



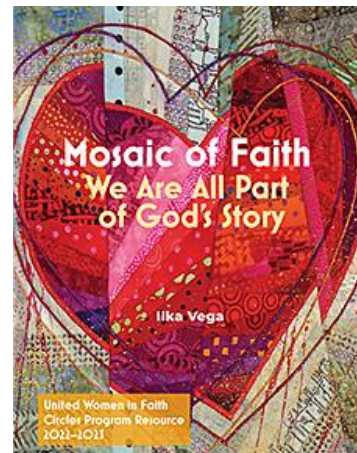
United
Women
in Faith

Western North Carolina Conference

Uwharrie District Newsletter

4th Quarter 2023

President's Message



Well as fall is approaching, we have experienced two wonderful United Women in Faith (UWF) events. Both annual celebrations presented the accomplishments of this past year (2022) and looked forward to the coming year 2024. There was the installation of officers and new events with new budgets, new speakers, music, & mission activities. One of these events was on the District level (August 19th) at Bethlehem UMC, Waxhaw and the other on the Conference level this past weekend (September 8th-10th) at Lake Junaluska.

We had 55 at Bethlehem UMC & they were wonderful hosts with special gifts & refreshments. Catherine Ritch was the speaker and dressed as Suzanna Wesley. She described Suzanna's mosaic of faith throughout her life. Cindy Carter led a skit, with the youth of Bethlehem and some UWF members, describing the life of John Wesley. Both did an excellent job describing the mosaic of faith as illustrated in the lives of Suzanna, John's mother, and John in his ministry throughout the world.

Rev. Holly McKim was the speaker for the Conference event and did a wonderful job with the following topics: "The Mosaic of Your Life" & "Holding the Bits & Pieces Together". Uwharrie District presented our mosaic art display of tiles in the new emblem design of the United Women in Faith. This artwork was dedicated in honor of Vickie Brown since she was unable to be present, but she found & purchased the supplies and stenciled the emblem. Another group of Uwharrie District members glued the tiles to the

plexiglass. Women were asked at the District Annual Celebration to write how they became involved in UMW or UWF and what it has meant to them. Twenty-five cards were turned in and organized into a booklet by Carla Carrick. These 4 booklets were placed on display with the mosaic artwork at the conference annual celebration.

Thank you to the following for working on this project with gluing, and transporting it to Lake Junaluska: Gay Smith (she also did a replica of this project with construction paper and stones that was displayed at the District Annual Celebration), Jeanette Mixon, Patricia Dance, Carolyn Thompson, Cathy Ward, Carla Carrick, & Sarah Lee participated in getting the project & booklets together and transported to Lake Junaluska. Be on the lookout for this mosaic display at all the future Uwharrie District events.

Coming up in November on the 18th, we will be having a new event for our local officers training. It will be called “**Sharing & Learning**”. It will be a combination of giving local officers information and tools to take back with them to use at the local level; as well as a time for sharing & networking. This will be very similar to the Nurturing Event that we had last October. When you leave, you should have ideas and information for mission activities, fund raisers, & ideas to carry out your office as President, Vice-President, Treasurer, etc. We hope you all will be able to come to this event.

Please support your district team that is hard at work making this an event that will be valuable for you as you help women, children, & youth in your local areas. This event will be held at Macedonia UMC, Registration & refreshments will be at 9:30 with the program being from 10am to 12pm.

I would like to thank all of the officers that are leaving the Uwharrie Team this year. I greatly appreciate your hard work & support of all the projects & events that each of you organized & participated in during your years of service. Each of you will be greatly missed on our leadership team for the Uwharrie District. May God bless you & hold you in the palm of His hand.

Peace & blessings,

Sarah Lee, President of Uwharrie District UWIF

Vice-President Message

Remember to always put your best foot forward as you walk out and keep that beautiful smile to share with others less fortunate. I want to say it has been a pleasure working on the District Team. I have enjoyed every moment of meeting and having fellowship with all you ladies. You all seem to touch my heart and the heart of many others, sharing your faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and learning ways to act and share our faith.

