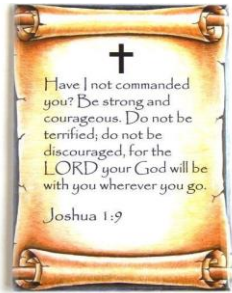




United  
Women  
in Faith

## Uwharrie District

Western North Carolina Conference-United Methodist Women- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2023



As we begin a New Year we face many challenges such as some of the following: the colder weather with dormant plants, possibly snow, continuation of possible respiratory diseases such as Flu, Covid, & RSV, and disaffiliation of our Methodist Churches & United Women in Faith Units.

But there is Encouragement for the New Year in the following scripture: Joshua 1:9: "Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

On the first day of a New Year many of us wish each other a "Happy New Year!" But as we begin a new year, we need more than a hopeful greeting from the people around us. We need to listen to what God told Joshua about 3,400 years ago. As Joshua was about to lead God's people into the Promised Land, he had reason to be afraid. He had an enormous task ahead of him, and he was well aware of the dangers that he and the people would soon be facing. He needed God's encouragement. A new year brings lots of questions: Will our health hold? Will our marriage last? Will I be able to hang on to my job? Will I get into the right school? Will I live to see the end of this year? Will the economy improve? Will there be a terrorist attack or some natural disaster that takes me or my loved ones? The Creator of the universe comes to us and says. "Don't be afraid; don't be discouraged." What happens in this coming year is not left to chance. God is in charge, and he promises to stay close: "The LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Many years later the Lord Jesus made the same promise when he said, "I am with you always" Matthew 28:20. That's the reason we can wish each other a "Happy New Year!" I challenge you to put this picture up somewhere where you can see it often and remind yourself in all things that you are facing in this New Year that God is with you wherever you go.

- Please don't forget to send your end of year reports to Cathy Ward as soon as possible. Also please encourage any young people in your churches that are planning to attend Bennett College, Brevard, College, Greensboro College, High Point University, or Pfeiffer University to apply for the WNC United Women in Faith Scholarship. Deadline for the application is March 1, 2023 & the interviews will be held on Saturday March 25, 2023. Also you can support this scholarship fund in several ways (please read the flier concerning the Scholarship Program in the back of this newsletter. Other things to look for in this newsletter are the following:
- Registration for Mission Study on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 & this year the church will provide lunch so you don't have to bring a bag lunch!!!!
- Look at the conference vision and goals for 2023 & financial goal (to come later).. Please work with your units to creatively meet these goals.
- Don't forget to give to the Legacy Fund
- Find your nurturing partner & invite them to do a program for you or just come & visit in one of your meetings.
- Mark your calendar for the Prayer Breakfast on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, prosperous, & spiritually fulfilling 2023!

Sarah Lee, Uwharrie UWF President

## 1/29/23 Treasurer's Report

2022 was another challenging year due to the ongoing pandemic and the issues we are dealing with in the Methodist Church. We made 78% of our Pledge to Mission, which had been set in July 2021. We gave \$46,857.46 out of our \$50,000.00 pledge. We only used \$3,655.24 of our \$5,550.00 A&MD Budget.

Our 2023 Pledge to Missions changed to \$40,000, and our A&MD Budget changed to \$4,875.00. Hopefully, we'll be able to have more in-person events this year so we can further develop our members and grow our mission giving to achieve our Pledge.

Total 2022 Mission giving to the Western North Carolina Conference was \$52,611.62 and Legacy Fund money sent to the National Office was \$1,284.02.

Treasurers, if you have not sent me your Unit's list of recipients of pins and GTM/GIM cards for 2022 and/or your 2023 pledge form with your contact information, please do so as soon as possible. If you need any forms, please let me know. First quarter remittances are due to me by February 28<sup>th</sup>. You will be receiving a letter from me around the first week in February about what to include in this remittance. If you need anything or have any questions, please feel free to call, text or email me.

Many Units try to achieve giving in all five channels of undesignated mission giving. Just a \$5.00 donation in category meets this requirement. The five channels of giving, which also count towards your Unit's Pledge are:

- Pledge to Mission
- Special Mission Recognition
- Gift to Mission
- Gift in Memory
- World Thank Offering
- And Walk to Mission is a bonus category that counts toward your Pledge too!

