

Uwharrie District* Western North Carolina Conference * United Women in Faith *3rdQuarter 2023





Summer is here and that means it's time to bring out the flip flops, sunscreen, and charcoal. As people make their way to the beaches, as they gather for summer BBQs and sit out by the pool, it can be easy to allow the relaxed atmosphere of summertime to carry over into your walk with the Lord. Packed calendars, summer weddings, family reunions and squeezing in some sort of vacation can leave you needing a vacation from your vacation. It's very important to keep God on your mind while you are here and there going to your summer destinations. Jesus told us to let our light shine.

As UWF we shine brilliantly together. Let's keep our light shining brightly. Continue inviting, continue sharing, continue influencing, continue giving, continue letting your light shine for all to see.

There are problems and obstacles facing us in several directions now. One being officers needed for district teams, and churches disaffiliating as well as others.

This organization was started by 8 women and only 2 pennies and look how it has grown to over 800,000 women(the largest denominational faith organization for women). We cannot become discouraged, we need to continue to pray and ask for God's guidance as we strive to get officers for the District team and carry on other ministries for women, children, and youth locally, nationally, and internationally.

Have a wonderful summer and may God Bless you in all things.

Sarah Lee, Uwharrie District President

As I am working diligently on our 3rd. quarter newsletter I am getting ready for our District Annual Meeting in August at Bethlehem UMC in Waxhaw, NC. I hope everyone is planning to attend as we have a Mosaic in Faith event with our devoted speaker Catherine Ritch sharing her richness of faith & grace. We will be celebrating all the accomplishments of all the units in the Uwharrie District for 2022. We will recognize outgoing officers for their service and introduce you to next year's Uwharrie District Team members. If you have not completed your Mission Today requirements, reading, Gift to Mission, etc. for 2022 you still have time. I know many units take the summer off so when you start your meetings back you can have an idea on what you want to complete by the end of November. Remember, we would love to hear from you, even if it is just to come to say hello at one of your meetings.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Uwharrie District Annual Meeting on August 19th.

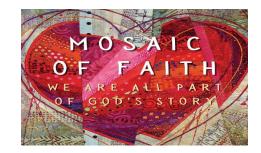
Proverbs 3:3-6

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirt be with us all, now and evermore. Amen

May the Grace of God be with you, Vickie Brown - Vice President





Catherine Ritch

Celebration Time

UWHARRIE DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING - BETHLEHEM UMC - WAXHAW, NC

Saturday, August 19th 5300 Nesbit Rd. Waxhaw, NC 28173

Registration: 9:30 Meeting 10:15 - 12:15

Hands on Mission Project - School Supplies for

Bethlehem Ctr. Winston-Salem

Registration: \$5 covers continental breakfast & program

The day includes singing/music, a business meeting, election of officers, worship, mission outreach, children's skit, and fellowship.

Registration deadline: August 12, 2022

Mail registrations to: Jeanettte Mixon

235 Woodbrier Drive Lexington, NC 27292

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REGISTRATION FOR UWHARRIE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

Names of persons attending:						
District & Church			-			
Contact Information (pho	ne & email)					
Amount enclosed \$	Make check payable to:	UMW - Uwharrie District				

"Mission U 2023"

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Time to energize your relationship with God.

Engage in fun activities and exchange ideas.

Friday, July 28—Saturday, July 29

Catholic Conference Center

1551 Trinity Lane Hickory, NC 28602

This year's study is retreat focused—time apart to reflect and mediate

Registration: Available Early June

Registration Cut off date: Early July

Registration will be available at Spiritual Growth

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Reading Program

Attention: All Units – Please keep a running tab on your Reading Program, as we need to keep a record of your books read for 2023, to report on your year end totals to provide your units certificates.