Our Purpose

*United
Women in
Faith shall be
a community
of women
whose purpose
is to know God
and to
experience
freedom as
whole persons
through Jesus
Christ; to
develop a
creative,
supportive
fellowship; and
to expand the
concepts of
mission
through
participation
in the global
ministries of
the church.*

Remember to keep working hard to be a Mission Today Unit and don't forget to invite others and include one of the District Officers or Conference Officers to one of your meetings, we are in this together and we support each other. Never leave a stone unturned.

We continue to grow in our Mission Walks and our Legacy Fund. We have grown in numbers, we have reached out as United Women in Faith and grown our new memberships in the Uwharrie District. We never give up, we have strength the Lord has provided us to move on, even during difficult times. I now say my goodbye as Vice President and would like to encourage someone to take this position as an opportunity to grow in your faith as the Lord is calling all of us to strengthen our faith. I look forward to seeing you at future District and Conference events.

Vickie Brown – Vice President, 336-596-5523

Spiritual Growth

I will be leaving my position as Spiritual Growth Coordinator at the end of this year. I have enjoyed working with you and the Uwharrie District Team. The Prayer Breakfast has always been a favorite time of mine as we came together as Sisters in Christ to worship and praise our Father, maker and provider of all things. I hope you will continue to support Cindy Carter, your new Spiritual Growth Coordinator for 2024. Encourage all your sisters in Christ to participate in the District and Conference events.

I would like to leave you with one of favorite verses and the one I hold tight to: Philippians 4:4-7

“ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Until we meet again, may God protect and guide you and may you be filled with the love and peace of God.

Your Sister in Christ,
Patricia Jarvis, Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Uwharrie District

The Legacy Endowment Fund Website

Western North Carolina Conference: wnccumw.org/legacyfund/

United Women in Faith National Office: uwfaith.org/give/legacy-fund/

Uwharrie District Mission Team

President

Sarah Lee

Vice President

Victoria Brown (Vickie)

Secretary

Carla Carrick

Treasurer

Jeanette Mixon

Mission Coordinators

Spiritual Growth

Pat Jarvis

Membership Nurture & Outreach

Carolyn Thompson

Education & Interpretation

Victoria Brown (Vickie)

Social Action

Gay Smith

Other Elected Officers

Secretary of Program

Resources

Carla Carrick

Communication Interim Coordinator

Patricia Dance

Committee on Nominations

Our committee would like to extend a **Thank You and Congratulations** to all newly elected and returning District UWF officers recently installed at Annual Celebration, Bethlehem UMC in Waxhaw. Thank you for your time, energy, service and support for women, children and youth.

Congratulations to Vickie Brown who will now be serving as MEI Coordinator at the Conference level. Vickie was great at multi-tasking on our district team, as she currently held 3 positions: Vice President, Communications and MEI! Thank you, Vickie, for your gifts of service and the many contributions to the Uwharrie UWF leadership team! Due to this role change to the Conference team, Nominations is now working to fulfill these 3 offices.

We are all pulled in many directions which need our time, commitment and participation. Studies show we commit to causes we believe in.

- Do you believe in UWF?
- Do you want to share your unique gifts and talents with a supportive team focused fulfilling our Purpose?
- Do you want to be a team member who joins with others to make decisions that affect physical, emotional, educational and spiritual needs of women, children and youth?
- Are you looking for a way to become involved in UWF?
- Do you enjoy fellowship with sisters in Christ?

Then it is time to prayerfully consider to step up and step out in a new and different way and offer your God given talents to serve on this remarkable team. **Please contact any member of the Uwharrie District Executive team and offer names for consideration.**

We welcome new faces, new ideas and we need your help to fill the positions: Vice President, Communications and MEI Coordinator.

Thank you from our entire committee!