If your unit is still not meeting in person, you can give on-line on the WNCC UMW website. Click on the "GIVE NOW" link at the top line on the Home Page or use <https://wnccumw.org/online-mission-giving/>. These on-line gifts WILL be credited back to your Unit. Or, anyone can send a check directly to me towards their Unit's giving. Just note your Unit on your check. (Of course, if your unit is meeting, you can still give through the normal quarterly remittance process.)

As a 1<sup>st</sup> year treasurer, I look forward to hopefully seeing many of you in-person this year at District and Conference events. Until then, let's still do what we can to help women, youth and children locally and around the world. If you need anything from me or have any questions, please feel free to call, text, or email me.

Blessings,  
Jeanette Mixon, Uwharrie District Treasurer  
235 Woodbrier Drive  
Lexington, NC 27292  
Email: [jmixonx@yahoo.com](mailto:jmixonx@yahoo.com)

Historian

In 1869, Clementina Butler and Lois Parker, wives of missionaries to India, made a plea to a group of eight women in Boston about the spiritual and physical needs of poor women in India.

They could not be treated by male doctors. Schooling for girls was almost non-existent. Help was desperately needed. In what would become a lasting legacy of “showing up and getting things done,” the attendees were moved to action. They quickly called another meeting of more women. They wrote a constitution. And in short order, they organized the Methodist Woman’s Foreign

Missionary Society (WFMS). By November 1869, the newly formed organization raised funds and sent educator Isabella Thoburn and Dr. Clara Swain to India.

Ms. Thoburn began a school with just six young girls that went on to become Isabella Thoburn College, Asia’s first women’s college. Dr. Swain’s medical work resulted in the first women’s

hospital in Asia. Both institutions continue to serve the people of India today. During this same era, when so many women were held down by prejudice and circumstance,

other fearless females across the country were moved to answer the call to stand up for better lives for women and a better world for all.

The Woman’s Missionary Association of the United Brethren Church was formed in 1875. Two strong Woman’s Home Missionary Societies were founded in 1880 and 1890.

The Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church was formed in 1879 and then the Woman’s Missionary Society in the Evangelical Association in 1884.

These groups became powerful, independent women’s organizations, sending hundreds of women missionary doctors, nurses, and educators all over the world and supporting countless

U.S. and international projects. And advocating for justice, children, women and disenfranchised communities joined together by a common faith and single-minded purpose.

Then the Ladies’ Aid societies were started in the early 1900s. In 1972, United Methodist Women first became the women’s mission organization as part of The

United Methodist Church’s Board of Global Ministries. And in 2012, The United Methodist Church General Conference voted to make United Methodist Women’s national policymaking.

Today, we mark the beginning of a new era. As United Women in Faith, we stand ready to not only continue our legacy but forge courageous new paths. We will go wherever we are needed, without hesitation, because the needs are great but our power was strong. As we begin this new era, we will be beginning a new Historical Notebook for United

Women of Faith for the Uwharrie District. Please if you have any pictures of any Local, District or Conference Event please send them to me so that they can go in this notebook.

Cheri Barker, Historian

\*\*\*\*\*

Uwharrie District United Women in Faith  
9252 NC Hwy 8  
Lexington NC 27292



United  
Women  
in Faith

## Upcoming Events

March 11      Mission Study "Who an We Be Together"  
Bethany UMC, Lexington  
Registration 9:30, Study 10:15-2:15, Speaker Kim Eller  
Hands on Project-household items

## Spiritual Growth

Greetings from “Spiritual Growth”. We are excited about our upcoming events. The Uwharrie District Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be sending out additional information in the March newsletter.

Our Theme will be “Trust in the Lord,” based on Proverbs 3:5-6: *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding, in all ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths.*

Please make plans to attend.

I encourage you to use the prayer calendar at all United Women in Faith Circles and Unit meetings. I hope you subscribe to “Response” magazine and are sharing at your meetings. There are great articles and updates on keeping faith, hope, and love in action around the world.

We would love to see you at the WNCC – United Women in Faith 2023 Spiritual Growth Retreat, at Lake Junaluska on Thursday, June 8 – Saturday, June 10. Our theme will be “Women coming to Christ.”

Pat Jarvis  
Spiritual Growth Coordinator

## Membership Nurture and Outreach

Happy New Year 2023!

As we prepare for a New Year please review the list of Nurturing Partners. Your Nurturing Partner should be in touch with you to keep you informed of our upcoming events. She will be using the information your president gave when she sent in her year end report. If you have not heard from your partner soon, please contact her using the list included in all of our newsletters.

