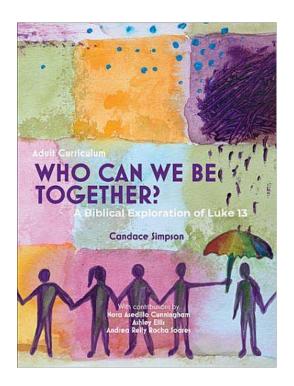
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# Blue Ridge District Newsletter United Women in Faith

We are a community of women whose purpose is to know God and 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.



### TURN IT UP! WITH MISSION STUDY

When – Saturday, March 18 - (10:00am – 12:00pm) & Monday, March 20 - (6:30 – 8:30pm) on ZOOM

Study – Who Can We Be Together: A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13

Study Leader – Kim Eller (She has served as a mission study workshop leader several times. Most recently, she served as the Chair of the WNCC UMW Committee on Nominations.)

The Blue Ridge, Smoky Mountain, and Northern Piedmont Districts will be participating in this mission study together. To register, go to wnccumw.org, click on Districts and then District Events 2023, find the Blue Ridge pink box, click on Zoom Mission Study and then Zoom Registration Link.

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### A Message from Your President

New beginnings always excite me. Knowing where I've been helps me know where I want to go. Using that concept, I want to share information gleaned from your End of Year Reports that informs and challenges us.

In 2022, we lost units and members to disaffiliations and church closures, but we're entering 2023 with 43 units and nearly a thousand members.

The reports show that many units added new members. Central UWF, our largest unit with 108 members, added a new circle with 16 members! They are newly retired women eager to become more involved in their churches and communities.

We are a district of small units. Twenty-three of our forty-three units have fifteen or fewer members, while eleven of those have ten or fewer. Our smallest unit has four members, but a member of one of those units told me how important the connection to UWF is to them.

The reports show how involved we are in local, national, and international ministries. Locally, our units support similar ministries: women's shelters, backpack programs, school supplies, Christmas gifts for children, food pantries, work with the homeless and the elderly, and B.E.A.R. closets, among others.

Some units are also involved in unique ministries at home and further afield. Skyland is sending layette kits to Alaska while St. Paul's collects cloth bags for fishermen in Willow, AK. Oak Grove church/UWF goes annually to West Virginia with supplies for a coal mining community. Groce partners with a UWF unit in Kentucky to help victims from last summer's devastating, killing storms. Spruce Pine's UWF/church is using the church fellowship hall for homeless people in Mitchell County. Through Ministry of Hope, Black Mountain participates in the Read-Me-A-Story Program. Their unit donates books to women in a nearby correctional facility. The women read/record the books and then send both the tape and the book to their biological or adopted child.

Internationally, units supported war-torn Ukraine, Agape in Armenia, scholarships for girls in Kenya, and Liberia with help to buy a van.

I began by saying your EOY data offers challenges. One challenge is the gap between the amount we give locally and the amount we pledge. We <u>must</u> support our local communities. However, we must not forget that we are a global organization. The national and international mission institutions we celebrate in the Prayer Guide, *response*, podcasts, etc., cannot exist without the pledge, the lifeblood of UWF. I close by recommending that as local units we compare the amount of our pledge with our total giving. If, as I expect, our pledge is quite a bit less than our total giving, let's consider how we can better balance the two. Let's live into our heritage of generous giving via the pledge!

### **Gwen Harris**

### Vice President

Welcome to 2023 and another new year with United Women in Faith. As each new year begins, we always seem to make New Year's Resolutions. What better resolution to make than a renewed or continued dedication to United Women in Faith? We love our sisterhood so much. This is a good time to resolve to be more active in our group.

We have so many things to be excited about. Great care is taken to provide opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship with one another. District Book Clubs, Mission Study, and Prayer Breakfast are all being planned for the first half of the year. Please plan on joining us. Conference events will begin in June with our Spiritual Growth Retreat.