Nominations Co-Chairs: Gay Smith gaysmith@fastmail.fm
Leigh Harris, kharris72@triad.rr.com

Membership Nurture and Outreach

I just want to say THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Walk-for-Mission walks this year. We had five walks again this year; the number of walkers increased from 2022. To date, we have received \$3,315. It is not too late for your unit to have a local walk and send your information to Jeanette Mixon, the Uwharrie District Treasurer, before the end of the year.

Carolyn Thompson, Uwharrie Membership Nurture and Outreach

Mission Team Other Elected Officers Cont'd

Committee on Nominations

Co-Chair
Leigh Harris
Co-Chair
Gay Smith

Wanda Crave

Linda Beddingfield

Cindy Carter

Betty Hunt

Donna Owens

Appointed Officers

Parliamentarian

Donna Owens

Historian

Cheri Baker

Legacy Fund Representative

Jane Ellickson

Conference Representative

Darlene Gardner

\$\$\$ Notes from the Treasurer

Our Q3 remittance was sent to Conference in early September. Year-to-date, we have paid \$22,942.44 against our Pledge to Mission so far, which is 57%. This is behind where we were hoping to be by this point, but we will count our blessings. Year-to-date Mission giving paid to Western North Carolina Conference (WNCC), including designated gifts is \$28,404.14. We have also paid \$100.00 to National for Legacy Fund.

On a high note, we have collected \$3,315.00 from Mission Walks already so far! Thank you, Uwharrie District, on behalf of all the women, youth and children you are helping!

If your unit is not meeting in person, you can give on-line on the WNCC "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 Q4 Remittances are due in by November 30st. You will be receiving a letter from me in early November with additional information.

Jeanette V. Mixon, Uwharrie District Treasurer

Social Action

Climate Change at the GOP Debate

Young conservatives have a concern over climate change. Young voters across all party lines feel it is a top issue. Sixty percent of voters 18 to 29 believe it is a priority. Sixty four percent believe that climate change is a major threat. Seventy two percent feel climate change is affecting their community. This question was presented to the candidates by Alexander Diaz. The question was, "How will you as both President and leader of the Republican Party calm their fears that the Republican Party doesn't care about climate change?" The candidates would not give a direct answer except for Vivek Ramaswamy who stated that climate change is a hoax despite the overwhelming scientific consensus that climate change is due to human activities associated with the burning of fossil fuels. Nikki Haley stated climate change is real but did not feel it is the United States responsibility. The other candidates failed to answer. The good news for young voters is that at last this question has been asked. It remains to be seen if this will affect the election.

Gay Smith, Social Action

The Five Channels of Mission Giving

1

Pledge to Mission

2

Special Recognition

3

Gift to Mission

4

Gift to Memory

5

World Thank Offering

Communication Coordinator

I attended the WNCC's 50th Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska to celebrate 154 years in Mission. The theme was Mosaic of Faith: We Are All Part of God's Story. I love coming to the mountain top to experience God's beauty that surrounds us when we take the time to do so. The fresh air, slower pace, beautiful sunrises & sunsets bring peace & joy to my heart. In addition to what God provides, our conference provided music, programs, inspiring messages and time to fellowship with old and new friends. The Saturday night "District Mosaics of 2022" gave a spotlight on each of our Districts in showing their activities and accomplishments with joy and laughter while being the hands and feet of Christ to others.

2024 Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting

WHEN: April 19-21, 2024

WHERE: Chattanooga, Tennessee

What does it mean to answer the call in 2024 to "love one another"?
(John 13:34)



Come GET TOGETHER! to:

- FEEL the joy when faith-filled women unite
- NURTURE our souls through the strength of our sisterhood
- DEEPEN our relationship with God
- EXPLORE the power of love to make a difference
- TOGETHER we can do more, TOGETHER we can be more
- TOGETHER the power of love in action can change the world!

Quadrennial Meeting Information - REGISTER FOR EVENT AGENDA – <https://sejuwf.org>
DOWNLOADABLE MATERIAL - <https://sejuwf.org/downloads-1>

Patricia Dance, Communication Interim Coordinator

Parliamentarian

There were four changes to the STANDING RULES of the Western North Carolina Conference that was Amended September 2022 that were applicable to the Districts.