We have a busy year planned with most of our events being in person this year. We are again planning five Walk-for-Mission walks this year. More information will be included in future newsletters.

We are looking forward to strong relationships between our District team members & each of our local United Women in Faith circle units. We would love to come visit with you in your meetings or any event you are having or we would be happy to do a program for you on 5 areas of giving, how to attract new members, human trafficking, maternal mortality, social action issues & others.

Carolyn Thompson,  
Uwharrie Membership Nurture & Outreach

### **The PURPOSE of United Methodist Women**

**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.**



## COMMUNICATION KEEPS THE HEART PUMPING!!!



We all wonder how we can better serve the Lord. Well communication with others keeps us all open and current in suggestions and ideas as we serve the Lord in making good things happen in the world in which we live.

We have started a New Year and we need to keep our information updated. I am new in this position and Jane Ellickson the former Communications Coordinator has volunteered to assist me in this new role. I so appreciate her support as well as your support in keeping our communication on an open road of success for our Uwharrie District.

If you have a change in Officers, email and/or addresses throughout the year, please let me know so we can keep our Roster current and our mailings focused on the correct information.

Please also include your pastor's name and contact information as he or she is also considered a member of UWF.

Special Note to Pastors: If you don't have an active UWF unit in your church, please post this newsletter or pass it on to some of the women in your congregation. Thank you!

If you need flyers or this newsletter sent individually to you for use in your unit, just let me know and I will send them on to you.

The newsletter can be helpful to all your members so forward it to your entire group or make copies and pass it out. If you have any questions or feedback, please don't hesitate

to contact me by email: [vickiebrown961@gmail.com](mailto:vickiebrown961@gmail.com) or by phone: 336-596-5523

Thanks again for your support!

Vickie Brown

Uwharrie District

Communications Coordinator



**PROGRAM RESOURCES: Carla Carrick, Secretary of Program Resources**

**News & Updates:** There will be a **new webstore** coming in the spring so all links pointing to [uwmmissionresources.org](http://uwmmissionresources.org) will change. Keep an eye out for the reveal!

- If needing to place an order or to receive customer service use the following email address: [cs@umwmissionresources.org](mailto:cs@umwmissionresources.org) or phone number: [888-409-8137](tel:888-409-8137)
- If you want to mail in an order use the following address:

United Women in Faith

PO Box 742349

Atlanta, GA 30374-2349

- If you would like to view the program resources available go to the following website:

**Reading Program Excel listing:** <https://www.umwmissionresources.org/downloads/RP-BookTitles-2018-2023.xlsx>

- The name of the Program Book has changed to **Program Resource 2022-2023** & cost is \$14.99
- The name of the Prayer Calendar has changed to **Daily Prayer Guide 2023** & cost is \$19.99
- The Program Bundle is no longer available!
- **Mail Fraud Alert** Our office building at 475 Riverside Drive in New York has been targeted for a postal scam that involves check washing. We were notified in December 2022 and the situation is currently being investigated by the postal authorities. If you make a gift to United Women in Faith and don't receive an acknowledgement letter within a month, please contact us at [Legacy150@UWFaith.org](mailto:Legacy150@UWFaith.org) or 1-800-278-7771 (8 am – 5 pm EST, Mon. – Fri.). Also, **we encourage you to review your canceled checks to ensure that neither the check amount or payee has been altered.**
- **THEREFORE:** Please **do not** send any checks at this time to the national office in NYC. Checks can still be sent to the "lockbox" in Atlanta, GA. Make note of reason in the MEMO section. If you have any questions concerning Program Resources & all these changes please contact the customer services number above or Carla Carrick, Secretary of Program Resources at [ccarrick1975@gmail.com](mailto:ccarrick1975@gmail.com) or 336-250-1746(cell)



## **Parliamentarian Donna Owens**

Conference Standing rules updated September 2022. They can be found on our website [www.wncumw.org](http://www.wncumw.org) under the Mission Resources tab, click on Downloads and scroll down to very near the end of the page. If you have any questions concerning these please contact Donna Owens at 336-479-6082(cell) or [1donna.owens@gmail.com](mailto:1donna.owens@gmail.com)





United  
Women  
in Faith

### **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

8227 Laurel Oak Court Harrisburg, NC 28075

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

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.

