



Blue Ridge District Newsletter

United Women in Faith

*Purpose: UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH is 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 Celebration**



***When: Saturday, August 19, 2023***

***Where: East Marion United Methodist Church***

***Marion, NC***

***Registration: 9:30 A.M.***

***Meeting: 10:00 A. M.***

***Guest Speaker: Lisa Bacon***

***Hands on Mission: Period Pack Kits***

***Love Offering: To Honor Local Unit Officers***

***This year, we're having a choir, directed by Tracey Owens. If you want to participate, please arrive at 9:30 A.M. to practice.***

# United Methodist Women

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT

## PROPOSED BUDGET 2024

PLEDGE TO MISSION \$ 82,100

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### ADMINISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (A & M D)

#### OFFICER EXPENSES:

Postage	\$ <u>1000</u>	
Supplies	<u>800</u>	
Telephone	<u>          </u>	
Travel (mileage)	<u>1800</u>	
Printing (letters, handouts, etc.)	<u>300</u>	
Total Officer Expenses		\$ <u>3900</u>

#### MEETING EXPENSES:

District Annual Meeting	\$ <u>500</u>	
District Spiritual Enrichment	<u>500</u>	
District Officer Training	<u>200</u>	
Other District Events	<u>200</u>	
Total Meeting Expenses		\$ <u>1400</u>

#### OTHER EXPENSES:

Newsletter 1) Printing	\$ <u>1000</u>	
Newsletter 2) Postage	<u>200</u>	
Resources and Literature	<u>300</u>	
SMR, GTM, & GIM	<u>600</u>	
Local Women Stipend (3) <small>3 first-timers to Spiritual Growth Retreat, Conference Mission u or Annual Celebration)</small>	<u>450.00</u>	
Miscellaneous	<u>100</u>	
Total Other Expenses		\$ <u>2650</u>

TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES – A & M D \$ 7950.00

**DO NOT ADD OR CHANGE ANY CATEGORIES TO THE ABOVE LIST**

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**PLEASE ASK YOUR NURTURING PARTNER TO COME VISIT**

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Glenda Fuhrmann (828) 337-2617	Montmorenci	Barbara E. Campbell (828) 225-0414	Asbury Memorial
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Dorothy Johnson (828) 738-8148 (828) 460-3778	Clinchfield Marion First Pleasant Grove	Leith Tate (828) 301-6028	Skyland Salem
Betty J. Letzig (828) 225-0414	Fletcher	Jackie Rio (828) 669-2885	Groce
Tracey Owens (828) 246-6006	Black Mountain Oak Grove	Martha Phillips (828) 467-3167	Spruce Pine Windom East Marion
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Jennie Greenway (828) 453-9637	Edneyville Hendersonville First Moore's Grove	Stephanie Goudreau (828) 460-2463	First Rutherfordton Gilkey Pleasant Hill-Marion Concord
Susan Snell (828) 551-0736	Sardis Oakley	Eva Farren (828) 231-3820	Grace Balfour

## **A Message from Your President**

As we enter the second half of the year, I encourage you to attend the final UWF Conference/District events of 2023. Before you receive your next newsletter, we will have completed Mission u and both District and Conference annual celebrations. Our purpose comes alive in these larger group settings where we truly experience “the community of women” and develop “a creative, supportive fellowship.” In addition to feeding us spiritually by featuring inspirational speakers, the larger meetings enhance our understanding and appreciation of who we are, what we are doing, and what we plan to do in the future.

I’m eager to see how you and your units have done with your Walk to Mission. My unit is running a little behind: We’ve gotten our sponsors, but we’re not actually walking until Monday, July 10. East Marion completed their walk in June. They did theirs a little differently. The entire church participated, not just the UWF. I’ve also heard from Robin Jones and Abernethy UWF. They named their event Move for Mission. Others are finished or will finish soon. Please get your money to our treasurer Linda Johns (address on p. 3) so that we’ll know if we met (surpassed?) our \$5400.00 goal.

If you haven’t done anything yet, you can still participate. I e-mailed the forms to all presidents, but you can get them by contacting me at [gwenaharris68@gmail.com](mailto:gwenaharris68@gmail.com).

**Gwen Harris**

## **Vice President**

Welcome to Summer 2023. I have just returned from the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska and that was such a great way to kick off the summer. Our theme was “Women Coming to Christ” and our retreat leader, Rev. Jan Brittain, did such a wonderful job in sharing about eight women of the Bible that had such an impact on showing us how to come to Christ. It is a special time to be together with our sisters. There is always something about being at the lake that refreshes, encourages and inspires us. Make plans to be a part of that next year.