[WNCC-UMW-Standing-Rules-September-2022.pdf \(wnccumw.org\)](https://www.wnccumw.org/WNCC-UMW-Standing-Rules-September-2022.pdf)

The Four changes to the 2022 standing rules were approved by the Uwharrie District Executive Committee, presented & approved by the members at the Uwharrie District 2023 Annual Celebration:

1. Change all references from UMW to United Women in Faith.
2. Deleted from the section on District Finances the purchase of the Sampler from Mission Resources as it was discontinued at the time
3. Addition of Prayer Guide to the list of items the District is responsible for purchasing for new units
4. Changed reference to LUV visits to Nurturing Partner Program

Donna Owens, Parliamentarian

Program Resources

<https://uwfaithresources.org>

- **2023 Daily Prayer Guide**
- Mosaic of Faith: We are all part of God's story
United Methodist Women **Program Resource 2022-2023**
- **2023 Call to Prayer & Self Denial**
- **Reading Program**
 - **There is still time to earn that Reading Certificate for Plan I, II, III or IV by December 31st.**

response
the magazine of women in mission

- **Faith Talks Podcast**
- **Voices from the Field**

The 2024 Bundle is available for pre-ordering! This year we are offering a **20% discount** on the whole Bundle offer. (Sales tax for NY and TX residents still applicable).

The Bundle includes:

- Daily Prayer Guide **2024** (\$19.99)
- Program Resource **2024** (\$14.99)*
- Adult Curriculum for Mission u (\$14.99)

Bundle shipments will start mailing in December of 2023.

You can also print out the Bundle Order form and submit with a check.

This offer is available for the first 1,500 subscribers – act now!**

- * The Program Resource 2024 will start in January. The interim months of September through December 2023 will be offered on our digital portal: UWfaith.org/digital
- * The 20% off the retail price offer – including shipping and handling – is available through December 31, 2023, for the first 1,500 subscribers. Afterwards, the Bundle will be discounted to \$45 plus shipping and handling cost. Taxes will apply to all orders from NY and TX residents.

Reading Program Plans

Plan 1

- 5 books each year
 - 1 book from each category
 - Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports
 - Regular reading of **Response** magazine
- Plan II
- 10 books each year
 - 2 book from each category
 - Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports
 - Regular reading of **Response** magazine
- Plan III
- 15 books each year
 - 2 book from each category
 - Plus 5 additional books from any category
 - Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports
 - Regular reading of **Response** magazine
- Plan IV
- 20 books each year
 - 2 book from each category
 - Plus 10 additional books from any category
 - Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports
 - Regular reading of **Response** magazine



Who Can We Be Together?

Building Communities
of Hope and Joy

Mission Today!

Uwharrie UWF District units, we are near our year-end events, however **it is not too late to become a Mission Today Unit for 2023!**

Please review the Mission Today Criteria 2021 which remains the same for 2023 below.

We are so thankful for churches in the United States who are praying for us and supporting God's Work. We are pleased to see that many areas of the country are up and running fine after the floods and earthquakes.

Thank you for your continued prayers.

Vickie Brown, Mission Education and Interpretation Coordinator
336-596-5523 vickiebrown961@gmail.com

Mission Today 2021 – *Reduced Criteria due to COVID-19*

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 above. Activities conducted between January 1-December 31, 2021, will be recognized at annual meetings in 2022. This is an ongoing program, so strive to become a Mission Today Unit!

NEW IN 2020 and continuing in 2021:

Mission Today Gold – **Complete 10 criteria: 6 with asterisks (*) and 4 other.****

Mission Today Silver – **Complete 8 criteria: 4 with asterisks (*) and 4 other.****

Mission Today Bronze – **Complete 6 criteria: 4 with asterisks (*) and 2 other.****

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

Items in RED were changed due to COVID-19.

