



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.



Attend Blue Ridge District Zoom Leadership

Development Day
October 28, 2023

Register at wncumw.org. Click on "Districts." Then click on "District Events 2023." Finally, click on the Blue Ridge pink box to register and download the materials you need.

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PLEASE ASK YOUR NURTURING PARTNER TO COME VISIT**

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A Message from Your President

As 2023 draws to a close, I want us to revisit our goals for this year and look ahead to next year.

First, let's celebrate! We have emerged from our Covid fog! Attendance at our UWF district events was up from a year ago. Our best-attended event was the prayer breakfast. One of our goals was to have 75% of our units attend at least one district event—mission study, prayer breakfast, annual celebration, or leadership development day. We have not met that goal, but we haven't had leadership development day yet. It is a Zoom event, scheduled for October 28 at 10:00 AM. You can register online. Participating in district events is so important that we're keeping this goal for 2024. Our individual units are stronger when they are connected to the district, conference, and national organization.

A second goal was to establish the Barbara Campbell/Betty Letzig Walk for Mission. Barbara and Betty are retired deaconesses living at Brooks Howell. Beginning in 2006, they solicited sponsors and conducted a walk around Lake Junaluska until Covid struck, at which time they had to walk around the Brooks Howell campus. During that time, they raised \$53,683.20! They're in their 90's now and decided to retire after the 2022 walk, which raised \$5400. Our goal was that our units would conduct walks for mission and together exceed that amount.

We did it! As of now, our local unit walks have raised over \$8300.00. The good news is that it's not too late for other units to participate. Your unit can organize its own walk or simply make a contribution. Contact Linda Johns or me if you're interested.

Our final goal was to have each local unit increase its Mission Giving through the World Thank Offering Channel by 10% over the 2022 amount. Since most units do their World Thank Offering in October or November, your unit can still meet the goal. Your local treasurer or our district treasurer, Linda Johns, can help you determine your 2022 offering amount.

Looking ahead, next year is going to be an especially exciting year for Methodism and United Women in Faith. United Methodists from all over the world meet every four years to worship together and to set official policy for the entire denomination. The last General Conference was scheduled for 2020 in Minneapolis but had to be postponed because of Covid. It was re-scheduled for 2024 in Charlotte, NC, April 23-May 3. What an honor to be the host conference for this event! Hundreds of volunteers will be needed to make the conference run smoothly. Members from our units and our churches will have opportunities to volunteer. Churches/units will be receiving information about volunteer opportunities as the event draws nearer.

Also, the UWF Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting takes place in Chattanooga, TN, April 19-21. Janet Wolf will be the keynote speaker. Those who attended Assembly in Orlando can testify that she is a powerful speaker. In addition, there will be workshop opportunities, displays, wonderful music, and fellowship! Find out more at sejuwf.org and plan to attend.

Thank you for making 2023 a good year. Let's anticipate an even better 2024!

Gwen Harris

Vice President

Welcome to Fall! As I write this, the weather has taken such a beautiful turn. Cooler temperatures and soon to be the vibrant colors of God's paintbrush all make for a special time of the year.

While we realize we will soon be ending our 2023, there are still opportunities for us as United Women in Faith. There is still time for you to invite your nurturing partner to attend a meeting with you. That is such a special part of being an officer and a wonderful way to keep up with what is happening in our district and for us to meet others in your unit. Officer training is a great way to learn about the different hats that we wear as United Women Faith. Take advantages of these opportunities.

As we near the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, I would like to thank you for the privilege of serving as your vice president. I am so thankful for the friendships, fellowship, and shared experiences that we have had together and look forward to seeing you in 2024.

Lucy Earls, Vice President

Treasurer

We are rolling into the last quarter of this year. This is when we need to dig deep and make our big push to increase our pledge. We may not meet our pledge, but we can give our all to get as close as we can. We are about halfway to our pledge amount. Remember all five channels of undesignated giving combine to be our pledge. There are still a few units that have not completed all five channels, so be careful your unit is not caught short.

Even though this has been a difficult year with things changing all around us, our obligation towards supporting mission work has not lessened. The people count on the support they receive from us because we are committed to helping children, youth, and women.