Take advantage of the resources available to you by using the Prayer Guide, Program Book, *response* magazine, and other materials at your unit meetings. Your nurturing partner is so willing to assist you in any way. Reach out to her and invite her to meet with your unit during the year.

I am writing this after returning from the receiving of friends for our dear Susie Parks. She was the ultimate member of United Methodist Women/United Woman in Faith. It was so sweet to see so many of our United Women in Faith there to express their love for Susie and support for her family. I am sure this will also be evident at her service on Wednesday. I am so honored to have called her my friend and thankful for her faithful example.

Yours in Christ, Lucy Earls

### Secretary

United Women in Faith has a huge fountain of resources to guide our organization (that's you and me): the website, response magazine, Prayer Guide, Program Book, Faith Talks podcasts, weekly email newsletters, newsletters that arrive by snail mail. With all this available, I can never fail to know what UWF is about.

But . . .

God, guide my response to all this information. Help me to see, really see, my sisters in Christ, and listen, really listen, to their worries, dreams, and accomplishments displayed in this media variety. Importantly, guide me to interact with my UWF sisters on a local level, in my circle and unit, in person, or on Zoom. May my response to them always be fruitful, kind, and sincere. May I share ideas and knowledge in a humble manner. If I am called to help or participate in a program or project, may my answer be "yes." Guide me to do all that I can to build up UWF and in doing so, help build Christ's kin-dom on earth. This is my prayer today and for this year.

### **Glenda Furhmann**

### **Treasurer**

I'd like to wish you all a very happy New Year for 2023! You may be wondering how we came out at the end of the year in 2022 without pledge. We came close, but we were unable to reach our pledge of \$82,100 by a little over \$3,000. This may be very disappointing, and I can certainly understand that; however, you may want to look at it a different way. We were able to make 96% of our pledge. That was no small feat given how the last year was fraught with difficulties in the economy. We can still be proud of making 96% of our pledge and then let's work this year to put forth what efforts we can to be able to achieve the full amount. Remember our founders put in two pennies faithfully and look at what they were able to accomplish. The women I know in UWF have enough moxie to be able to think of ways we can achieve our pledge for this year. Remember it is children, youth and women who depend on us to help them reach their goals, and I know our women have the tenacity and creativity to bring it home. So, in 2023 let's BRING IT HOME!

Have you ever thought about taking an office in your local unit? Do your spiritual gifts include treasurer duties? If you have considered this but feel you cannot decide without having more information, please let me know and I will be glad to provide you with some basic information. It may seem complicated, but it is not as difficult as you may think. With some training, it may be right up your alley. You are welcome to attend the District Leadership Training Class given in October of each year. We typically do it by Zoom, but we provide training materials, which will help you understand what the presenter is saying. As my college professor told me, when you get the book, pat the book, and say out loud, "It's all in the book."

Just a reminder that all unit treasurers need to send in their names and contact information along with the unit president's name and contact information to me as soon as possible. The unit's pledge amount for 2023 should also be sent in.

Blue Ridge District is a special district. Our women work hard, believe in our mission and purpose. Let's look at what we are planning to do this coming year and see if there are opportunities to work together to meet our unit pledges. We only missed by 4%. If we can do as well in 2023, maybe a new twist to a fundraiser or a few more pennies each week to our World Thank offering jar or a new opportunity for others to join us in giving can put us over the top. If you have a good idea, share it with someone from another unit. Remember we are going to BRING IT HOME!

#### **Linda Johns**

### Spiritual Growth Coordinator



Happy New Year! Hope you all are having a great start to your 2023! Many people see the new year as a chance to make changes in their lives. According to a CBS News article, almost 30 percent of Americans said they were going to make a New Year's Resolution in 2022. While this number is down from the percentage of people that used to make resolutions as the clock changes over to a new year, we still have people that see the new year as a chance to start over. Maybe you are looking to get rid of a bad habit like watching too much

television or picking up a better one like eating healthier?