CRITERIA:

***1. The Unit will make a Pledge to Mission.**

*2. The unit will use the Prayer Calendar 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 Calendar is printed each year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.

*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 the 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 these criteria.)

*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 available at right. \$24.00 for a one-year print subscription (includes digital subscription); \$20 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:

- Have members read and discuss books and articles about other races and cultures;
- Sponsor or attend an interethnic event between two or more units;
- Intentionally recruit women of other ethnic groups to be members and officers of the unit;
- Use the Resources for Racial Justice Available on our conference website on the “Downloads Available” page under “Mission Resources.”
- 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 Issue Priorities for 2016-2020.

These are 1. Climate Justice; 2. Maternal and Child Health, 3. Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration; and 4. Economic Inequality. Find information at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/service-adocacy.

*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.

*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.

*12. The unit will contribute \$186.90 or more to the Legacy Fund.

13. At least one member of the unit will attend Mission u and report back to the unit on classes and events they experienced. **Virtual participation qualifies as attending.**

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 event and what they experienced. **Virtual participation qualifies as attending.**

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. (To join, contact the United Methodist Women Washington Office, 100 Maryland Avenue NE, Room 100, Washington, DC 20002. Phone #: 202-488-5660. Email: csad@unitedmethodistwomen.com (Attach to Mission Today report the action that was taken and to which issue.)
16. Members will correspond with five persons listed in the Prayer Calendar 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.) The United Methodist Women National Office and the Council of Bishops support this effort. Children's Sabbath materials are on our national website: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org Type "Children's Sabbath" in the 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. If checked, explain what you did at bottom of page.**
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.
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. This Qualifies as a Local Unit Visit (LUV).
24. The unit will add one new teen (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman (ages 18 to 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 2020 Conference Financial Goal is: To increase unit pledge giving by at least \$5.00 per member. The unit will help accomplish the goal by increasing giving in this channel by at least \$5.00 per member over 2019.
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.

Be a Mission Today Unit!

Mission Resource Center

Website: www.umwmissionresources.org UMW Mission Resources, PO Box 742349, Atlanta, GA 30374-2349;

Phone: 1-800-305-9857 (toll-free); Fax: (770)280-0061; e-mail: cs@umwmissionresources.org

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Mission Education and Interpretation



United Women in Faith you are all to be blessed and thanked. You have participated in our District events and delivered kits to our District meetings this year! Hands-On-Mission opportunities help your local units to meet Mission Today Criteria.

UBUNTU Day of Service is scheduled for October 7th

(Saturday) between 9 a.m. to - 2 p.m. time frame which is flexible per your schedule.

Please RSVP by October 1st, so we can assemble the tables and pull Christmas boxes to be assembled from the warehouse accordingly.

Location: **Mission Response Center,
8973 Greenwood Road, Terrell, NC 28682**

If you would like to drop things off, the MRC is typically open Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm. Refer to the online calendar and contact our Mission Response Associate Ben Rogers 828-478-1019 to confirm drop off date and time.

Please note, we appreciate the opportunity to get the youth involved as they are our future for tomorrow's dreams of United Women in Faith. So, please know our youth are invited to participate as we are all a team; and we can do this.

The Mission Response Center needs:

- 3X5 picture frames**
- notepads**
- individually wrapped toothbrushes**
- coloring books**
- diaper pins**
- small stuffed animals to fit in shoe box**
- small screwdriver sets**

These are the items that are running low! If you can bring or send with someone going these, or any other items found on the shoebox packing lists, that would be a **HUGE** help.

Please write in the number of items included on the blank lines instead of a check mark if the quantity is other than the mentioned one.
No Toothpaste, Candy, Gum, Batteries, Used Items or Perishables!

