

April 2023

Women Talk



United Women in Faith

Smoky Mountain District † United Methodist Women † Western North Carolina Conference



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DAY APART

Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him

May 6 — 9:30 AM to Noon

Oak Forest UMC, 990 Oak Forest Rd, Hayesville, NC

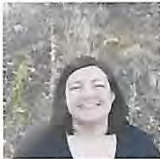


Retreat Schedule:

- 9:30—10:00 Check-In & Light Brunch
- 10:00—11:00 Breakout Sessions
- 11:00—Noon Worship and Communion

Retreat Speaker:

Scarlette Pless
 Director of Christian Ed
 Cullowhee UMC



Breakout Session Options (Choose One)

Prayer Beads

Make and take a set of prayer beads.



Pray & Color

A visual and playful way to pray using colorful doodles.



Lectio Divina

Read, reflect, respond, and rest with Scripture.



My Body in Prayer

Explore simple prayer postures and meditation.



Please register in advance using this link: bit.ly/SMDRetreat

If you need assistance, please contact Lisa Bacon at 828-586-8399 or lisabacon304@gmail.com.

Registration is encouraged but not required. We really want you to join us!



United Women in Faith

We believe love in action can change the world.

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action

sisterhood

WHAT'S IN THIS NEWSLETTER THAT I'D BE INTERESTED IN?

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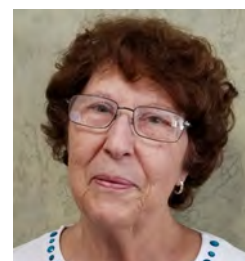
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PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Now that Spring is here in Western North Carolina with the flowering trees and plants, it is time to focus on inviting members to serve on the various positions in our units, as well as on the District team. Please welcome the Members of the Smoky Mountain District Nominations Team to assist you in this process. (See list on page 9.) Red Carpet is optional!

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MISSION STATEMENT OF UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

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.

A NOTE FOR TREASURERS:

Thank you for giving to United Women in Faith. Our total giving for Quarter 1 was \$8,394.59 with \$7,879.59 of it going to Mission. Congratulations to all members. *Giving is a privilege – a gift of God’s grace.* ...from United Methodist Women in Mission.

Our Love Offering theme is *A Gift of Mission in honor of faithful leadership throughout the conference, district, and local units.* The new brochure for Love Offering will be in my next letter to the Treasurer. You can give the Love Offering at the 2023 Annual Celebration in September or send to our Conference Treasurer, Bess Redmond.

We need to achieve our 2023 Conference Financial Goal: Each local unit will increase their Mission Giving through the World Thank Offering channel by 10%.

The deadline for your remittance for Quarter 2 will be May 25 in order to reach me by May 31.

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Ways to Give to the Legacy Fund

- ◇ Make a gift to the Legacy Fund through your local unit United Women in Faith treasurer.
- ◇ Make a one time donation or consider becoming a Legacy Builder by giving a monthly gift of \$18.69 or more.
- ◇ Use our Western North Carolina Conference Legacy Commitment Form, available on our website at www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund.
- ◇ Online on the national office website at <https://uwfaith.org/give/legacy-fund/>
- ◇ **By phone:** 800-278-7771 (8 am—6 pm EST, M-F)
- ◇ **By check:** note “Legacy Fund” in memo and mail to: United Women in Faith, Attn: Legacy, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1500, New York, NY 10115
- ◇ **Other methods** include gifts of stock, life insurance, bequests, and other forms of planned giving. If you are interested in making a gift like this, contact the national office at 800-278-7771.





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View from My Seat: Impacts of Racism A Justice Today Event



Virtual Round-Table Discussion

May 8, 2023

7:00 PM—8:30 PM

Zoom registration link:



<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctf-ytqzgtHtw2nLI7t5v2W64GZu3f-b8v>

Using the Faith Talks format, there will be three speakers who will share their experiences concerning racism and how it has impacted their lives.

Moderator: Joanie Strohm, Conference President

Speakers:

Kathy FitzJefferies, member of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Racial Justice Support Team. Kathy will speak about her experiences as a white woman married to a black man.

Brenda Steadman, member of the Conference Committee on Nominations. Brenda will speak about her experiences as a black woman.

Molly Welch, Conference Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach. Molly will speak about her experiences as a white woman.

Joanie, Brenda, and Molly serve on the Conference Justice Today Committee, which includes the Charter for Racial Justice.



Joanie Strohm



Kathy FitzJefferies



Brenda Steadman



Molly Welch

Deaconess Joy Prim Visits Maple Grove UMC

Joy Prim practically grew up in United Methodist Women/United Women in Faith. She became a member at age 12, but Joy shared that she was reciting the PURPOSE before she could read chapter books. Joy grew up in Yadkinville but was often at Lake Junaluska for UMW events. Joy received her college education at Pfeiffer University. She also attended several Mission u events there. Joy is currently in the US visiting groups who formed a covenant relationship with her. Joy visited Lake Junaluska and also spoke at Maple Grove UMC on Easter Monday, April 10. Local unit president Treva Upton and her unit hosted Joy and provided refreshments.



Joy Prim is in the back wearing her Deaconess stole.



Betty Swarthout, Joy Prim, Tracey Owens

Joy also visited Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville, another UMW/UWF connection. Joy visited several fellow deaconesses, including Betty Swarthout and Tracey Owens. Betty is a past president of Smoky Mountain District UWF.