Whether or not you take a vow to live life with less junk food or go to the gym every Day (It will be crowded in January but not so much after that!), you can resolve to grow in your relationship with God every day. The best news about that is you do not need a calendar to start anew with God. You can start anytime! Maybe you want to read the Bible all the way through or spend more time in prayer. Whoops, you missed a day or week! Don't get discouraged, start again and stick with it. God understands our failings and wants us to work daily to be closer to Him. I wish you the best of luck in your spiritual journey in 2023.

Please add Saturday, April 22 to your calendar. This is the day of our 2023 Prayer Breakfast. This event will be held at Weaverville United Methodist Church. Presidents will receive information at the end of March or early April about registration. All details will be in our next newsletter.

### **Jennie Greenway**



Dorothy Alvord and Barbara Blevins are talking to friends at the 2022 prayer breakfast.

This year's breakfast is at Weaverville on April 22.

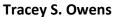
### **Mission Education & Interpretation**

### Welcome to 2023!

Most units want to know about the kits for this year. Hygiene and the menstrual (period packs) kits are the two kits being collected this year. School kits are no longer needed and will not be collected. The lists for the kits are easily found – go to the WNCC UWF website and go to the bottom of the main page. Click on UMCOR at the bottom of the main page under "Other Links." All kits are listed there.

I will be collecting the kits at the Blue Ridge District Prayer Breakfast and Annual Celebration. You are also welcome to call me at 828-246-6006, if you have any questions concerning the kits.

Remember to use the mission cards (Gift in Memory, thank you, birthday, etc.) and special recognition pins. These are perfect ways to remember someone and also support missions.





Joanie's church gave all the groups in the church an opportunity to showcase their ministries to attract new participants. Joanie is explaining to potential members what UWF is all about.

### **Membership Nurture & Outreach**

Greetings! I appreciate this opportunity to serve on the district executive team. I recently retired from the McDowell County School system and am ready for some new challenges!

Speaking of challenges, one that we all face is recruitment. We all love this organization, but how do we let others know what they are missing out on by not being a part of it? Everyone is so busy—why should they commit to one more thing?

Since I am a newbie to this role, I went directly to the Western NC Conference UWF website to see what kind of ideas they offer. Here are some membership tips from Molly Welch, the conference Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture & Outreach, along with my added comments:

- You do **not** have to be a United Methodist to be a member of United Women in Faith. I do like how our new name reflects this.
- It can take at least <u>five invitations</u> for someone to accept when you invite them to see what we are about. Wow! So don't give up after asking someone one or two times.
- **Nurture** your current membership while inviting others to join you on our journey. We don't want to take our current members for granted. Are we meeting their needs?
- What do you love about United Women in Faith? TELL SOMEONE! If your church uses social
  media, you can include photos showing that fun Christmas party, putting together kits for
  UMCOR, or the rummage sale for missions. Think about showing relationships and fellowship!
- Participate in District and Conference events . . . you will learn, grow spiritually, and be a part of a creative, supportive fellowship of women whose focus is mission with women, children and youth. At first, I found it hard to make this jump, but it was worth it!
- **Invite all women** of your church to join you! Depending on the size of your church, send an invitation to every woman not currently involved. Or hold a casual information session after church one Sunday so women can drop in and get more information.
- **Do not assume** everyone understands what we mean when we say things like: Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, Unit Meeting, Circle/Group Meeting, Gift to Mission, Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, etc. It is easy to use the language we are used to, completely forgetting that others may have no idea wat we are talking about! Don't forget to explain as much as possible in your communications to the congregation.
- If you go to <a href="wmc.org/membership-nurture-outreach/">wmc.org/membership-nurture-outreach/</a>, you will not only find these tips, but you will find "125 Membership Ideas" in a blue box when you scroll down. Hopefully, some of these ideas will help you keep your unit growing and vibrant as we continue to meet our purpose.

### **Stephanie Goudreau**

### A Shout Out for Secretaries!

After attending her first staff meeting, a newly elected executive asked, "Does every meeting begin with prayer and securing a "volunteer" secretary? "Yes!" "Then I'll be 15 minutes late for every meeting!"