We have several events to look forward to this summer. One is the Mission u in July. Look for information about that in this newsletter and also on the conference website. Check the conference website often to learn all the exciting things going on for United Women in Faith.

I would like to encourage you to attend our District Annual Celebration on August 19 at East Marion United Church. We are fortunate to have Lisa Bacon as our speaker, and we will take care of important business that day. Election and installation of officers will happen, and we will look back at what we have accomplished in 2022. I hope to see you there. I encourage you to plan a visit with your nurturing partner. They are more than willing to be a part of your local unit. Encourage your units to do a special activity for our Walk for Mission. Together, we still make a difference in the lives of women, youth, and children at home and around the world.

**Lucy Earls**

## Treasurer

After our years of going through Covid and the restrictions we have observed for our safety, it seems like we have been returning to normal this year. In-person meetings have increased, which has given us the chance to connect personally with one another once. It has been very exciting, but it has also reminded me of the energy and stamina it takes to keep up with our active roles in advocating for women, youth, and children. While challenging, it has also reminded me of what I love about United Women in Faith. We can watch the world go by or we can participate in it, and I don't know of any organization that participates any better than United Women in Faith.

Can you believe the year is half over? And our United Women in Faith's year is a little more than half over. Unit Treasurers have sent their 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter reports and checks to me. Thank you to each Treasurer for your dedication to United Women in Faith.

Blue Ridge District United Women in Faith thank you for your mission giving in 2023. The contribution of each unit is extremely important in supporting UWF efforts around the world.

Our total amount sent to the Conference Treasurer for half of this year is **\$33,236.88**. Our undesignated giving totaled **\$28,671.82**, which is applied to our yearly pledge to mission of \$82,100. As you can see, we are not half way to our pledge goal with half the year behind us. I am sure all units are working to help us reach all our goals for UWF mission giving. I can capture the credit for each unit for funds donated that are sent to me with a remittance. Funds that are sent in directly to other offices are not tracked through my records, I do not have the ability to track as I do not usually receive any information from the other offices concerning the donations. If you do not see a donation credited through the district records and you think it should have been, please ask your local treasurer about it.

During the first half of this year, Blue Ridge United Women in Faith contributed **\$1,527.84** to the Legacy Fund. Western North Carolina Conference United Women in Faith has been working hard to ensure our traditions and mission work continue into the future. A large part of being able to contribute to our future is due to the prayers and thoughtful contributions of Blue Ridge District United Women in Faith.

Many of our units are small in the number of members, but we are all big in heart and in working for United Women in Faith. I am very proud to be serving you as District Treasurer. I encourage you to contact your Nurturing Partner for a visit to your unit meeting or to discuss any issues you may have.

Back to my soul searching, I have decided to slip on my sneakers and work on my stamina because I do not want to be left out of helping in the ways I can, to advocate and participate. We have a challenge before us to raise money through a Walk for Mission. Please take part as it will take all of us to join and raise enough money to make our pledge. You do not have to run or walk. There are other ways. Won't you consider joining me? Let's get out there and if we can walk, walk; if we can rock, rock; if we can talk, talk. Whatever we can do, let's do it in God's service and on behalf of youth, women, and children to help those who need a bigger voice in this world.

**Linda Johns**

## Spiritual Growth

“From the rising of the sun to its going down

The Lord’s name is to be praised.” ([Psalm 113:3](#))

First of all, let me say thank you to all of you who helped, prayed for, and attended our Prayer Breakfast back in April. I was so pleased to see everyone and to have the opportunity to worship with you. If you were in attendance, you certainly received a blessing from our speaker Tonya Lanier and our musicians, Tracey and Charlie.

Memorial Day marked the unofficial beginning of summer. This season is characterized by its heat (sometimes too much of it), carefree days, and more sunshine. What should we do with all that extra sunshine? Extra daylight gives us the opportunity to have more time in the day to grow spiritually. Maybe it gives you the opportunity to take a walk at the end of the day when the temperature is cooler or sit on the porch and read an inspirational book until the sun goes down.

Or maybe you can use the extra time in the day in the most simple way, a chance to have a chat with God. It doesn’t have to be complicated. Just chat with Him as you would an old friend.

However you spend your time this summer, I pray that your spiritual life will grow as the flowers of the field.