AND, PLEASE, TRY TO MAKE EQUAL NUMBERS OF BOXES FOR GIRLS & BOYS OF ALL AGES

- Infant – 2 years**
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|---|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> Female |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Baby blanket | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Bibs | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Book (with pictures for toddler) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Comb/brush | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Diapers/cloth | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Diaper Pins | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Rattle | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Sippy cup | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Socks (pairs) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Soft toy (no buttons or eyes) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Teething ring | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (please list below) | |

- Ages 3-6**
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|---|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> Female |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Cap/toboggan | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Mittens/gloves (pairs) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Socks (pairs) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Comb/brush | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Hairbands/bows (pack) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Toothbrush | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Book | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Coloring Book | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Crayons (Box) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Markers | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Notepad | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Ball | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Car | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Doll | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Toy or game | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (please list below) | |

- Ages 7-12**
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> Female |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Cap/toboggan | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Mittens/gloves (pairs) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Socks (pairs) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Comb/brush | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Hairbands/bows (pack) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Mirror | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Toothbrush | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Coloring Book | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Crayons (box) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Erasers (pack) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Markers | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Notepad | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pencils (colored) (box) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pencils (lead) (box) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pencil Sharpener | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Ruler | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Stuffed animal | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Toy or game | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (please list below) | |

- Ages 13-18**
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|---|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> Female |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Cap/toboggan | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Mittens/gloves (pairs) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Socks (pairs) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Underwear | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Comb/brush | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Hairbands/bows (pack) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Mirror | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Toothbrush | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Erasers (pack) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Markers (pack) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Notepad or journal | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pencils (colored) (box) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pencils (lead) (box) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pencil Sharpener | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Ruler | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Picture Frame | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Tool (set of screwdrivers) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Toy or game | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (please list below) | |

The \$5 per box is asked for each completed box donated to help pay for the shipping costs.

It is asked that \$2 is given for each Hygiene and Menstrual kit to help offset the cost of shipping.

The menstrual kits have increased in value and now valued at \$24 (per UMCOR).

All checks can be made out to the conference with “**Mission Response Center Shipping**” as the memo. Any cash collected can also be sent to the conference or can be received at the MRC.

Please advise me if I can help you in any way, feel free to call on me at any time.

As I move into the MEI position with Conference, please support Donna Owens and Gay Smith as they fill the District MEI positions. The Lord opens many doors of opportunity, it's up to us to acknowledge the fact that we can all walk through this door of opportunity.

I look forward to getting your RSVP and hope to see you on October 7th as we assemble Christmas Shoe Boxes for God's children in Armenia, as these boxes will be shipped out the end of October.

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The World Thank Offering

The World Thank Offering is a way for members of United Women in Faith to show gratitude for God's blessings and find creative ways to raise funds to improve the lives of women, children, and youth.

Some women drop a coin in a box each day to give thanks for their daily blessings, while others add coins and dollars on special occasions in their lives.

Through the World Thank Offering, you support the total program of mission carried on through United Women in Faith's national office in the United States and around the world. The November program offered in the United Women in Faith Program Resource 2022-2023, *Mosaic of Faith: We Are All a Part of God's Story*, focuses on the World Thank Offering and can be used to bring people together for a World Thank Offering service.

World Thank Offering Service: Letting Go To Be Thankful

by Wendalyn Lazarte

This program is a celebration of the World Thank Offering, one of the opportunities for United Methodist Women to support work with women, children and youth in the United States and around the world.

Focus Scripture:
Psalm 37: 5-6

Focus Image:
A worship center with cloth or placemats, along with a large bowl of cold water placed on the table. Candles, flowers or a Bible for the table are optional.

WORLD THANK OFFERING:

The World Thank Offering is an offering of spontaneous, additional gifts to United Methodist Women given out of gratitude for God's abundance and in celebration of the joys of life. Individuals or families collect such gifts in special boxes or labeled containers. Gifts are brought together in the circle and/or unit once a year, usually with a special service like the one printed here.

Prayer for Program Planner(s):

Heavenly God, you are our true provider and redeemer. We thank you for your daily grace. But as we go through our days, we need your help and guidance to tackle the tasks at hand. Call us to attention to witness the daily miracles that you show us, and we often overlook. In your name we pray. Amen.