Some circles have continued to meet through this pandemic by using Zoom. Some circles have found this to be a great alternative. Other churches have found meeting in person to be the best alternative. With Covid rearing its head again, please take care and be careful during in person meetings. A few churches have not been meeting for valid reasons. Remember using our cards can help us keep in touch and those are available from me.

So many of you have done an outstanding job with the Walk for Mission. We are currently over \$8,000 which is phenomenal. Excellent work ladies!! It is not too late to add to it.

I wish all of you the best as we finish this year and go on to the next.

Linda Johns, Treasurer

Spiritual Growth

The current issue of *response* magazine features an article as well as other features that talk about our culture of coffee drinking, specifically meeting for coffee. In today's society meeting up for coffee and a chat has become synonymous with a relaxing time with friends. Whether you are meeting up for a casual business meeting chat, book club or to catch up with a friend, meeting for coffee is the way to go.

As we enter into this season of fall and later into the holidays, I hope you will find time to have coffee and a chat with God. I start my day every day with a cup of coffee and a devotion reading from *The Upper Room*. It helps me center my thoughts and start my day with an attitude of gratitude. You could also meet up with a group of friends for a group devotional and time of sharing over a cup of your favorite hot beverage (doesn't have to be coffee) and a snack. Whatever you choose to do, I hope you will take time this season to relax and continue to grow in your relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As a note to put on your calendar, the 2024 Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 13. The location will be determined and will be announced in the next newsletter.



Jennie Greenway, Coordinator

Mission Education & Interpretation

Gift Shop at Brooks-Howell Home, 266 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801

Did you know there is a Gift Shop located at Brooks-Howell? There is always something unique in this small shop located right past the Lobby on the Main Hall.

September 23 – October 21 the Gift Shop will be having 25% off any non-vendor item in the store. Brooks-Howell would like to invite the United Women in Faith of our district to this event.

Here's the days and hours of operation:

Tuesdays, 10:30am - 12:00pm & 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Thursdays, 10:30am - 12:00pm & 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Saturdays, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

The Gift Shop will also be having a Thanksgiving & Christmas Décor Sale November 10 - 13 in the Activities Building in the Village. Here are the hours:

Friday, November 10, 10:00am - 12:00pm & 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Saturday, November 11, 1:00 - 2:30pm

Monday, November 13, 10:00am - 12:00pm & 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Mark your calendars for the Brooks-Howell Garage Sale to be held on Friday, October 20th from 8:00am – 4:00pm and on Saturday, October 21st from 7:00am – 12:00pm. There are lots of furniture, lamps, and other household items. Park on Spears Avenue and look for signs to the sale entrance.

Come find some treasures at Brooks-Howell!!

Tracey Owens, Coordinator

Communications

This is going to be a bittersweet year for me. I have been so blessed in the past years working as the communications coordinator for UWF. I have learned so much in the past four years about what United Women in Faith do and also what we have done. Now I can say that I am one of many ladies that have made and are making a difference in our world. God is so good; He led me into stepping out of my comfort zone and being able to be a part of His agenda in making this world a better place. As I have learned so much from this group of women and others, I want to thank you for supporting me and making the last four years absolutely wonderful. I know I am not going to be the communications coordinator, but I will be back holding another office in the Blue Ridge District, and I am looking forward to serving in whatever way I can.

God bless each and every one.

Your sister,

Tammy Long, Coordinator

Membership Nurture and Outreach

Even though our United Women in Faith calendar year runs January through December, I always feel as though things start fresh in the fall. This is likely a result of being a former teacher, but there it is. My unit enjoyed dinner out and a planning session in August so we could really get going this fall. We reiterated that we are all about missions and building relationships as ways to become closer to God. So what did we come up with?

Providing money is important.

Like most units we send funds to several mission projects. This year we supported a food pantry, weekend food bags at a middle school, an agency that helps those experiencing domestic abuse, and our local version of Meals on Wheels. We also sent funds to Soaring Unlimited Haiti, which will be matched by a generous donor and will help support a health clinic and new birthing center. Providing money is important!

Going deeper is important too.

Our women want to work, and I bet yours do too. So what else can we do? Let's volunteer at the food pantry! Let's collect wish list items for the domestic abuse shelter! Let's volunteer at their thrift store! Let's put together health kits for UMCOR! Let's put together birthing kits for Haitian women! Let's send over the counter medicine to their clinic! Let's crochet beanies for the newborns at the clinic! Are you excited yet? Investing our time and energy to help others is the next step.