**Jennie Greenway**

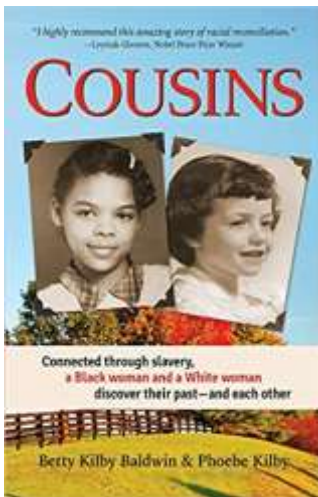


## Mission Education & Interpretation

If your unit has health or menstrual kits, I will be collecting them at the District UWF Annual Celebration on August 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are not able to attend this event, please give me a call at (828) 246-6006 so we can set up a collection time/place. I will be taking all the kits to the Conference UWF Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska on September 9<sup>th</sup>. After that, I will not be collecting any more kits until next year.

**Tracey S. Owens, Coordinator**

## Program Resources



I am happy to announce that a book from this year's Social Action Category has been chosen for our next Blue Ridge District Book Club meeting on September 16. It is entitled *Cousins*. Registration for the meeting should be on the conference website by mid-August.

*What happens when a White woman, Phoebe, contacts a Black woman, Betty, saying she suspects they are connected through slavery?*

*Open to exploring difficult truths and sharing an admiration for Dr. Martin Luther King, they embark on a path toward reconciliation.*

*Each tells her dramatic story – from Betty's experience desegregating her county's only high school, to Phoebe's eventual question to Betty: "How do I begin to repair the harms?"*

Remember that eligible books this year range from the 2018-2023 Reading Program lists. Also, remember to watch "Faith Matters" 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* count as reading books.

We will continue our donations of used reading books to sell for Missions at live events in 2023, so save your books from 2018-2022 and bring them to the Annual Meeting at East Marion UMC on August 19. HAPPY READING!

In Christian Love,  
**Jeannette Byrd**  
**Secretary for Program Resources**



## Membership Nurture and Outreach

The passing of Sharon Smith was a huge loss to our unit, district, and conference. Her niece has been wonderful about bringing all the United Women in Faith materials found at Sharon's house to First United Methodist Church of Marion where we continue to go through all the resources Sharon collected over the years.

One booklet I came across in Sharon's collection is titled "United Methodist Women Guidelines for Attracting Newly-Retired Women Membership Campaign." This piqued my interest, especially because some of the WNCC conference materials I recently reviewed suggest that women 35 and over, including recent empty nesters and retirees, are likely to be the folks most interested in joining us. As you look around your church and community for potential new members, keep these ideas from Sharon's booklet in mind:

Start a discussion on membership by asking the members of your unit to divide into groups of two or three and share the answers to these questions:

- How did I first get involved in UWF?
- What excites me most about UWF?
- What does UWF have to offer other women?
- Why am I still a member?

Answers to these questions can provide insights into recruiting new members, but also into nurturing your current membership. If your unit is serious about attracting new members, the booklet suggests having your members also answer these questions:

- Are you willing to open your unit to new members?
- Are you willing to change meeting times?
- Are you willing to make your unit programs challenging, creative, and exciting?
- Are you willing to let go of some of your power and control?

The booklet goes on to emphasize that good programs are a key to not only attracting new members but also in maintaining the interest and support of current members. Other suggestions for expanding your membership include the following:

- Promote a "Woman of the Month" at your church that may or may not be a member of UWF.
- Give a subscription to *response* magazine as a gift.
- Promote the Reading Program and Book Club.
- Share leadership.
- Provide a new member with a "friendship partner" for a year.
- Schedule fun things to do as part of the unit meeting.

When starting a membership drive, start small—you do not have to try everything at once! Probably the best way to promote UWF is to tell others by words and actions how UWF has enriched your life by strengthening your relationship to God, creating bonds with other women in your church and community, and helping others through local, national, and global missions.

**Stephanie Goudreau, Coordinator**

## Historian

### Mission Knowledge = Informed Prayerful Giving

The women of the newly formed Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (1869) voted to send two women missionaries to India even though the organization had neither a membership base nor a financial plan. They saw a great need and had faith it could be met. Their solution! Tell the story and seek interested women to join them with "two cents a week and a prayer."

Decades later (1900's) the women of the Methodist Episcopal South had also sent women missionaries and established schools, hospitals and community centers. The expense of new buildings was beyond the annual national budget. Their solution! An annual observance combining mission information, meditations, prayer and intercessions and sacrificial giving: "The Week of Prayer and Self-Denial." It was an in-depth program:

- a) Women gathered daily, Monday-Thursday, for prayer, meditations and information about the offering objectives.
- b) They gathered for an all-day "Quiet Day" service on Friday culminating in a sacrificial offering which was a designated offering – half for the US and half for world missions.

