

Western North Carolina Conference

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United
Women
in Faith

Greetings Yadkin Valley United Women in Faith!

We believe love in action can change the world!

And change the world we did on June 3rd. Pine Grove UWF hosted our *Wear a Hat Bring a Hat Tea*, everyone looked beautiful in their hats and we were so blessed with the hats that you donated for Cancer Services of Winston-Salem. Polly will have more information in her article regarding our tea.

Our Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska, June 8-10, with our theme “Women Coming to Christ” was a mountaintop experience. Our speaker Jan Brittain was inspiring, and she gave us a new perspective on some of the women who came to Christ. Jan has shared her scripture manuscripts with us, you will find them on our website www.wnccumw.org/events/spiritual-growth-2023/

Mission u will be held on July 28-29 at a new venue Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC, on-line registration only. Our study will be Living the Kingdom, we will explore the Lord’s Prayer as recorded in Matthew 6:19-23. Please join us to experience God’s calling through Christ’s teachings.

Please join us August 19, 2023, at Main Street UMC, Kernersville from 10-12 for our District Annual Celebration, our theme “We Have a Story to Tell”. We all have a story to tell about our journey with United Methodist Women/United Women and I hope you will share some of your stories with me. We are blessed to have Rev. Mark Barden as our guest speaker and musician. I look forward to seeing you on the 19th.

Our 50th Conference Annual Celebration – celebrating 154 years in mission, will be held at Lake Junaluska, September 8-10, 2023, and our theme “Mosaic of Faith, We Are All Part of God’s Story”.

Rev. Holly Cobb McKim, Hudson UMC will be our keynote speaker and Mission Speaker will be our very own Julie Wilson, Missionary, Open Arms Community Center, Winston-Salem. On-line registration only, June 20, 2023, through August 14, 2023.

Yadkin Valley has the great honor of being the hostess for Mission u and our Conference Annual Celebration this year. If you are interested in being a hostess, let me know.

Please remember that I and your Nurturing Partner are available to meet with you and your circle/unit and we are available through an email or phone call if you have any questions.

Let’s continue to focus on our 2023 Vision and Goals – 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. We are a sisterhood of grace. Please continue to invite and share with new members our purpose and put faith, hope, and love into action.

Love and Prayers, Rhita

She was full of joy and generosity, and everyone knew her heart belonged to God!

Walk by Faith Devotional



\$\$\$ Notes from the Treasurer

Early June was relatively cool in my neck of the woods, but Summer is in full force now with hot weather and higher humidity. Hopefully, our giving will heat up along with the weather. Remember the widow who gave all she had. "...Truly I say to you, this poor widow put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on." Mark 12:43-44 (NIV)

We had a very generous Love Offering at the Prayer Breakfast of \$1,044.00. Also, sales of Gift to Mission cards have been good at the District events. Total Mission Giving paid to WNCC in Q2 was \$17,471.86.

Local Treasurers, your Q3 Remittances are due in by August 24th. You will be receiving a letter from me in early August with additional information. I enjoyed meeting some of you at the Tea on June 3rd!

Ashley Perdue - Treasurer

As chair of nominations, I am amazed at the talent and dedication of the amazing women on our YV District Team. This group of women willingly step up and give their time and talents to make our district of United Women in Faith a very important and special group of women. We support each other and we do our best to be supportive of our local units by visiting them, sometimes giving programs, and sometimes just being there with information about district and conference happenings.

When positions need filling, we have women who step into new positions, giving us new and fresh ideas and using their leadership skills.

We are that COMMUNITY OF WOMEN....that creates a supportive fellowship among our team and units in our district. We give to causes that help women and children in our separate communities in many ways....with food and items needed, like hats for cancer survivors, pockets books filled with personal hygiene products, etc. We also give to the undesignated area for use as needed by the conference in areas that do not impact us but is still impacting those in need.

THANKS to all who have served and will be serving in the coming year.
Your leadership is to commended.

Barbara Crotts

Chair of Nominations



Thank you beautiful women for another successful "Wear a Hat, Bring a Hat" Tea. Your units brought over 800 hats. The cancer patients will have a great collection to choose from.

I still have a passion for the people of Ukraine and how they are being treated by the Russian Federation. WHAT CAN WE DO? We can do a trek walk for Ukraine this fall. We can have friends donate money for each mile that they walk. The money can be sent to UMCOR and give them the Advance number and the Ukrainian people will get 100% of the money which is needed for food, clothes, and medicine.

If anyone is interested I can set up a class to learn Ukrainian Pysanky egg waxing. Did you purchase one of the rolling pins? If so, bring us some cookies to share with the members.

Also, they make a beautiful head piece made out of dried flowers that is beautiful. I will try to make one and bring to a meeting to see if you might be interested. When my youngest daughter got married, she wanted one of those to wear at her wedding. We are just now finding out that it is a symbol made by the Ukrainian women at weddings.