Bessings, Jatana Royster

WNCC United Women in Faith Scholarship Committee Chairper

## Social Action

Climate Justice is still a very important topic for the United Women of Faith. These are a few reminders from our studies.

1. Use a reusable water bottle instead of disposable water bottles to avoid filling our landfills with waste.
2. Use reusable bags to carry home your groceries.
3. Group your errands whenever possible to reduce the use of your car lowering your carbon footprint.
4. (The added benefit is you use less gas and with gas as high as it is that is a bonus).
5. Whenever possible buy food from farmers with sustainable farms

In addition to Climate Justice there are many other topics under Social Action. Your District Team Officers are willing & able to come & give you a program on any of these topics such as Racial Justice, Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking, & Maternal & Child Health.

I look forward to serving with Social Action. I have much to learn and will share with you as I learn more.

Gay Smith



---

### **Legacy Fund Information:**

We hear about the Legacy Fund from time to time, however, I would like to share the following to remind us of its purpose and use.

#### **What is the Legacy Fund?**

- A key element of the 150th Anniversary celebration in 2019.
- A designated fund (endowment) of the national office of United Methodist Women. (Only interest can be expended.)

#### **What is the Purpose of the Legacy Fund?**

1. To assure the continuation of ministries with women, children, and youth, worldwide, into the next 150 years.
2. To enable United Methodist Women to respond more adequately to new and emerging needs.
3. To minimize the risk of severe budget fluctuation in years of recession, regional financial crisis or change in giving by the membership.

#### **How will the funds be used?**

The total program of United Methodist Women is mission. Interest from The Legacy Fund will be added to Mission Giving funds to formulate the national budget of United Methodist Women. (Mission Giving is the largest source of that budget which includes grants to National Mission Institutions such as the Bethlehem Centers in Charlotte and Winston-Salem, international programs and projects, program resource production, training, and more.)

Jane Ellickson, Uwharrie District Legacy Fund Representative [janellickson@aol.com](mailto:janellickson@aol.com)

	<b>Unit Name</b>	<b>Nurturing Partner</b>
1	Bethany (Albemarle)	Jeanette Mixon
2	Bethany (Lexington)	Donna Owens
3	Bethel (New London)	Vickie Brown
4	Bethel (Salisbury)	Donna Owens
5	Bethlehem (Waxhaw)	Cheri Barker
6	Central (Albemarle)	Sarah Lee
7	Central (Asheboro)	Betty Hunt
8	Central (Denton)	Carla Carrick
9	Central (Monroe)	Sarah Lee
10	Central (Spencer)	Wanda Craven
11	Chapel Hill (Denton)	Vickie Brown
12	Christ (Salisbury)	Carla Carick
13	Cid (Denton)	Vickie Brown
14	Cotton Grove (Lexington)	Gay Smith
15	Empire Charge (Piney Ridge, Pleasant Hill, Stouts Chapel)	Leigh Harris
16	Fairview (Denton)	Jeanette Mixon
17	First (Norwood)	Wanda Craven
18	First (Asheboro)	Pat Jarvis
19	First (Lexington)	Jeanette Mixon
20	First (Salisbury)	Carla Carrick
21	First (Wadesboro)	Cindy Carter
22	Flag Springs (Asheboro)	Pat Jarvis
23	Fountain Hill (Peachland)	Carolyn Thompson
24	Franklinville (Franklinville)	Leigh Harris
25	Friendship (Albemarle)	Linda Beddingfield
26	Gilboa (Marshville)	Cheri Barker
27	Grays Chapel (Franklinville)	Leigh Harris
28	Green Memorial (Norwood)	Sarah Lee
29	Jordan Memorial (Ramseur)	Linda Beddingfield
30	Linwood	Donna Owens
31	Love's Chapel (Stanfield)	Cindy Carter
32	Love's Grove (Stanfield)	Cindy Carter
33	Macedonia (Lexington)	Jeanette Mixon
34	Marshville	Cindy Carter
35	McCrary Chapel (Ramseur)	Linda Beddingfield
36	Milford Hills (Salisbury)	Carolyn Thompson
37	Mineral Springs	Jane Elickson
38	Morven (Morven)	Cheri Barker
39	Mount Carmel (Lexington)	Wanda Craven
40	Mount Tabor (Salisbury)	Donna Owens
41	Mount Zion (Norwood)	Sarah Lee
42	New London (New London)	Linda Beddingfield
43	New Union	Pat Jarvis
44	Oakboro (Oakboro)	Jane Elickson
45	Olivet (Lilesville)	Jane Elickson