Note: The 2023 Reading list is available on the WNCC website

Carla Carrick - Program Resources

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MISSION EDUCATION AND INTREPRETATION

You ladies have accomplished our goal again in fulfilling hearts with joy with your generous donations to our Missions. Thank you all who brought UMCOR kits to Mission Study and the Prayer Breakfast. Please continue to work on these Hands-on Mission Projects. Please remember the money is to be in a separate envelope as this money should go to our District Treasurer Jeanette Mixon.

Mission Trip July 8th Mission Response Center, Terrell NC 9-12

District Annual Celebration August 19th. Bethlehem UMC – Waxhaw, NC

Registration 9:30 - Meeting 10:15 - 12:15

Hands on Missions: Gift to Mission and Gift in Memory Cards
School Supplies for the "Bethlehem Center" --- "Note any Supplies Accepted."

Conference Annual Meeting September 8-10th. @Lake Junaluska

As we move into the second half of the year, ask your unit to pay their pledge in a timely manner. Please have your unit give in all five channels of giving. This is a criterion for the Mission Today Unit and will help the UWIF missions supporting women, children, and youth around the world.

Special thanks to all of you for your many blessings and providing God's work.

May the Lord bless you for all your generosity.

UMCOR KITS COLLECTED				
HYGIENE KITS	166			
MENSTRUAL KITS	24			
HOUSEWARES	163			

In God's good Grace Vickie Brown, MEI Coordinator Vickiebrown961@gmail.com 336-596-5523

Membership Nurture and Outreach

May is the time of year when we want to be outside working in our yard, watching our children playing ball, and **Walking for Missions.** Our first walk was Saturday May 6th with Central, Denton, United Women in Faith. They had 11 walkers and exceeded their goal by raising \$555.

We have 4 more walks scheduled for 2023 the dates are: May 27, Dan Nicholas Park Salisbury; June 3, Grimes Park Lexington; June 24, Belk -Tonawanda Park, Monroe; and our final walk July 29, at Randolph Mall, Asheboro. Each walk will be from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. snacks will be provided.

You can always walk individually or with a group from your unit on a different day and have your treasurer send the money to Jeanette Mixon when she makes her quarterly remittance noting the amount for walks and how many walkers participated.

Carolyn Thompson Uwharrie Membership Nurture and Outreach



"The Legacy Fund" is a key component of the

celebration of the national office of the United Women in Faith.

Ways to Give to the Legacy Fund

- -Make a gift to the Legacy Fund through your local unit of UWIF Treasurer
- -Give online at uwfaith.org/give/legacy-fund/
- -Phone: 800-278-7771 (8 am-6m M-F)
 - -Text Legacy 150 to 41444

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

Jane Ellickson, Uwharrie District Legacy Fund Representative

APPRECIATION

With never a doubt, United Women in Faith has your back, mine, and yours. We UWIF, go the extra mile in making others smile. We never turn away others, we continue to reach out and be kind, and thankful, as we provide others with inspirations of the Lord's Love. Thank you, ladies, for sharing your photos and stories as we try to share this with others in our District. You are greatly appreciated, and I say Thank you,



Vickie Brown - Communications Coordinator for your Kind

Historian

Persistence - to go on resolutely, despite opposition, tenacious, also enduring.

We grew up learning that doing the same thing and expecting a different outcome was not wise (some called it insanity). However, we rarely focus on the mirror image in the opposite positive way. Doing the same thing, with God as the guiding force and prayers to him are constant, often allows us to obtain the same GOOD outcome.

The ladies who met together to start this organization we now call United Women in Faith did not have a large gathering place or many people. The first meeting was not a packed auditorium but just a sitting room in a regular house. Many of us can identify as the numbers of participants does not seem as large as it once was.

At this point in our growth, we must remember that when 2 or more gather in God's name, He'll be there. Each of us has special personal memories to pass on to our newer sisters and the fellowship cannot be replaced. Let us continue the good work started by these women over 150 years ago.