Building excitement is vital.

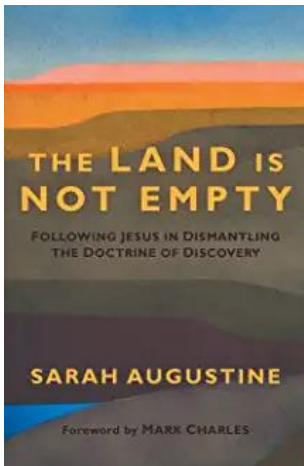
Feeling like you are making a difference in the world gets women invested in your unit. And working together builds relationships. This sounds like a win-win to me! How are you publicizing your activities? One of our newer women said, "I had no idea you were doing all these things. You really need to publicize your activities more!" Wow! Here we thought everyone knew what we were up to, but they do not! Apparently, there cannot be too many emails, newsletters, social media, posters, or phone calls keeping your church family and beyond informed.

Money, activity, and excitement – how is your unit starting fresh this fall?

Stephanie Goudrea, Coordinator

PROGRAM RESOURCES

At the recommendation of several women, we have chosen **The Land is Not Empty** for review at the last Book Club Meeting of 2023. It will be held on Saturday, November 18, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM over Zoom.



In this book, author Sarah Augustine unpacks the harm of the Doctrine of Discovery – a set of laws rooted in the fifteenth century that gave Christian governments the moral and legal right to seize lands they “discovered” despite those lands already being populated by indigenous peoples. The laws were legitimized by the church and justified by a misreading of Scripture.

Ms. Augustine investigates ways that the Doctrine of Discovery continues to devastate indigenous cultures and even the planet itself, as it justifies exploitation of both natural resources and people.

Join us on November 18 and let’s relearn world history from a different perspective. You will need to register by going to the Conference web page and clicking on Districts, then District Events and then search for Blue Ridge District.

Remember that in 2024, eligible books will range from the 2019-2024 Reading Program lists. There are many interesting books listed for the coming year. We will again try to do four Book Club meetings in 2024. Watch for upcoming dates. If you have read a book that you feel would be great for one of those meetings, please let me know. And don’t forget *Faith Talks* podcasts. Listening to two counts as reading a Spiritual Growth book. Three counts as a Bonus Book in the Spiritual Growth category.

HAPPY READING!

Jeannette Byrd, Secretary

Committee on Nominations

We are honored to co-chair the district Committee on Nominations this year. We do not take this responsibility lightly. Please don’t hesitate to give us recommendations for future officers, and we will quickly follow up. We have a number of positions to fill for officers completing their terms in 2024, including president, vice president, treasurer, spiritual growth coordinator, ME&I, and secretary for program resources.

Serving on the board is an amazing experience. Observing how ideas are quickly pulled together to serve our district is always impressive. Let us hear from you today.

Jackie Rio, Karen Anderson—Co-chairs

HISTORIAN

World Thank Offering – Thanks-Giving!

This is the time of year each Unit is asked to observe the World Thank Offering, one of our oldest annual celebrations.

The World Thank Offering, by design, “allows each member to respond to Gods’ abundant grace by spontaneous gifts of gratitude.” (It was never intended to be a line item in the budget!)

Some version of a “thank offering” has been celebrated for over 125 years among our predecessor’s organization:

- 1881 – Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church. The response of a District President to an unexpected gift was to make a thank offering. The idea developed into a national plan.
- 1890 - The Methodist Episcopal Woman’s Home Missionary Society created an Annual Thank Offering “to be a sign of thankful hearts seeking a tangible expression of their love.”
- 1893 – Methodist Protestant women created a Thank Offering.
- 1940 - Uniting Methodist Societies (WSCS) created a Thank Offering and distributed containers called My World Bank. (Mite box!)
- 1946 - Women (WSWS) of newly created Evangelical United Brethren Church established a Thank Offering.
- 1968 – United Methodist women’s societies (WSCS/WSWS) from the uniting churches used both terms...Thank Offering and My World Bank.
- 1972 – United Methodist Women adopted the term **World Thank Offering** with offering boxes and labels to make-your-own.