	<b>Unit Name</b>	<b>Nurturing Partner</b>
46	Palestine (Albemarle)	Vickie Brown
47	Pine Grove (Albemarle)	Vickie Brown
48	Piney Grove (Denton)	Carla Carrick
49	Pisgah (Asheboro)	Betty Hunt
50	Pleasant Hill (McFarlan)	Carolyn Thompson
51	Pleasant Hill, Seagrove	Pat Jarvis
52	Providence (Salisbury)	Gay Smith
53	Randall (Norwood)	Sarah Lee
54	Rehobeth (Ramseur)	Leigh Harris
55	St Stephens, Lexington	Gay Smith
56	St. Luke (Asheboro)	Betty Hunt
57	Stony Hill (Albemarle)	Wanda Craven
58	Tabernacle (Trinity)	Gay Smith
59	The Arbor (Salisbury)	Carolyn Thompson
60	Union Chapel (Albemarle)	Jane Elickson
61	Wesley Chapel (Misenheimer)	Carolyn Thompson
62	Wingate (Wingate)	Cheri Barker

1/25/2023

## Uwharrie UWF 2023 District Calendar

- January 28 **Uwharrie Team Meeting** 10-12 (Zoom)
- March 11 **Mission Study**—"Who Can We Be Together"  
Location: Bethany UMC, Lexington  
Registration 9:30, MS 10:15-2:15, Speaker:/Kim Eller; Hands on project:  
Household items
- March 18 **Uwharrie Team Meeting:** New London UMC 10-12 Breakfast items provided
- April 22 **Uwharrie Prayer Breakfast**(Trust in the Lord)-Communion and Memorial Service  
Location: TBD  
Registration 9:30,Mtg.10:15-12:15, Speaker: TBD
- May 06 **Uwharrie Walk for Mission** 9-11 Central Denton
- May 27 **Uwharrie Walk for Mission** 9-11 Dan Nicholas Park, Salisbury
- June 03 **Uwharrie Walk for Mission** 9-11 Grimes Park, Lexington  
**Uwharrie Team Meeting 12-2 First Lexington UMC (meal provided)**
- June 8-10 **Spiritual Growth Retreat**- "Women Coming to Christ"  
Location: Lake Junaluska
- June 16-18 **WNCC UMC Annual Conference, Lake Junaluska**
- June 24 **Uwharrie Walk for Mission** 9-11 Belk-Tawanda Park, Monroe
- July 08 **Uwharrie Team Meeting** 10-12 Location TBD

July 13-15 **Mission U** Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer- “Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom” Part  
2

July 29 **Uwharrie Walk for Mission** 9-11 Randolph Mall, Asheboro

August 19 **Uwharrie Annual Meeting**

Location: Bethlehem Methodist—Waxhaw; Speaker: Catherine Ritch “Mosaic Faith”

Goodie Bags, Children’s skit, Registration 9:30, Mtg. 10:15-12:15, Hands on:  
Menstrual Kits

Aug. -Sept **UMC General Conference**

September 08-10 **Annual Celebration Conference**

Location: Lake Junaluska

October 7,14,28 **Ubuntu Days of Service**(various locations)

10-12 Location TBD

October **Uwharrie Team Meeting, Location TBD**

October 21 **Leadership Development Day** – Location TBD

November 18 **Uwharrie training for local officer’s** **Location: TBD** Registration 9:30, Training  
10:15-12:15

