



United
Women
in Faith

Newsletter

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2022 Annual Celebration "Be Brave and Don't Lose Heart"

Live and In-person—August 13th

PROGRAM LEADER: Joanie Strohm, Conference President

PLACE: First Gastonia UMC, 190 E Franklin Blvd, Gastonia NC

TIME: 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM in the Social Hall

There is **No Registration Fee for this event**. Please register as soon as possible by email at cvdcomm@gmail.com or by regular mail to: Gwen Perkins 3021 Harmon Homestead Rd. Shelby, NC 28150

Include first and last names of attendees and your church name. We need to have all registrations in by Monday August 8

A LOVE OFFERING

will be taken as "An Undesignated Gift to Mission in Recognition of Our Strong Bonds in Faith of all United Women of Faith"

Please use the form below with your offering.

Love Offering - CV District Annual Celebration

Given By: Name _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Unit/Church Name _____

Bring your donation with you to the Annual Celebration or mail directly to the treasurer at: Gaye Dagenhart, 29 31st Ave. Court NE Hickory, NC 28092

TOTAL AMOUNT DONATED _____



President's Note

The last couple of months have been busy from Assembly in May to the Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat, held at Lake Junaluska for the first time in two years. I signed up for the Zoom access of May's Assembly and that was really well put together! Then, the live-streaming of SG Retreat was a great chance to view the four Sessions. I was supposed to be there and was ready to go, but since I twisted my left knee, it swelled and gave me more trouble than my usual pain from Osteo-arthritis and using a cane to move around. Now, I need a walker. That complicates everything. Now, I hear that Mission U is to be a Zoom adventure, too. I hope you sign up for that, there's no charges. Go to www.wnccumw.org

Now, with our 3rd Quarter Newsletter we will prepare for the August Annual Celebration. Our Officers are going to make this a Special Day. We hope you will all come. It's hard to celebrate without you. Read the details on page one of this newsletter and register as soon as possible

I challenge you to keep reading the response magazine, there is a diverse group of writers and every issue is thought-provoking.

A sentence in the Assembly message tells about the New branding happening and adds that, "We are overjoyed to know that FAITH remains the identity we cherish which differentiates our United Women of Faith from purely social- or purely justice- focused organizations."

Our attendance is growing slowly at the in-person meetings held this year. Please come and share our excitement.

Ever Hopeful,
Janet Bjork-Colton

Ps. 46 : 10-11 "God above politics, above everything. Jacob-wrestling God fights for us, God of Angel-Armies protects us." the Message



mission u 2022

Who Can We Be Together?

Building Communities of Hope and Joy

Three Full-time classes:

Mission Study: [Who Can We Be Together: A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13](#)

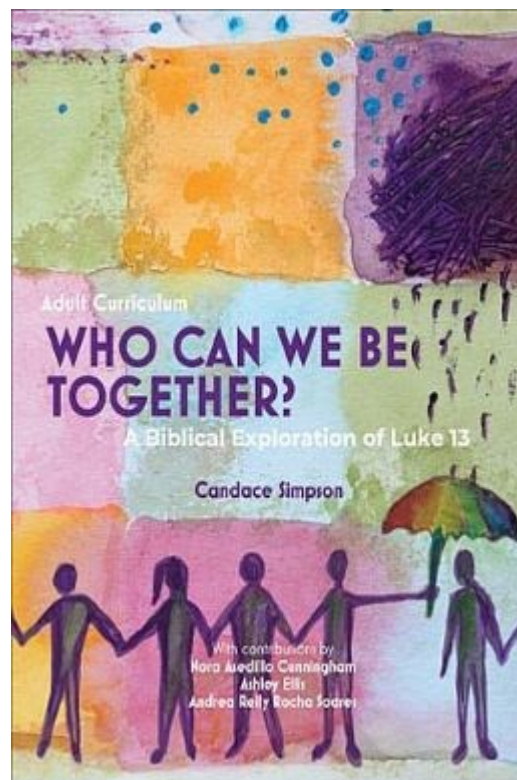
Class times:

Thursday, July 14 - 6:30 to 8:30pm;

Friday, July 15 - 9:00 to 11:00am; 1:00 to 3:00pm;

Saturday, July 16 - 9:00 to 11:00am.

Study leaders: Martha Efird, Eloise Moore, Kim Eller



Two Full Day Overview classes

Mission Study: [Who Can We Be Together: A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13](#)

Class Times:

Friday, July 15th - 10:00am to 2:30pm, OR

Saturday, July 16th - 3:00pm to 7:30pm

Study leader: Rev. Lisa Beth White

Join us for

MISSION U 2022

It is VIRTUAL, it is FREE, and it is THIS WEEK!

Find Out More:

<https://uwfaith.org/events/mission-u/>



New Programs and Tools Coming!

The new tools and programs that will rollout throughout 2022 include:

A new, easier to navigate website. The new website will have a homepage designed to pique the interest of women new to our organization and start them on a journey to membership. The homepage will also include a special portal where members can log in to access resources specially designed for them.