Preparation:

1. Make sure all women in the circle or unit have a World Thank Offering box in the months prior to this program for their offering. Women can use a box or other container affixed with a World Thank Offering label (M5034-2008-01/ free for shipping and handling from the Mission Resource Center, see page 81 for ordering information).
2. Ask each woman to bring a small rock to the program. Bring a few extra for visitors.
3. Ask a few women prior to the program to think about what they are thankful for and to bring something that represents their gratitude. These should be added to the Focus Image.
4. Find two volunteers to read the scripture passages in the program. Share the verses with them ahead of the program.

Instructions:

1. Cut out along outside lines.
2. Cut out along inside dotted line.
3. Fold and crease along inside lines.
4. Fold tabs inward and using glue or tape attach tabs to inside of box. Don't attach the lid if you want to be able to open it and re-use.

Works best with card stock or other heavy paper.

← Don't glue this one!



*2023 Uwharrie District
Annual Celebration
at Bethlehem UMC, Waxhaw*



Catherine dressed as
Susanna Wesley
And
Mosaic Art

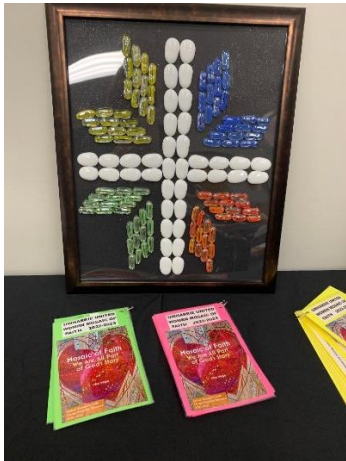




50th Annual Celebration
Western North Carolina Conference
at Lake Junaluska

Conference Newly Elected Officers

Uwharrie District Spotlight & Mosaic Art



United Women In Faith Unit Fundraisers for Mission

At the Uwharrie District Annual Meeting, we mentioned that we would like to help get the word out regarding each unit's fundraisers for Mission by posting in the quarterly newsletter.

Please provide your information prior to the month before each quarter so that we can include in the next quarter's newsletter.

- **October 28, 2023** – Bazaar from 7:30 to 11am Bake goods & crafts, Everyone welcome.
Fundraiser for Local, National & World Mission Projects
Bethlehem United Women in Faith, 5399 Nesbit Rd, Waxhaw, NC 28173
- **November 4, 2023** - Bazaar from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
We will have crafts, baked goods, breakfast biscuits and hot dogs.
Our unit projects assist with needs in our local schools
Linwood United Women in Faith, 4700 Old Linwood Rd, Linwood, NC 27299
- **November 19, 2023** – Lunch/Craft/Bake Sale/Tag Sale & Silent Auction
Fundraiser for Backpack Program at Pickett and Charles England Schools
(In addition, the annual Uptown Lexington Christmas Open House is from 1pm-6pm)
First United Methodist UWF – Lexington, 310 S. Main Street, Lexington NC

We **continue healing prayers** for our Sisters in Christ: Betty Hunt and Vickie Brown.



Upcoming 2023 Events

Ubuntu Day of Service - “I am because you are”

October 7, 2023

(Saturday) between 9 to -2 p.m.

Mission Response Center, 8973 Greenwood Road, Terrell, NC 28682

RSVP by October 1st, 2023

*Leadership Development Day (LDD)
for District Officers*

“Leading as Part of God’s Story”

October 21, 2023

(Saturday) by Zoom (time TBA)

Uwharrie District Team Meeting

October 28, 2023

(Saturday) from 10 am to Noon (Place to be determined later)

Uwharrie Training for Local Officers

November 18, 2023 (Saturday)

Registration & refreshments will be at 9:30 with the program being from 10-12.

Macedonia United Methodist Church - Southmont

10890 NC Hwy 8 Lexington, NC 27292

then *Uwharrie District Meeting* from 12:30pm to 2:30pm