Paulette Caudle-MNO

Welcome to July and all that comes with Summer ☐

During this time of year I love walking in the early morning and rocking in the evenings. For me it's the best time to listen for what God may be saying and where he might be leading me. Also, during this time I've been thanking God for the many ways we (United Women in Faith) have been blessed through our events and programs.

We are called to be the light in the world, revealing God's light in our hearts by living our faith out loud. We must share our stories of coming to Jesus. At our Spiritual Growth Retreat, in June, Rev. Jan Brittan told us we need to be like Mary of Magdalene, she was always with Jesus and came to Jesus and stayed. Jan finished with this profound statement. "Coming to Jesus AND staying there is the only way any of us can make it to the promise of the empty tomb and the power of the resurrection...We have to be the women who come to Jesus and stay." Now the question is—Are you willing to stay, I hope so! I did and am! You can follow Jan Brittain devotional blog ---graceinbitsandpieces.wordpress.com

Valeria Prim-Spiritual Growth



I hope you are enjoying your summer. It is hard to believe we are over half way through this year. I met with Rev. Mark Barden at the Spiritual Growth Retreat. He is excited to be our speaker at our Annual Celebration August 19, 2023 from 10:00 am. to 12:00 p.m. at Main Street United Methodist Church. The Hands on Mission will be a contribution to your local food ministry. A love offering will also be collected. Please let me know how much you contributed in dollars. There will be a business meeting first and new officers will be installed. Look forward to seeing everyone as we celebrate what your units have done as well as creating new stories. Please mark your calendar for this event.

Blessings,

Debra Lawson



Leadership Development Committee

The Leadership Development Committee hopes to bring you a more interesting meeting this year. Presidents and Treasurers always have updates they need to make, other offices not so much. This year all officers will have a folder with the information in it to pick up (one per church) on a table at the meeting. Sorry, Presidents and Treasurers will have meetings.

The Leadership Development Committee wishes to invite all other members to join us in a Day of Learning and Loving Ourselves and others. After our registration, refreshments, devotions and a short address from our President, you may choose to attend two of the four classes available. Below is a short description of each.

Mission Walk: Take a stroll down Sara Lane and just commune with nature or join your friends and chat while walking. Do remember that this is a mission walk, so ask your friends to sponsor you with a donation. Please bring this sponsoring donation with you.

Chair Exercise: Ladonna Butts is sure to be a fun leader while showing you ways to loosen up after sitting too long at the office or at the table. Simple stretches and body adjustments can really be a big help.

Book Review: Kathy Chadwell will review THE BOOK WOMAN OF TROUBLESOME CREEK by Kim Michele Richardson. It is a wonderful book from our UWF reading list. She may even mention a couple more. Cathy has read about 40 books on our reading list this year. She is definitely the person to talk to about a good read.

Days for Girls Mission Project: Pine Grove UWF have been involved in this project for some time. This is making and supplying reusable feminine hygiene products to women in areas where there are none available. Jean Wall will be explaining this project to you and possibly giving you the opportunity to help with the process. Perhaps your UWF can donate some time or necessary supplies to this very important mission.

The Leadership Development Committee hopes you will mark your calendars now for Saturday, October 28th at Pine Grove UMC

Leadership Development– Glenda Beauchamp





As a permanently invested endowment, the Legacy Fund will be an ongoing source of income, providing the assurance that our important work can always continue. Giving to the Legacy Fund will support United Women in Faith in perpetuity. That's why gifts to the endowment fund are such a vital way to sustain and grow our capacity to serve and advocate. Every single gift to The Legacy Endowment Fund, of any size, will make a difference!

Ways to Give to the Legacy Fund

- Make a gift to the Legacy Fund through your local unit United Methodist Women treasurer;
- Use our Western North Carolina Legacy Fund Commitment Form;
- Online on the national office website <https://uwfaith.org/give/legacy-fund/>
- By phone: 800-278-7771 (8 am-6pm EST, M-F);
- Text message "GIVE" to 20503;
- By check: note "Legacy Fund" in memo and mail to: United Women in Faith, Attn: Legacy 475
Riverside Drive, 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

Or one my favorite ways – Becoming a Legacy Builder with a gift of at least \$18.69 per month.

The Legacy Fund is very special to me because I want this organization to continue to change the world with love in action! Thank you for your continued support of The Legacy Fund !