Whatever the time or the term, the giving was in a spirit of thankfulness and the funds used to further ministries with women, children and youth.

Barbara E. Campbell, Historian



Blue Ridge District Unit at Mission U

Western North Carolina Conference UWF Mission Institutions

The Western North Carolina Conference 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.

Bennett College in Greensboro, NC

Bennett College began in 1873 as a normal school to educate freedmen and train both men and women as teachers. Originally coed, in 1926 it became a four-year women's college. It is one of two historically black colleges that enroll only women, the other being Spelman College.

“ . . . Bennett College had its beginning in the unplastered basement of the Warnersville Methodist Episcopal Church (now known as St. Matthews United Methodist Church). Seventy young men and women started elementary and secondary level studies. In 1874 the Freedmen's Aid Society took over the school which remained under its auspices for 50 years. Within five years of 1873, a group of formerly enslaved people purchased the present site for the school. College level courses and permanent facilities were added. In 1926, The Women's Home Missionary Society joined with the Board of Education of the church to make Bennett College in Greensboro, N.C., formerly co-educational, a college for women.

For nearly 150 years, since its founding as a co-educational institution, women have found Bennett to be the ideal place to foster the constant rhythm of ideas. Each student's individual need for self-expression and desire for achievement is constantly nurtured. Today, in the midst of a very active renaissance, Bennett is preparing contemporary women to be well educated, productive professionals, informed, participating citizens, and enlightened parents. From its founding in the basement of a Methodist Church, Bennett College remains affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

The goals of the College continue to focus on the intellectual, spiritual, and cultural growth of young women who must be prepared for lifelong learning and leadership. Since 1930 more than 5,000 women have graduated from Bennett College. Known as Bennett Belles, they continue to be among contributing women of achievement in all walks of life.” *

*Quotes from the Bennett College website

HAPPY 150th BIRTHDAY BENNETT COLLEGE!!

Tracey Owens, ME&I Coordinator



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Mission Today-2023

Mission Today Criteria:

Gold:	Complete 10 criteria: 6 with asterisks (*) and 4 other. **
Silver:	Complete 8 criteria: 4 with asterisks (*) and 4 other. **
Bronze:	Complete 6 criteria: 4 with asterisks (*) and 2 other. **

** Note: "Other" may also include items with asterisks (*).

United Methodist Women, Western North Carolina Conference

Make a Difference! Become a Mission Today Unit!

The purpose of promoting a Mission Today unit is to:

Energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action. Increase contacts between units and mission personnel and mission projects so the United Methodist Women understand where their money goes. Encourage the use of mission resources through United Methodist Women. Expand concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

What is a Unit?

A unit is any organized group of United Methodist Women within a church or district. Some units are composed of several circles, which periodically get together for a unit meeting.

How Do We Become a Mission Today Unit?

In order to be recognized as a Mission Today Unit, (Gold, Silver or Bronze)

UMW units must complete a number of the following criteria as indicated in text box, to the left. Activities conducted between January 1 – December 31 of the reporting year will be recognized at annual meetings/Annual Celebration in the following year. This is an ongoing program, so strive to become a Mission Today Unit!

Criteria:

- *1. The unit will make a Pledge to Mission.
- *2. The unit will use the Prayer Guide at each general meeting or circle meeting of the unit to pray for persons in mission and our mission work with women, children and youth. A new Prayer Guide is printed annually and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center. Prayer Guide entries are posted on our UMW website and Face Book page.
- *3. The unit will use at least two programs from the Program Book during the year. A new Program Book is printed every year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- *4. The unit or circle will conduct or participate in at least one mission study each year. Contact your district or conference Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation to learn what the studies are for each year. (If members of your unit attend all 4 sessions of a conference Mission u or your District Mission Study and your unit takes an action growing

out of the study, Gift to Mission, ministry related to the study, etc., your unit will meet this criterion, virtual or in person).

- *5. The unit will have at least two members subscribing to **response** (1 member subscribing with units less than 15 members; local unit subscription may count as one.) Order information is printed at bottom of page 2. \$24.00 for a one-year print subscription (includes digital subscription); \$20.00 for a one-year digital only subscription.
- *6. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice in at least two ways during the year, Possibilities are:
 - a. Have members read and discuss books and articles about other races and cultures.
 - b. Sponsor or attend an interethnic event between two or more units.
 - c. Intentionally recruit women of other ethnic groups to be members and officers of the unit.
 - d. Use the Resources for Racial Justice available on our conference website on the “Downloads Available” page under “Mission Resources”.
 - e. Write to elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, low-income programs, civil rights, etc.