**Uwharrie Team Meeting following training**

Revised 02/01/23

# Uwharrie United Women in Faith

## 2023 DISTRICT TEAM

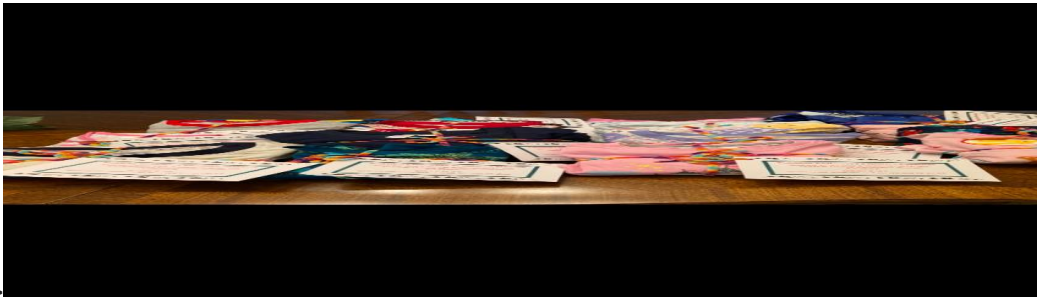
<b>President</b>	Sarah Lee 40645 Mt. Zion Church Rd. Norwood, N.C. 28128	704-474-4764 / 704-984-0165 (c) First, Norwood accnurse@rocketmail.com
<b>Vice-President</b>	Victoria Brown (Vickie) 9252 NC HWY 8 Lexington, NC 27292	336-596-5523 (c) Central, Denton vickiebrown961@gmail.com
<b>Secretary</b>	TBD	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jeanette Mixon 235 Woodbrier Drive Lexington, NC 27292	336-798-3082/336-239-4577 (c) Bethany, Lexington mixonjx@yahoo.com
<b>Secretary of Program Resources</b>	Carla Carrick 649 Newsom Lane Denton, NC 27239	336-859-3346/336-250-1746 (c) Bethany, Lexington ccarrick1975@gmail.com
<b>Spiritual Growth</b>	Pat Jarvis 5151 Pisgah Covered Bridge Rd. Asheboro, NC 27205	336-381-3848 / 336-318-5127 (c) Pisgah, Asheboro pjarvisUMW@rtmc.net
<b>Membership Nurture &amp; Outreach</b>	Carolyn Thompson 188 Joshua Court Apt. 13 Lexington, NC 27295	336-242-9685 / 336-302-6335 (c) Linwood ncthompson@ptmc.net
<b>Social Action</b>	Gay Smith 364 Lester Drive Lexington, NC 27292	336-479-3822 First, Lexington gaysmith@fastmail.fm
<b>Mission Education &amp; Interpretation</b>	TBD	
<b>Communications Coordinator</b>	Victoria Brown (Vickie) 9252 NC HWY 8 Lexington, NC 27292 vickiebrown961@gmail.com	336-596-5523 (c) Central, Denton



<b>Nominations, Chair Co-Chair</b>	Leigh Harris 859 Chartier Ct. Asheboro, NC 27205	336-629-0746/336-302-4636 (c) Central, Asheboro kharris72@triad.rr.com
<b>Nominations, Chair Co-Chair</b>	Gay Smith 336-479-3822 364 Lester Drive Lexington, NC 27292	First, Lexington gaysmith@fastmail.fm
<b>Nominations</b>	Wanda Craven 269 Baney Drive Lexington, NC 27292 Wandacraven269@yahoo.com	336-236-9863/336-425-5105 (c) St. Stephen, Lexington
<b>Nominations</b>	Linda Beddingfield 2477 Danny Bell Road Asheboro, NC 27205 klbeddingfield@hotmail.com	336-672-0014 First, Asheboro
<b>Nominations</b>	Cindy Carter 3720 Tom Starnes Rd. Waxhaw, NC 28173	1-423-612-1421 Bethlehem, Waxhaw nannyoma6@gmail.com
<b>Nominations</b>	Betty Hunt 1206 Ben Lambeth Rd. Asheboro, NC 27205	336-629-5300/336-964-8200 (c) New Union, Asheboro
<b>Nominations</b>	Donna Owens 614 Kildee Drive Lexington, NC 27292 1donna.owens@gmail.com	336-249-2664 / 336-479-6082 (c) St. Stephen, Lexington
<b>Historian</b>	Cheri Barker 704-242-4851 515 S Elm Street Marshville, N.C. 28103	Central, Monroe cherib47@yahoo.com
<b>Parliamentarian</b>	Donna Owens 614 Kildee Drive Lexington, NC 27292 1donna.owens@gmail.com	336-249-2664 / 336-479-6082 (c) St. Stephen, Lexington
<b>Legacy Fund Representative</b>	Jane Ellickson 704-624-5468/704-290-7519 (c) P.O. Box 521 Marshville, N.C. 28103 janellickson@aol.com	Marshville UMC
<b>Conference Representative</b>	Darlene Gardner 5209 Bridge Pointe Drive Clemmons, NC 27012	336-766-1552 / 336-408-4364 (c) Centenary, Clemmons gardnerdarlenel@gmail.com

## **FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS PROMISE**

Central United Methodist Women Follower's Subgroup in Asheboro prepared and donated 31 sets of children's pajamas to Lydia's Place, a newly opened homeless shelter for women and their families, as our Christmas outreach project. It was a wonderful way to share God's love, warmth, and blessings with those in need in our community.