Blessings, Rhita



Annual Celebration

UWF Registration:

Begins June 20, 2023

- All registration is online. There will be no on-site registration.
- Get a **UWF DISCOUNT!**
Register early and **ONLINE!**
Online advance registration, Dates: June 20-August 14 \$25.00 per person! Full registration is \$40 per person. Dates: August 15-Sept 5 The online registration link on our website at www.wnccumw.org. will open June 20
- Registration fees are non-fundable
- 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.
- Wearing masks indoors will be by personal choice

REGISTRATION FOR THE EVENT IS SEPARATE FROM RESERVING LODGING. CALL LAKE JUNALUSKA FOR LODGING.

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 led 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

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Reservations Phone #:

1-800-222-4930 (Toll Free)

Lake Junaluska Reservations:

**Housing Reservations
Open June 20**

To book Lake Junaluska
lodging for
Annual Celebration

- Call the Lake Junaluska reservations department at 1-800-222-4930.
- Then select 1 for the Reservations Department, and the next available agent will be glad to assist you. The Lake Junaluska reservations team is on duty from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

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2023 Annual Celebration

September 8-10, 2023 - Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Lake Junaluska Accommodations & Rates

The Terrace or Lambuth Inn*

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, elevator, free WI-FI)
Rates are per room, per day, room & meals, before applicable taxes.
11% room tax, 7% meal tax, 8% meal gratuity will be added to total

	The Terrace Room per night	Lambuth Inn Room per night	Weekend 5-Meal Package*
Single	\$135.00	\$135.00	+\$82.50
Double	\$135.00	\$135.00	+\$82.50
Triple	\$155.00	\$150.00	+\$82.50
Quad	\$175.00	\$165.00	+\$82.50

*Lake Junaluska operates The Terrace and Lambuth Inn on an American Plan, and meals are required with the room.

NOTE: NO SUNDAY Lunch will be provided in this package!

Apartments (meals optional)

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, free WI-FI,
three floors, no elevator)

Rates are per room, per day, no meals, before applicable taxes.

Single	\$105.00
Double	\$105.00
Triple	\$115.00
Quad	\$125.00

NOTE: PHOTO ID and CREDIT CARD required for EACH PERSON at Check-In

Lake Junaluska Lodging Information:

Event lodging reservation deposit is equal to the first night's lodging and is due at the time of reservation. Any rooms not reserved with a Lodging Reservations Deposit will be released into general availability 30 days prior to an event. Individual lodging reservations deposit refund policy: 15 days or more before an event receive a full refund minus \$30 processing fee; 14 days or less before an event will not receive a refund.

EXPRESS CHECK-IN: To expedite check-in time, pay room in full at time of reservation or when contacted via email in advance of meeting and make any roommate changes.

CHECK IN TIME for all facilities is 4:00pm; check out is 11:00am.
Photo ID and CREDIT CARD for each person for incidentals required at Check-In. For those who do not have a credit card, the Lake suggests purchasing prepaid credit card prior to arrival.

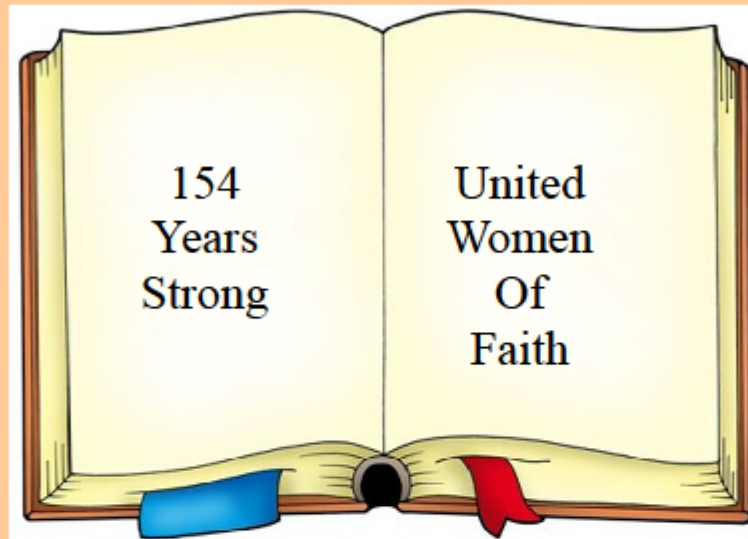
Meal Information:

NOTE: NO Sunday Lunch in this package!

The room rate that shows on your confirmation letter is the room rate only, meals are an additional cost. Meals are optional for all facilities other than The Terrace or Lambuth Inn. Guests staying in optional meal facilities may purchase package at \$82.50 per person for 5 consecutive meals. Children 4 through 11 years of age receive meals at half price, 3 years of age and under eat free. A 5-meal package of \$82.50 per person will automatically be added for each person staying in The Terrace or Lambuth Inn (dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch & dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday). (tax and gratuity will be added to all meal charges)

Yadkin Valley District

2023 Annual Celebration



"We Have A Story To Tell"

August 19, 2023
10:00 am—12:00 noon
Main Street UMC
306 South Main Street
Kernersville, NC 27284

Guest Speaker: Rev. Mark Barden

Hands on Project: Food to your local food bank
Love Offering

Registration begins at 9:30 am

Please contact Debra Lawson at 336-816-3006 or at
debralawson083@gmail.com by August 7, 2023
if you plan to attend.

