

The Catawba Valley

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**2023**

# *Mission Study*

## First Dallas UMC

### March 11th

### 9:00 AM



We are excited to announce that the 2023 Mission Study will be held on March 11th at Dallas First UMC 301 W. Main in Dallas, NC. The Special Guest Speaker will be Deaconess Renee Hayes. Be sure to bring a bag lunch as the session will last until approximately 2:00 PM. Everyone who plans to attend should register in advance. The address for registering is listed below. Just send the names of each person attending and your unit name to:

[cvdcomm@gmail.com](mailto:cvdcomm@gmail.com).

Hope to a Lot of You There !!

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Gaye Dagenhart, 29 31st Ave. Court NE Hickory, NC 28092

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## President's Note

Greetings:

January has slipped away, and at my church we are preparing for the Soup-er Bowl . Following the Sun, Feb. 12th Service, our group at First Valdese will serve several soups choices, saltines and sandwiches plus desserts. It's our fundraiser. Do you have your fundraisers planned for the 2023 season?

Our leadership team is expanding ideas for how we will celebrate the planned events on our Calendar. I hope you will make plans to attend the in-person Mission Study on March 11th. A former Conference officer, Renee Hayes is a Deaconess. he has returned home from a stay in Lithuania very recently. We will come together at 9:30 a.m. at Dallas First UMC.

Beyond this, I can hope to have some more reports come my way from the units who have yet to inform me. Some have called me, I am hoping to know more by the time this newsletter comes to you.

I had lost my P.C. and tower in October from a ferocious storm and Gwen Perkins was kind enough to email the end-of -year reports for me. Our LDD on Nov. 6th, was a combined effort with the Metro District and I am forever grateful to Nancy Ward for helping with that Event plus for doing the reports that you have. Please keep her and her family in your prayers, because her daughter's children need her now in these trying days. Nancy had to step down from the UWF job and that District has a new President, Diann Back. She is a member at St. Stephen UMC.

Thanks for all you do in Jesus' name for Women, Infants and Youth in this District and beyond.

Ever Hopeful, Janet Bjork-Colton

President, Catawba Valley District

Greetings Catawba Valley District Treasurers,

Women of Faith in Catawba we are going to have an awesome year. We will have to work hard to achieve it but, haven't we always had to work hard to achieve our goals. The Executive Committee set our Undesignated Giving Goal for \$60,000.

Catawba Valley District goal for 2022 was \$80,000 and we were short of that by about \$17,441 or we donated \$62,559. That is more than our current year goal and I think we made an awesome effort last year. Please give praise all around to each of your units. It takes all of us.

The letter to the local treasures and presidents will be completed in the next couple of days and hopefully mailed early next week. In that letter I plan to share our financial data for 2022 and upcoming dates that you need to put on your calendar. The close of the first quarter for 2023 will be coming up at the end of February and your reports will be due to me on March 1st. If you haven't sent the contact information for your treasurer and president, please do so now. It is difficult to send you information, if you haven't provided this vital information to me. Please call me if you have questions about your report.

Looking forward to working with all of you.

Catawba Valley District UWF Treasurer  
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### **READING PROGRAM**

Every day seems to have a holiday attached to it. We celebrate National Backward Day (January 31), National Pizza Day (February 9) and even Dr Seuss Day (March 2). The card companies have not yet made us aware of how much we need to celebrate some of these days. We take time to find out what the daily holiday is and go celebrate it because we want to be "in the know". Do we take time to read about our neighbors, their discomforts, their prospective, their trials? In the safety of our community, home, bed, we can experience another person's mannerisms and daily life.

The Reading Program gives us a shelter to learn about other people. Few of us will have an opportunity to travel to Lithuania, Armenia, Haiti or other lands, yet thru the Reading Program, we have a chance to see another world, understand why they think like they do, and how they live.

I challenge each of you to grab a book, some are historical, some are current events. Each has been chosen to encourage you to grow in Faith as well as Understanding of God's world. There are all levels from Children's Youth, and Adult readings. Winter weather hits about now. Stay warm, and snuggly with your blankets and chocolate (National Chocolate Day October 28) or hot tea (National Hot Tea Day January 12).

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



**Online Registration**—*Coming Soon*

Musician, Catherine Ritch

Retreat Leader – Rev. Jan Brittain

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. |



# A SuperBowl Message:

## Another Year—Another Superbowl

Like many of you , I have been married to the same wonderful man for 40 years and have not missed a Super Bowl in that entire time. Although I sometimes refer to it as the “Stupid Bowl”: not because I don’t like the game of football because I do. I actually played quarterback in intramural touch football while I was at NC State University in the late 60’s and loved every minute of it.

However, when it comes to the SuperBowl, the game itself is overshadowed by all the hype, the advertising, the huge ticket prices, the betting, and the usually awful and sometimes disgusting half time shenanigans. All of which cast a shadow over the game and the positive aspects of it.