Who has not sat through the "deafening silence" after a presiding officer asks for a volunteer secretary? Papers are shuffled, eye contact avoided, and the agenda studiously reviewed! Why? Why is the task of secretary so dreaded and avoided?

Secretarial skills are acquired, not inherited. "Good" minute-taking comes with attentive listening, recording votes and *actions*, and practice. "Practice makes perfect," they say! Don't worry, imperfections will be cited immediately (by those non-volunteers.) Minutes are not flowery or exciting, but they are the official (and probably the only) record of the organization's life and work. Minutes become:

- Immediate accounting of "what happened."
- Guidance for changing leadership.
- Information for absentees
- Source of legal verifications (changing bank account details)
- Informal history
- "Gold mine" for future research

In 1869, at the official organizing meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, they elected a Recording Secretary, an assistant Recording Secretary and a Corresponding Secretary. Through the following decades these women and their successors (volunteer and/or paid) have provided an unbroken account of women's mission activity, finances, policies, projects; and maintained annual appointment records of hundreds of missionaries and deaconesses. After 153+years, this remarkable accounting tells us who we are today and how we got this way!

So, here's a salute to all secretaries!

### Barbara E. Campbell

### The Legacy Endowment Fund



In March1869, 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 2022 response Magazine, p.45)

### **Communications Coordinator**

What the New Year Brings For US

With us starting out our new year of 2023, I look to the past year and notice all that has happened--the loss of a queen and some big names in show business, the loss of some of our loved ones in our families and churches, a war in Ukraine, a midterm election, and other events, large and small.

With all these things, I wonder what GOD has in store for us this coming year?

For me, I think it's ironic that so many people never look at the New Year as an opportunity for us to get to know our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

**If you notice, the word <u>US</u> is in Jes<u>us</u>.** So, I am taking time in my day to read my Bible and study Prayer and Promises for Women.

I am starting something new, too, with my family: Before my granddaughter gets on the bus for school, we pray for the day and whatever is weighing on our hearts. Why not give it all over to God first thing in the morning?

So, I challenge you to do something new with your family and/or friends. Just remember Jesus is always with US.

P.S. Please remember to send your newsletter articles in.

### **Tammy Long**



Lynn Deese and Lynn Brunner were part of the group from Black Mountain that attended the prayer breakfast at First Marion.

### **Program Resources Coordinator**



The Blue Ridge District Book Club is off to a great start this year with our February 4 meeting in review of the book <u>Hidden Figures</u>. Our leader, Dr. Sandrea Williamson, has again done a wonderful job and taught us so much. This is the second time we have joined the Northern Piedmont District in a review of books. I found it so fascinating to know that one of the remarkable women graduated from Allen High School in Asheville. If you haven't read the book, do so. You will really enjoy it. In addition to reading the book, you can also watch the movie on Amazon Prime video.

In 2023, we plan to have four Book Club meetings. Future dates are **May 27**, **September 16**, **and November 4**. We have already chosen the May 27 book. We will review The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek. You don't want to miss this book! Set in Kentucky in the 1930's, it tells about President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Pack Horse Library Project. It also features "the blue people," a phenomenon many of us have never heard of.



**Please**, if you have ideas of books for future meetings, share them or if you would like to be a leader, let me know.

I am currently reading <u>Pachinko</u> (a saga) from the 2023 Reading Program List and have finished <u>Before We Were Yours</u>, from 2022. If you, like me, enjoy novels, you should find them both quite interesting and informative.

Eligible books this year range from the 2018-2023 lists. Remember to watch "Faith Talks" and other videos/podcasts on the national UWF website. Watching three counts for reading two program reading books. Also, watching the movies *Hidden Figures*, *Push-Out*, or *The Hate U Give* counts as reading books.

We will continue our donation of "Used Reading Program Books" to sell for Missions at live events in 2023, so save your books from 2018-2022. HAPPY READING!

