single	\$125.00	\$120.00	+\$75.00
Double	\$125.00	\$120.00	+\$75.00
Triple	\$145.00	\$135.00	+\$75.00
Quad	\$165.00	\$150.00	+\$75.00

*Lake Junaluska operates The Terrace and Lambuth Inn on an American Plan, and meals are required with the room.

NOTE: NO SUNDAY Lunch will be provided in this package!

Apartments (meals optional)

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, free WI-FI, Plus 1 roll-away bed)

Rates are per room, per day, no meals, before 11% applicable taxes.

Single	\$95.00
Double	\$95.00
Triple	\$105.00
Quad	\$115.00

**NOTE: PHOTO ID and CREDIT CARD required for EACH PERSON at Check-In
Payment by Credit Card or Cash....NO CHECKS!**

Lake Junaluska Lodging Information:

Event lodging reservation deposit is equal to the first night's lodging and is due at the time of reservation. Any rooms not reserved with a Lodging Reservations Deposit will be released into general availability 30 days prior to an event. Individual lodging reservations deposit refund policy: 15 days or more before an event receive a full refund minus \$15 processing fee; 14 days or less before an event will not receive a refund.

EXPRESS CHECK-IN: To expedite check-in time, pay room in full at time of reservation or when contacted via email in advance of meeting and make any roommate changes.

CHECK IN TIME for all facilities is 4:00pm; check out is 11:00am.
Photo ID and CREDIT CARD for each person for incidentals required at Check-In. For those who do not have a credit card, the Lake suggests purchasing prepaid credit card prior to arrival.

Meal Information:

NOTE: NO Sunday Lunch in this package!

The room rate that shows on your confirmation letter is the room rate only, meals are an additional cost. Meals are optional for Apartments. Guests staying in Apartments may purchase package at \$75.00 per person for 5 consecutive meals. Children 4 through 11 years of age receive meals at half price, 3 years of age and under eat free. **A 5-meal package of \$75.00 per person will automatically be added for each person staying in The Terrace or Lambuth Inn (dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch & dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday).**

(7% NC tax and 8% gratuity will be added to all meal charges)