What are the positives? Well, it can be quite exciting to watch 2 teams engage in a back and forth display of their talents and traits to determine a winner. Few rise to to the level of a champion. Those who do possess a certain set of traits that can be used in everyday life by every person to be a champion for God in this world.

### The Game of Life

We don’t always realize it, but we are playing the game of life, a game of good versus evil, every day. This is a game with very serious consequences and to win requires many of the same traits that champion athletes possess. Pastor Brian Mize calls them The Traits of a :



- ◆ Champions have GREAT DESIRE to be the best. They want to be the Best Player on God’s team.
- ◆ Champions have GREAT DISCIPLINE. They work hard all the time at being the best, not just once in a while—every day. They read the playbook and commit it to heart. What is a Christians play-book? The Holy Bible of course.
- ◆ Champions have GREAT FOCUS. They know the outcome they want and focus on the prize. They don’t let little everyday roadblocks stand in their way. They focus on getting to the desired outcome.
- ◆ Champions are willing to GREAT SACRIFICE. This takes Faith. They live with the Faith that giving up many of the things their friends are doing will yield a higher level for them.
- ◆ Champions possess GREAT CHARACTER. They choose to do the right thing time after time, and when they do slip up—they go to the coach for help and they listen to him. What better coach could we have than The Lord Jesus,

NOW LET’S GET OUT THERE AND BE CHAMPIONS ON GOD’S TEAM!

Gwen Perkins



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## 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.

Blessings,

Jatana Royster

WNCC United Women in Faith Scholarship Committee Chairperson

### Catawba Valley District UWF Officer Team - 2023

| Office                             | Name               | Address  | Phone and Email                         |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|---|
| President                          | Janet Bjork Colton | 516 Roderet St. S<br>Valdese, NC 28690         | 828-205-4157<br>jntcltn61@gmail.com     |
| Vice President                     | <b>OPEN</b>        |  |   |
| Secretary                          | Kim Arrowood       | 3681 Laboratory Rd<br>Lincolnton, NC 28092     | 704-813-8504<br>Kimarrowood@live.com    |
| MNO                                | <b>OPEN</b>        |  |   |
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| Communications Coordinator         | Gwen Perkins       | 3021 Harmon Homestead Rd<br>Shelby, NC 28150   | 704-300-9553<br>cvdcomm@gmail.com       |
| Spiritual Growth Coordinator       | <b>OPEN</b>        |  |   |
| Mission Education & Interpretation | <b>OPEN</b>        |  |   |
| Parliamentarian                    | <b>OPEN</b>        |  |   |
| Historian                          | <b>OPEN</b>        |  |   |
| Nominating Chair                   | <b>OPEN</b>        |  |   |
| Program Resources                  | Anita Fox          | 2430 Mountain Laurel Ln<br>Morganton, NC 28655 | 828-390-6349<br>Taco582001@yahoo.com    |
| Nominations - Burke                | <b>OPEN</b>        |  |   |
| Nominations - Catawba              | <b>OPEN</b>        |  |   |
| Nominations - Cleveland            | <b>OPEN</b>        |  |   |
| Nominations - Gaston               | Vicki Boyd         | 2305 Hillside Dr<br>Dallas, NC 28034           | 704-922-3241<br>vwboyd@bellsouth.net    |
| Nominations - Lincoln              | Linda Reep         | 4780 Grigg Rd<br>Lincolnton, NC 28092          | 704-276-2150<br>lindareep@charter.net   |
| Conference Liaison                 | Ann Aldridge       | 2542 Silverbrook Court<br>Morganton, NC 28655  | 828-443-7414<br>ahaldridge1@charter.net |

## **2023 Calendar of Events**

### **Catawba Valley *District* United Women in Faith**

**February 25<sup>th</sup>** - Executive Team Mtg. Pisgah in Lincolnton. 9:00 AM Host: Kim Arrowood

**March 11<sup>th</sup>** - Mission Study First Dallas UMC Gathering at 9:30 AM Special Guest, Renee Hayes, Deaconess will lead the Session Bring a bag lunch, will be there through to 2pm. Required for a Mission Study to be 4 hrs. to count in reporting.

**April 29<sup>th</sup>** - Spiritual Growth St. Luke's UMC – 10:00 AM Special Guest, Beth Osbahr Includes yearly Memorial Ceremony

**June 8-10<sup>th</sup>** - Spiritual Growth at Lake Junaluska

**July 13- 15<sup>th</sup>** - Mission u at Pfeiffer University

**August 19<sup>th</sup>** - District Annual Celebration at First Valdese UMC 10:00AM

**Sept 8-10<sup>th</sup>** Conference Annual Meeting , Lake Junaluska

**Oct. 7, 24, 28** - Ubuntu Days of Service- various locations

**Oct 21<sup>st</sup>** - Conference Leadership Development Day for all District Officers

**Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>** - Catawba Valley District Leadership Development Day - all unit Officers