In more recent times (1950's), women of the Evangelical United Brethren Women's Society of World Service developed a "Plan of Work" with this reminder:

*When we depend on money, we get what money can do*

*When we depend on organization, we get what organizations can do.*

*When we depend on programs and education, we get what programs and education can do.*

*But when we depend on prayer, we get what God can do.*

Today online giving, donation buttons, and QR codes are becoming standard even in churches. It is giving devoid of prayer. It can be UN-informed giving!

United Women in Faith must use our resources (response magazine & Prayer Guide) and maintain our tradition of informed giving.

**Barbara E. Campbell**

## Communications

The Canton Paper Mill closed its doors on May 24th and the final whistle blew on June 8<sup>th</sup>. This whistle echoed through the whole community as a wave of sadness filled the air.

The Paper Mill has been in operation since 1908. In the mill's 115 years of operation, the population of this small town has increased threefold. There have been generations of families that have worked at the paper mill and according to an employee, "It's like losing a family member." The Canton Area Historical Museum said, "This is part of this community's roots and it's part of their culture and it's part of who these people are."

The community is at a loss. As neighbors, we need to stay in constant prayer for these people and ask that if there is anything that we as a community of United Women in Faith can do to assist our neighbors, we would like to help.

God Bless each one of you.

**Tammy Long, Coordinator**

***The Chaplain at Brooks-Howell Home is retiring in September. We are looking for volunteers (clergy & lay speakers) to bring the message at the Chapel Service on Thursday afternoons. We are asking the United Women in Faith of the Blue Ridge District to notify their pastors and lay speakers in their churches concerning this volunteer opportunity. Tracey Owens, Deaconess and Director of Activities at Brooks-Howell, is the contact person. Her email is [towens@brookshowell.org](mailto:towens@brookshowell.org) and phone is (828) 367-7986. Thank you for your support of this retirement community.***

## Community Outreach Unit Projects

***In our area, we are well aware of the disastrous effects*** of flooding and hurricane damage that we ourselves have experienced recently just west of Asheville in Haywood County and have sent help thru UCMCOR. When the members of the Miriam Circle at Groce UMC in Asheville learned of the devastating flooding in Knott County, Kentucky, in September 2022, we wanted to reach out to another UWF group in that area to offer our help and our support. We wanted to help in a special way, one women's group to another. Knott County is believed to have lost more people to the flooding than any county in the state.

After contacting our conference office for guidance, we were connected to Hindman UMC and Linda Gayheart. Hindman is a small church and the only United Methodist Church in Knott County. The church had sustained some flooding but were preparing their church to be used as a relief center. Our Circle was able to send a love offering of \$500.00 to be used in any way needed. We weren't able to be with them physically but the members of Hindman UMC felt God's love and our concern through this offering.

**Tricia Clark, Miriam Circle, Groce UWF**

## **Western North Carolina Conference UWF Mission Institutions**

WNCC is home to five of the eighty-eight UWF mission institutions located in the United States. We're going to feature them in the next several issues of the newsletter. The first is Brooks Howell Home, the only one located in the Blue Ridge District.

### ***Brooks Howell Home***

As the district ME&I Coordinator, I am responsible for providing information about the mission institutions sponsored by the UWF. I'm going to highlight a different institution in each newsletter. This time I will write about a place that is very near and dear to me, as well as many of you – Brooks-Howell Home (BHH). I have worked at BHH for almost 14 years and am currently the Director of Activities.

Brooks-Howell Home is a non-profit, charitable continuing care retirement community owned and supported by the UWF. It is located on 10 acres on Merrimon Avenue in Asheville and was originally established as a retirement facility for deaconesses and missionaries. At the 1954 Fourth Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild, an offering was taken to be used "in some way for retired deaconesses and missionaries." In April 1955, the Committee for a New Home for Retired Workers was named to study the location for a new retirement home. Questionnaires sent to active and retired deaconesses and missionaries indicated a preference for the Southeastern Jurisdiction and ultimately Asheville was chosen. The property was purchased in 1956 and the first residents arrived in 1957. The name Brooks-Howell honors Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, then president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and Miss Mabel K. Howell, former professor of missions at Scarritt College. It is said that Miss Howell taught more missionaries and deaconesses than any other person.