If you are a “Justice Today” unit, you have met these criteria. See “Downloads Available” on conference website.

- *7. The unit will have a program and/or complete an action addressing one of the Social Action Priorities for the current quadrennium. These are: Climate Justice and Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration. You may find information at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/focus-issues.
- *8. The unit will add at least two new members (one member for units with less than 15 members) to its roll.
- *9. The unit will have one program from the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church 2017-2020. Available at www.Cokesbury.com. For \$2.59 plus tax and shipping. A newer version is not yet available.
- *10. The unit will contribute to all Five Channels of Mission Giving.
- *11. The UMW Purpose will be recited at each general and/or circle meeting, including virtual meetings.
- *12. The unit will contribute \$186.90 or more to the Legacy Fund in the reporting year.
- 13. At least one member of the unit will attend Mission u and report back to the unit on the experience, virtual participation qualifies.
- 14. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will attend the district or conference annual meeting and report back to the unit about the experience, virtual participation qualifies.
- 15. The unit will have at least one person joining the United Methodist Women’s Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information at least three (3) times a year. Attach the issue and action that was taken to Mission Today report. socialaction@unitedmethodistwomen.org, download the form to circulate at UMW meetings.
- 16. Members will correspond with five persons listed in the Prayer Guide at least once a year.

17. The unit will co-sponsor, with the local church, a “Children’s Sabbath”. (This is a worship service highlighting the needs of children). Sabbath materials are on our national website: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org type Children’s Sabbath in search box.
18. Each unit or circle meeting will include a “response moment” where an item from response magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
19. The unit will sponsor one teen member (ages 12 to 17) and /or one young woman member (ages 18 to 39) to at least one conference event during the year.
20. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will attend a district Prayer Breakfast, district Day Apart, conference Spiritual Growth Retreat, or any other special district or conference event other than Ubuntu Day. Virtual participation in any of these events qualify as attending.
21. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will participate in an Ubuntu Day event. Units may develop their own UBUNTU event in their communities.
22. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will complete Plan 1 of the Reading Program and give a report to the unit on one of the books read. Type “Reading Program” in search box on website.
23. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year and/or for their United Methodist Women’s Sunday. May be virtual. This Qualifies as a local unit visit (LUV).
24. The unit will add one new teen (ages 12-17 and/or one young woman (ages 18-39) circle during the year, or one new teen member (ages 12 to 17) or one new young woman member (ages 18 to 39) during the year.
25. 100% of the unit’s active members will make a gift of at least \$18.69 to the Legacy Fund.
26. The 2023 Conference Financial Goal: Each local unit increase their Mission Giving through the World Thank Offering channel by 10%.
27. Each unit will be responsible for supporting at least one local mission project and participate in one Conference Hands-on Mission Project during the year. The local project should be listed on your Mission Today report.

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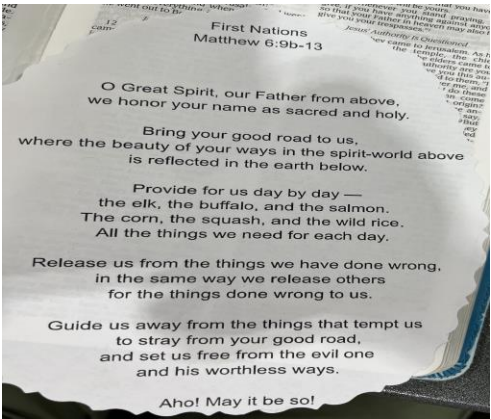
What has Blue Ridge District been up to this Year?



Lucy, Martha, Jo with the Annual Celebration Skit



The Choir at Annual Celebration 2023



Frist Nations Lord's Prayer



Lisa & LaDonna- skit from Mission U

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Mark Your Calendars for 2023

October 7, 14, & 28 – Ubuntu 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 of The Land Is Not Empty by Sarah Augustine– Zoom- 10:00 A.M.