Templates for Soul Care retreats. A pilot member recruitment program will be debuted through which current members invite nonmember friends to themed retreats specially designed to nurture our bodies, minds and souls.

Innovations to Mission u. Beginning in 2022, Mission u will be introducing new curricula each year—one for children, one for youth and one for adults—all focused on a shared biblical theme that incorporates spiritual growth, contemporary issues and how these show up in various geographic areas. The new Mission u curricula will be more accessible and adaptable for use in small groups, local churches, vacation Bible schools, retreats and other settings. Through these vibrant, relevant, justice-oriented and biblically centered curricula, Mission u will continue its commitment to learning together for the transformation of the world and expand its impact.

A new national membership option. This option will enable women to join our sisterhood via our new website. They will learn about and be able to participate in programs and events online or in person. Of course, on-line options and resources will also be available to existing members who already participate in circles and units.

More targeted giving options. Members and nonmembers alike want more options to target their financial gifts to specific programs areas such as Spiritual Growth, National Mission Institutions or international work.

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New Programs and Tools Coming!...cont.

New tools for conference and district treasurers. New tools, like Vanco Faith, will be available to enable treasurers to manage, collect and distribute conference and district finances electronically.

Innovations in the Leadership Development Days programs.

New and improved resources:

Mighty Networks, an exciting new online platform where members can connect, and engage new resources like the Program Resource and Mission u curricula.

The Daily Prayer Guide, an updated replacement of the Prayer Calendar, which offers opportunities for daily devotion and connection.

United Women in Faith 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



Online Registration will open June 21st

- **Registration will be ONLINE only. 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 shown above.
 - **All attendees must be fully vaccinated and up to date on COVID boosters per CDC guidelines.** See more details on our COVID-19 Safety Measures tab above.
 - **Registration fees are non-refundable** 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!
- Our online reservations process through Stripe** to securely process payment of the registration fee. Stripe is a secure, widely used processor of online payments. You will enter your registration information, and then complete your registration by paying online within one hour.

Secretary's Message

Hi Everyone:

We certainly enjoyed 2022 Spiritual Retreat at Lake Junaluska. We had 3 from Pisgah to attend. I always have enjoyed going to the Lake for retreat. This was my 5th time. Rev Tammy Ingram from Greensboro NC was our guest speaker and the theme was Come to the Water. The message was very uplifting. Look forward to next year. Hope many more of you will come.

Kim Arrowood, CVD Secretary



Sunshine On A Stem

Editors Message:

Hello Everyone :

I do so hope that many of you plan to attend our Annual Celebration on August 13, at First United Methodist Church in Gastonia. The District Officers are planning a very nice program which I am sure you will enjoy.

I also hope many of you will be able to take advantage of the Mission U programs coming up July 14-16. It will be virtual so there is NO COST and no TRAVEL involved. So as soon as you get this newsletter in your email, go ahead and register. In addition, you may or may not realize that some of our ladies only receive their newsletter by SNAIL mail and may not receive it in time to register for Mission U. and I sincerely apologize for that. So please, reach out to your ladies that don't have email and help sign them up if needed.

I look forward to seeing you soon.....Gwen

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Nominations - Catawba	OPEN		
Nominations - Cleveland	OPEN		
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READING PROGRAM

Reading is not just for pleasure. Sometimes it jogs our thoughts and makes us examine another aspect of an issue. We all see news, whether it be CNN or FOX, we make our decisions based on the facts which are presented. Ever thought how much each side sounds like a small child trying to avoid repercussions or an adult wanting you to only see their side of argument. In life, we have legal means to make judgements. Whether you agree or not, we have had several issues hit the news lately. Several books on our Reading list fit into the thought processes. Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times, by Bishop Michael Curry shows us a way to live in love. He was the Officiant at the wedding of Prince Harry and Megan Markle.

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate portrays another side of adoption. And of course, Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly. This one has become a wonderful movie if you want a family night.

Enjoy the rest of your Summer and beat the heat with a good book or a movie. See you August 13th. Tell me your opinions.

Anita

2022

Calendar of Events

Catawba Valley District United Women in Faith

Mission U ONLINE VIRTUAL SESSIONS July 14-16 REGISTER NOW—See complete schedule on page 3		
August 13 th	District Annual Celebration Speaker : Joanie Strohm 10AM - Noon First United Methodist Church Gastonia NC REGISTER NOW— see page 1	
Conference Annual Meeting—Turn It Up Sept 9-11 Lake Junaluska See page 5		
Fall Executive Team Meeting— September 17th First Valdese UMC		
October 22 - Conerence Leadership Development Day November 5th CVD Leadership Development Day		



UNITED WOMEN In FAITH

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
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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

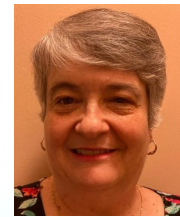
Keynote Weekend Speaker:

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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**Questions & Assistance
Online Registration**

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Center, P. O. Box 67
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

Reservations Phone #:

1-800-222-4930 (Toll Free)

**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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Western North Carolina Conference

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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)