## **NOMINATIONS**

Please consider reaching out in your Uwharrie District to offer opportunities to serve as secretary or MEI for a much-needed cause in our District.

Contact any Uwharrie Officer with your Nomination for Secretary or MEI Coordinator.

We need the strength of Women in Faith to help make a difference.

Leigh Harris, Uwharrie Nominations Chair

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



Retreat Leader – Rev. Jan Brittain

Musician, Catherine Ritch

Song Leader, Rev. Mark Barden



## Lake Junaluska Accommodations Per Night 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 Apartments	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$115.00	\$125.00	Meal plan not included.

You will find that this newsletter provides our yearly events and dates.

Please mark your calendars and be sure to use these dates when you are planning your local events. I hope that you can take advantage of all these wonderful opportunities to gather and learn with all your UWF circle of sisters in Christ.

May the Lord Bless you and look over you this New Year 2023. The Lord loves the cheerful giver. We ask that everything you do in the Lord's name will be for women, children, and youth around the world.

Blessings for a Wonderful Year

Vickie Brown, Vice-president



## JOIN US FOR MISSION STUDY:

MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>. (SATURDAY) REGISTRATION 9:30 AM - STUDY 10:15 – 2:15,

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED, AND HELD DURING THE STUDY

PLACE: BETHANY UMC, 193 BETHANY ROAD, LEXINGTON, NC



*Who Can We Be Together? A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13*, the 2022 adult curriculum by Candace Simpson brings participants deeper into Jesus' teachings in this chapter of Luke to explore what it means to be in community. As the author notes, "For followers of Christ 2,000 years later, it's important for us to sit with the range of emotions we have in response to these words. It's not easy to build and sustain communities, especially when there are forces that drain us, exhaust us, and even push us to act uncharacteristically. And yet, we are called to act on the most ethical principles of our faith so we can witness the kin-dom of God on earth."

WE ARE EXCITED TO INTRODUCE OUR SPEAKER "KIM ELLER" FOR OUR UWHARRIE DISTRICT MISSION STUDY



**Kim Eller** has served as a study leader and workshop leader several times. She is a lover and supporter of all that is United Methodist Women (now Women in Faith) and served most recently as Chair for the WNCC Committee on Nominations.

We do ask for donations to be brought for our Hands on Missions: Hygiene Kits, Menstrual Kits and Household items, plates, pots/pans, and glassware is accepted provided the glassware is wrapped well with towel and soft material.

REGISTRATION FORM - Please complete registration form By: March 1<sup>st</sup>. and mail to  
Jeanette Mixon (District Treasurer) 235 Wood brier Drive, Lexington, NC 27292

CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER ATTENDING MISSION STUDY \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INDICATE NAMES OF ATTENDEES \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**We believe love in action  
can change the world.**

Faith. Action. Sisterhood.



United  
Women  
in Faith

Western North Carolina

## 2023 VISION & GOALS

- **Raise awareness about our Purpose as United Women in Faith**
- **Raise awareness and promote personal advocacy for our two United Women in Faith priority issues:** Climate Justice and Criminalization of Communities of Color & Mass Incarceration
- **Support, encourage, and build relationships** with our local units and members in living out the **Purpose**, emphasizing the safety and wellness of ALL of our members as they participate in meetings and gatherings. Consistently lean into the first of John Wesley's General Rules, "Do no harm," in everything we do.
- **Encourage local units to build relationships with and support the United Women in Faith mission institutions in our conference:** Alliance Center for Education Charlotte, Bethlehem Center Winston-Salem, Brooks-Howell Home, Bennett College, and Pfeiffer University
- **Achieve our 2023 Conference Financial Goal:** Each local unit increase their Mission Giving through the World Thank Offering channel by 10%.
- **Turn faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world as we live out our Purpose as United Women in Faith!**

### Our Purpose:

The organized unit of **United Women in Faith** 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.

In love and action,

*Your WNC United Women in Faith Team*