Over the years, buildings have been constructed to provide more residential opportunities and to enrich the lives of those who live there. Independent living in apartments and suites as well as a skilled health care unit meet the desires and concerns of the residents and their families.

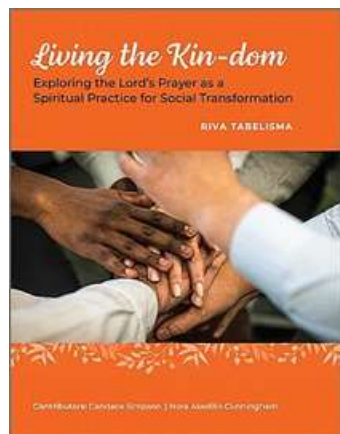
The criteria for residency has changed and currently anyone over the age of 62 is eligible to apply to live at BHH. If you would like more information about BHH, go to the website [www.brookshowell.org](http://www.brookshowell.org). If you would like more information concerning residency, contact Jill Knight, Admissions & Marketing Coordinator, at [jknight@brookshowell.org](mailto:jknight@brookshowell.org) or (828) 348-7270.

\*The above information is from BHH "OUR STORY" document.

**Tracey Owens**

## *Mission u 2023*

### *A Retreat*



*Where: Catholic Conference Center  
Hickory, NC*

*When: July 28-29*

*Adult Retreat Leader-Renee Hayes*

*Youth Retreat Leader-Sherry Sink*

*Online registration ends July 13*

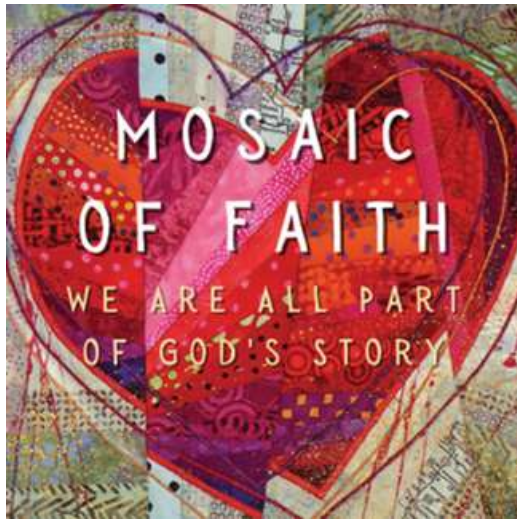


### **The Legacy Endowment Fund**

Thank you, Western North Carolina, for giving \$473,554.31 since the fund began!

The Legacy Fund is a permanently invested endowment that will be an ongoing source of income, providing the assurance that our important UWF work can always continue.

Check the Conference and National websites for more information.



**Coming in September . . . Fiftieth Annual Celebration!**

**Lake Junaluska-Terrace Auditorium**

**September 8-10, 2023**

**Keynote Speaker: Holly Cobb McKim**

**Mission Speaker: Julia Marie Wilson**

**Hands-on Mission: Armenia Christmas Shoeboxes, UMCOR Menstrual Kits**

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**UMCOR Materials for Menstrual Kit**

- **One one-gallon size re-sealable bag**
- **Two 2 oz. bottle hand sanitizer**
- **Three 4-gallon bathroom trash bags**
- **One travel pack of wet ones**
- **10 Tampons (5 regular and 5 super absorbency)**
  - **Unscented**
- **10 Sanitary Napkins**
  - **Unscented**
  - **Long super ultra-thin**
- **Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)**
  - **No Ivory or Jergen's soap**
  - **Do not remove from packaging**
- **One pack of flushable wipes (42 count)**
  - **Unscented**
- **Six laundry detergent sheets**
  - **Laundry detergent sheets should be placed inside of a small plastic storage bag prior to being added to the kit.**



## Pictures from Spring Events



**Blue Ridge District United Women in Faith**  
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**Fletcher, NC 28732**

## **Mark Your Calendars for 2023**

*August 19 – District Annual Celebration – East Marion UMC – 10:0 A.M.*

**September 8 – 10 – Annual Celebration - Lake Junaluska, Terrace Auditorium**

**September 16 – BR District Book Club – Zoom – 10:00 A.M.**

*September 23 – District Executive Committee Meeting – Brooks Howell – 9:30 A.M.*

**October 7, 14, & 28 – Unbuntu Days of Service – Various Locations**

**October 21 –Conference Leadership Development Day (LDD) – Zoom- 10:00 A.M.**

*October 28 - District Leadership Development (LDD) – Zoom – 10:00 A.M.*

**November 11 – BR District Book Club – Zoom- 10:00 A.M.**