Remember: With God, all things are possible and "it only takes a spark to get a fire going"

Cheri Barker - Historian



Annual Celebration Registration:

(Begins June 2023 Watch for announcement)

- All registration is online. There will be no on-site registration.
- Get a DISCOUNT! Register early and ONLINE! Online advance registration, Dates TBA \$25.00 per person! Full registration is \$40 per person. Dates TBA. The online registration link on our website at www.wnccumw.org. will open soon.
- Registration fees are nonfundable, and because of our COVID 19 safety measures, registration fees are also nontransferable
- 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!
- Contact us if you have a question about registration.
- Masks should be worn at all indoors events.

UNITED WOMEN In FAITH Western North Carolina Conference

What: 50th Annual Celebration

Celebrating 154 Years in Mission

When: September 8-10, 2023

Event Check-in begins 2pm; Program 6:45pm

Where: Lake Junaluska, Terrace Auditorium

Keynote Weekend Speaker:

Rev. Holly Cobb McKim, Minister, Hudson UMC

Mission Speaker: Julie Marie Wilson Missionary, Open Arms Community Center, Winston-Salem

Music Leaders Dr. Craig Estep & Catherine Ritch

Hands-On Mission: UMCOR Period Packs and Christmas Shoeboxes for Armenia

Mosaic! Saturday Afternoon:

UWF Choir by Craig Estep Where Our Money Goes led by Linda Greer

Jazzercizing 4 Jesus led by LaDonna Butts

Mosaic! 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: Yadkin Valley





Complete information about Annual Celebration will soon be available on our website:

www.wnccumw.org

Contact Persons:

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Questions & Assistance Online Registration Lynne Gilbert, Webmaster Igilbert.umw@gmail.com 336-207-3479

\$\$ Notes from the Treasurer

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Our Q2 remittance will be sent to the Conference in early June. Q2 ends on May 31, we are still collecting money for this quarter.

Thanks to all who have sent in their Q2 remittance thus far. Thank you, Uwharrie District on behalf of women, youth and children you are helping!

Our Prayer Breakfast was held on April 22, 2023. We had 49 people register and collected \$343.00 in registration fees. We also collected \$225.00 as a Love offering. Again, thank you Uwharrie District for your generosity.

If your unit is still not meeting in person, you can give on-line on the WNCC UMW website. It can be found on the very top line on the Home Page "GIVE NOW" or at

https://wnccumw.org/online-mission-giving/. These online 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.)

Local Treasurers, your Q3 Remittances are due in by August 31st . You will be receiving a letter from me in early August with additional information.

Jeanette Mixon Uwharrie District Treasurer





DISTRICT NOMINATIONS REPORT

Now is the time to be leaders, take action and serve as an officer on our Uwharrie District UWF Team. The search is on and Nominations would love for **you** to join our District Team. We are currently looking to fulfill the open position for the remainder of 2023: **Nominations Committee Member**

We are also working to complete a slate of officers to nominate for 2024, including Membership Nurture and Outreach and Nominations. If you or anyone you know in your local unit who has a heart to serve others as a District Leader, please contact Co-Chairs, Gay Smith or Leigh Harris or any other Uwharrie Team officer for job description information.

Serving at the District level provides great fellowship, learning opportunities, a step of faith, wonderful leadership team support and a perfect way to accept a role in the future of United Women in Faith.

There is no doubt about it, **you** will be blessed by serving. Please prayerfully consider where "your place" can be on the Uwharrie District UWF Leadership Team.