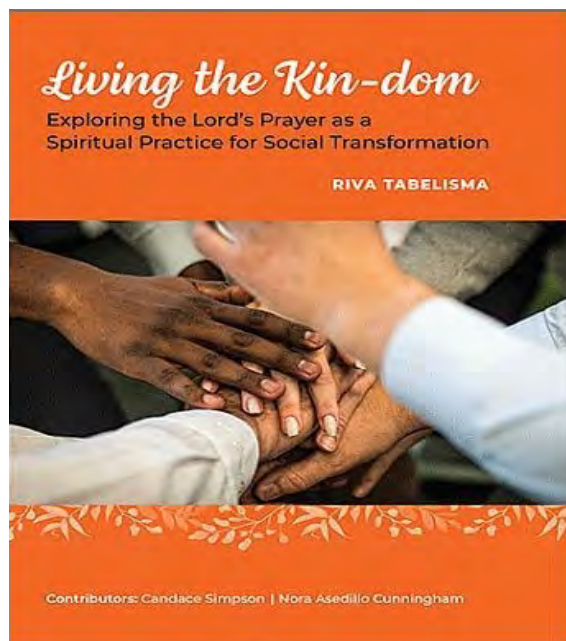
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You may read more about Joy's work in Hong Kong in her book, *My Savior is the Masses: Dancing Along the Path to Justice*. Her book is an Education for Mission selection in the 2021/2022 United Women in Faith Reading Program.

For more more information or to support Joy, visit:
<https://umcmision.org/missionary-bio/3021344/>



Mission u 2023
July 13-15, 2023
Pfeiffer University,
Misenheimer, North Carolina

Passionate about mission?
Love to learn?
Want to engage with others who are?
Then Mission u is right for you!
More information coming soon!



Smoky Mountain District
United Women in Faith
2023 Events
“Jesus Calls Us”

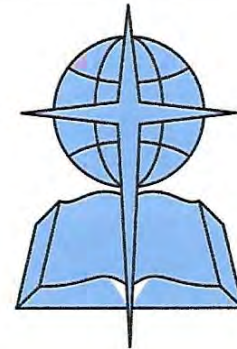


Tri-District Mission Study
Who Can We Be Together?
Virtual via Zoom
March 18 — 10:00 AM – Noon
March 20 — 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM



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Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him
May 6 — 9:30 AM to Noon
Oak Forest UMC, Hayesville

Annual Celebration
Jesus Calls Us: “Be My Witness”
Virtual via Zoom
August 12 — 10:00 AM – Noon



Influence & Impact Event: Learning and Leading!
Jesus Calls Us to Each Other
November 4 — 9:00 AM to Noon
Location TBD

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 Reservations Open February 22, 2023, Call 800-222-4930

Room rates per night.

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.

TO REGISTER: <https://wnc-reg.brtaapp.com/SpiritualGrowthRetreat2023>

Books to “Check Out”!

The United Women in Faith Reading Program has many excellent selections available from public libraries, including Fontana Regional Library and Nantahala Regional Library systems.

Education for Mission:

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek, by Kim Michele Richardson
Inspired by the blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse library service of the 1930s, this bestselling historical novel follows packhorse librarian Cussy Mary Carter and her quest to bring books to Troublesome Creek.



Leadership Development:

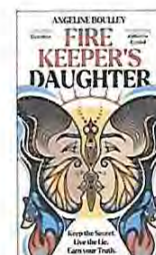


A Knock at Midnight: A Story of Hope, Justice and Freedom, by Brittany K. Barnett
Brittany K. Barnett was a law student when she came across the case that would change her life forever—that of Sharanda Jones, single mother, businessowner, and, like her, Black daughter of the rural South. A victim of America’s war on drugs, Sharanda had been separated from her young daughter and was serving a life sentence without parole for a first-time drug offense.

Nurturing for Community:

Firekeeper’s Daughter – Novel, by Angeline Boulley

A YA thriller about a Native teen who must root out the corruption in her community. When tragedy strikes, 18-year-old Daunis puts her future on hold to look after her mother. The only bright spot is meeting Jamie, the new recruit on her brother’s hockey team. Yet even as Daunis falls for Jamie, she senses the dashing hockey star is hiding something.



Social Action:



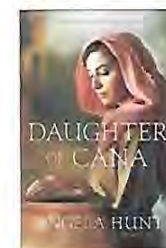
The Four Winds – Novel, by Kristin Hannah

A powerful epic about love, heroism and hope during the Great Depression, when millions were out of work and even the land seemed to have turned against them. Centered on Elsa Wolcott, married to a Great Plains farmer whose land is ravaged by dust storms and drought, each day has become a desperate battle against nature and a fight to keep her children alive.

Spiritual Growth:

Daughter of Cana (Jerusalem Road, Book 1), by Angela Hunt

Thomas and Tasmin, twin siblings hired to oversee a wedding feast in Cana, worry when the host runs out of wine—until a guest tells Tasmin to have the servants fill the pitchers by the gate with water from the cistern. She obeys and is amazed when rainwater turns into the finest wine ever tasted in Cana.



DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT US IF YOU NEED ANYTHING!

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2023 UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CONFERENCE & DISTRICT EVENTS

WNCC UWF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 8-10	Spiritual Growth Retreat—Lake Junaluska
July 13-15	Mission u—Pfeiffer University
Sept. 8-10	WNCC UWF Annual Celebration—Lake Junaluska
Oct. 7, 14, 28	Ubuntu Days of Service—multiple locations
Oct. 21	District Leadership Development—Virtual

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Aug. 12	Annual Celebration via Zoom; 10 am—Noon
Nov. 4	Influence & Impact Event: Learning and Leading! Location TBD; 9:00 am—Noon