Grant writing courses will help you find, apply and get funded

July 10, 2023

By: United Methodist Foundation of Western NC

Ministry leaders from across North Carolina – particularly those with little or no grant writing experience – are invited to hear from experts and confer with peers.

A series of events in August and September will help you step up your game in identifying prospective grants and writing competitive proposals. Below, find details and meet the facilitators.

Among the topics:

- Finding the right grant(s) for your ministry or cause
- Best practices for grant writing
- What NOT to do

How to present a budget

These events, offered in cooperation with the NC Rural Center, are designed for clergy, staff and lay leaders from the Western North Carolina and North Carolina Conferences. [You can register here](#) to attend any or all of the sessions.

Webinars: Finding grant opportunities

- Two options will be offered.
- Tuesday, Aug. 15 from 6 to 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 17 from 11 a.m. to noon
- Learn smarter ways to search for funders — and keep your goals and timelines on track.

Both sessions are led by Susan Cothorn, the Foundation's Chief Operating Officer.

Workshop: Grant Writing 101

- In-person event at the Foundation
- Friday, Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Lunch is provided.
- Learn tips and practical advice to make your grant applications stand out.

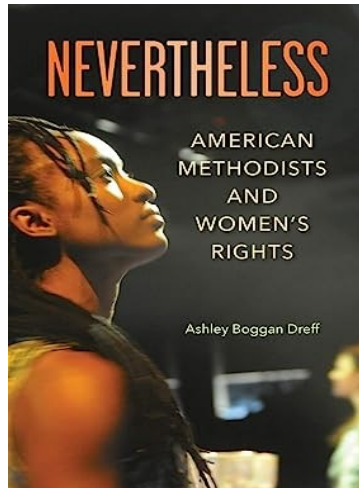
Online event: Funders Forum with NC Rural Center's Faith in Rural Communities

- Tuesday, Sept. 19 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.
- Q&A session and breakout groups with grant funders
- Get advice from professionals who decide on grant applications.
- The Rural Center helps communities articulate clear visions, invest in building their assets and create cultures of collaborative problem solving.

Facilitator Karen Martin advises nonprofit executives, managers and volunteers on successful strategies needed to help others understand what you do, why your work is so important and how they can support your efforts.

For details on these offerings, contact Rev. Annalee Allen, Director of Reynolds Ministries and Programs, at aallen@umfwnc.org or 888-450-1956, Ext. 15

Please join us for an evening with Dr. Ashley Boggan, General Secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church.



*Methodist Women Boldly Make History
Centenary United Methodist Church
646 West Fifth Street, Winston-Salem, NC
September 11, 2023, 6:30 pm*

*Dr. Boggan is a leading expert in United Methodist history and women's studies, and she will be sharing her insights on the history of Methodism and the role of women in the church. *Nevertheless American Methodists and Women's Rights*, Dr. Boggan's book is one of the many books in the United Women in Faith Reading Program. The Reading Program is a cherished United Women in Faith tradition that brings together members in mission as they explore, share, and discuss the written word.*

In her talk, Dr. Boggan will explore the following topics:

The history of women in Methodism.

The challenges and opportunities facing women in the church today.

The importance of preserving and promoting United Methodist history.

RSVP by September 1, 2023, to

Laura Young, lfyoun517@gmail.com, 336-745-1431

We hope you will join us for this special event!

Books will be available at the event.

2023 Nurturing Partners For Yadkin Valley District UMW

Ardmore Rhita Newcomb	First, Mocksville Pat Cunningham	Pinnacle Debra Lawson
Baltimore Valerie Prim	First, Pilot Mountain Gail Caudle	Pisgah Berthina Thomas
Bethel, King Martha Gwyn	Friendship Ashley Perdue	Pleasant Grove Kathy Chadwell
Bethel, Thomasville Kathy Chadwell	Harmony Grove Glenda Beauchamp	Saints Home Rhita Newcomb
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Boonville Valerie Prim	Konnoak Hills Nancy Norton	Shady Grove Cathy Smith
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UPCOMING DISTRICT UMW DATES

District Annual Celebration-**August 19, 2023**

Main Street UMC, Kernersville NC

Mission U –**July 28-29, 2023**

Catholic Conference Center, Hickory NC

Conference Annual Celebration

Lake Junaluska, September 8-10th.

Leadership Development– **October 28, 2023**

Pine Grove UMC



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We are women with a PURPOSE!

The organized unit of 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