Thank you,

Gay Smith gaysmith@fastmail.fm

Leigh Harris kharris72@triad.rr.com

Uwharrie District United Methodist Women Form for Nominations from the Floor 2023 Annual Meeting Submission Deadline: August 9, 2023

The Women of Faith's bylaws allow for nominations from the floor. Please use this form for nominations from the floor for this year's meeting and election. If you wish to nominate for more than one office, you must complete a form for each nominee

1.	For which office is your nomination?				
2.	Nominee's Contact Information Name:				
	Address:				
	City/Town:				
	State/Province:				
	Zip/Postal Code:				
	Email Address:				
	Home Phone Number:				
	Cell Phone Number:				
	Work Phone Number:				
3.	Please identify the age range of the n	ominee:			
	18-30 years 31-40 years	41-50 years 51-65 years 66-70 years 71 years a	nd over		
4.	Please identify the ethnicity/race of the nominee. Choose all that apply.				
	O African O African-American	or Black on Asian-American or Asian o Carib	bean o Caucasian or White		
	 Hispanic or Latina 				
	 Native American o Pacific I 	slander			
	 Please write in your own pr 	referred description			
5.	Please identify the local church to which the nominee belongs:				
	Local Church:				
6.	Nominator Contact Information Nam	e: (Let us know who YOU are)			
	Address:				

NASA Monitors Earth with Satellites

Human actions are changing the balance of nature. Habitats have been lost due to the loss of forests and climate change. Global temperatures have increased, and the oceans are more acidic. Heat waves, droughts, floods and wildfires have changed our environment.

Sadly, the climate is changing faster than species can adapt.

This is causing a decline in biodiversity. It has been reported that one million plants and animals are possibly facing extinction. For example, there are fewer birds now than previously. It is estimated that we have lost 3 billion wild birds. This is down by 29% from 1970.

NASA satellites are now able to monitor this change in the Earth. Scientists are working to find ways to reverse these climate changes.



The potential future effects of global climate change include more frequent wildfires, longer periods of drought in some regions, and an increase in the wind intensity and rainfall from tropical cyclones.

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Spiritual Growth

Thank you to all our sisters in Christ who attended the Prayer Breakfast on April 22, at Central Monroe. We had a wonderful time praising the Lord and renewing our spirit. We were blessed with a wonderful and thoughtful message from our Uwharrie District Superintendent, Rev. Laura Auten.

There was beautiful music performed by Trinity from Central Monroe.

A huge thanks to everyone from Central Monroe for all their preparation of the wonderful breakfast served by the Women in Faith Circles at Central Monroe.

Thank you to all who made this a special morning.



I hope everyone has made plans to join us at The Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska, Thursday, June 8th through Saturday, June 10th. It is not too late.

We are looking forward to hearing our Retreat Leader, Rev Jan Brittain will speak on our theme: Women Coming to Christ.

We are always in for a treat with our music when Rev Dr. Mark Barden and Catherine Ritch join.

We look forward to seeing you at the Lake.

Patricia Jarvis Uwharrie Spiritual Growth Coordinator

BETTY HUNT - NOMINATIONS

Tireless, thoughtful, and wise, Betty Hunt has been a long-standing,

dedicated volunteer for RSAA. She served on the RSAA Board of Directors, As an active Ex-Officio member of the Board, and on the Randolph County Aging Planning Committee. She has been a Delegate to the NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature (NCSTHL), where she worked within Randolph County to listen to concerns and support 60+ population of NC, as well as advocate for resources for older adults. From 2009-11 Hunt served as a Speaker of the NCSTHL, the highest honor for an individual's commitment and contribution to the betterment of Aging in NC.

In 2021, she received the Governor's Volunteer Service

Award, an award designed to recognize the state's most dedicated volunteers.

For years, Betty led senior outreach efforts at New Union

United Methodist Church and helped plan SAA's annual fundraiser.

We, Uwharrie District United Women in Faith are so proud of Betty Hunt, (our Sister in Faith) Betty is a inspiration to us all. Betty, please continue with your Blessings, as God is leading us in

the paths to make a difference in today's world.

A Blessing that is an opportunity for us all.

Thank you "Betty Hunt" for your Service.....





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Upcoming Events

July 8 Mission Trip to Mission Response Center, Terrell NC 9-12 pm

Mission U- Catholic Conference Ctr, Hickory NC The Lords Prayer - Living the Kin-Dom July 28-29

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

August 19 Uwharrie District Women in Faith Annual Celebration

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