In Christian love, **Jeannette Byrd** 

### 2023 Calendar for Blue Ridge District United Women in Faith-January 14, 2023

### January 14 – Zoom District Executive Committee Meeting-10:00 A.M

January 21 – Presidents/Treasurers Workday

### February 4 – BR District Book Club – Zoom – 10:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M.

February 11- Finance/SG/LDD/Program/etc. Committee Meetings (Virtual)

February 12 – Conference Executive Committee Meeting (Virtual)

#### March 18-20 – District Mission Study-Zoom with Smoky Mountain

March 25 – Scholarship Committee Meeting (Virtual)

### April 1 - District Executive Committee Meeting - TBA - 9:30 A. M.

April 22 - Prayer Breakfast - Weaverville UMC - 10:00 A. M.

May 6 – Mission u/Program Committee Meetings

#### May 27 — BR District Book Club - Zoom - 10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M

June 8 -10 - Spiritual Growth Retreat, Lake Junaluska - ALL UMW MEMBERS

June 16 -18 – WNCC Annual Conference – Lake Junaluska

#### June 24 - ZOOM District Executive Team Meeting - 10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

July 13-15 - Mission u - Pfeiffer College - ALL UMW MEMBERS

July 14 - Executive Committee Meeting

August 5 – Finance/SG/LDD/Program, etc. Committee Meetings

August 6- Conference Executive Committee Meeting

### August 19 - District Annual Celebration - TBA - 9:30 A.M.

September 8 – 10 – Annual Celebration - Lake Junaluska – ALL UMW MEMBERS

September 16 - BR District Book Club - Zoom

### September 23 - District Executive Committee Meeting - TBA- 10:00 A.M.

October 7, 14, & 28 - Unbuntu Days of Service - Various Locations - ALL UMW MEMBERS

October 21 - Conference Leadership Development Day (LDD) - Zoom

#### October 28 - District Leadership Development (LDD) - Zoom

### November 4 - BR District Book Club

November 10 – Orientation for New Conference Officers

November 11 - Conference Committee Meetings

November 12 – Executive Committee Meeting



### WNCC United Women in Faith SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Do you know a student who is a member of one of the WNCC United Methodist Churches?

Will they attend one of the United Methodist supported institutions in our conference (Bennett College, Brevard College, Greensboro College, High Point University, Pfeiffer University) for the fall semester 2023?

Then they are eligible to apply for a WNCC United Women in Faith scholarship! Applications should be requested by contacting the scholarship committee chairperson: Jatana Royster

704-451-3816 (cell) Email: jatanaroyster@gmail.com

8227 Laurel Oak Court Harrisburg, NC 28075

Applications are due by **March 1, 2023**. Interviews will be conducted on Saturday March 25, 2023.

YOU can support our scholarship program by:

Referring students.

Praying for our students and conference institutions.

Contributing to the general scholarship fund as districts, units, circles and individuals. Please contact me if you need additional information.

Blessings,

Jatana Royster

WNCC United Women in Faith Scholarship Committee Chairperson

# WNCC United Women in Faith 2023 Spiritual Growth Retreat Thursday June 8 – Saturday June 10





Musician, Catherine Ritch



Retreat Leader – Rev. Jan Brittain Song Leader, Rev. Mark Barden



Lake Junaluska Accommodations Reservations Open February 22. 2023, Call 800-222-4930

Hotel Lodging	Single	Double	Triple	Quad	Meals (5)
Terrace Hotel	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$155.00	\$175.00`	\$82.50
Lambuth Inn	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$150.00	\$165.00	\$82.50
Lake Junaluska	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$115.00	\$125.00	Meal plan not
Apartments					included.

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### **Mark Your Calendars for 2023**

March 18 – District Mission Study – (10:00-12:00) and March 20 – (6:30-8:30) - Zoom, with Smoky Mountain and Northern Piedmont

April 22 – Prayer Breakfast –Weaverville UMC – 10:00 A.M.

May 27 – BR District Book Club (<u>Book Woman of Troublesome Creek</u>) Zoom – 10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

June 8-10 - Spiritual Growth Retreat - Lake Junaluska

July 13-15 – Mission u – Pfeiffer University