



United
Women
in Faith

Western North Carolina Conference
Uwharrie District Newsletter

1st Quarter 2024



This is a Day of New Beginnings Words By Brian Wren

This is a day of **new beginnings**, time to remember and move on.

Time to believe what **love is bringing**, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the **life and death of Jesus**, God's mighty **Spirit**, now as then,
can make for us a **world of difference**, as **faith and hope are born again**

Then let us, **with the Spirit's daring**, step from the past and leave behind
Our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, **seeking new paths, and sure to find.**

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.

This is a day of new beginnings; our **God is making all things new.**

In faith we'll gather round the table to taste and share what love can do.

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President's Message

As we begin 2024, I look back on 2023 with happiness, gratitude, & many good thoughts. I want to thank each of you for your participation in all of our events and your help & support. Thank you for hosting our events, participating in our walks for mission, & bringing generous contributions for our

hands-on-mission activities! Each of you is very special to us & we look forward to working with each of our local units in 2024. I continue to need your help & support with the following list:

- Please turn in your **End of Year** reports as soon as possible, & thank you to the ones of you who have already sent them. Remember you can send either by email accnurse@rocketmail.com or postal mail to my address 40645 Mt. Zion Church Rd. Norwood, NC 28128
- Please encourage any young people in your churches that are planning to attend Bennett College, Brevard College, Greensboro College, High Point University, or Pfeiffer University to apply for the WNCC United Women in Faith Scholarship. Deadline for the application is March 1, 2024, with interviews on March 16th. You can also support this scholarship fund in several ways (please read the flier concerning the Scholarship Program on **page 11** of this newsletter)
- Don't forget to register for the Mission Study on Feb. 24th at Milford Hills, Salisbury! It will be a wonderful event! LaDonna Butts will be our speaker & if you know LaDonna, you know she is full of energy & enthusiasm & will provide us with wonderful information about the Lord's Prayer. Many that took this study at Mission U said that they will never say the Lord's Prayer again without thinking about all the things they learned. We will also have a special gift/mission memento for each person with a \$5 registration fee to cover the cost of this special gift. Milford Hills has graciously offered to provide breakfast & a soup lunch! You don't want to miss this great event on Saturday Feb 24th starting at 9:30 & ending at 2:00.
- Please look at the conference vision & goals for 2024 and financial goal on **page 10**. Please work with your units to creatively meet these goals! And remember your district team is always here to help you!
- Don't forget to give to the Legacy Fund!
- Find your nurturing partner on the list provided on **page 17** & invite them to do a program for you or just to come & visit you at one of your meetings! Topics we can do for programs are: Where the Money Goes; 5 Channels of Giving; Legacy Fund; Maternal & infant mortality; Where do your contributions go with UMCOR; Human Trafficking; Climate Justice; Racial Justice & many more! We love to come & share with you and see what exciting things you are doing in your local units.
- Mark your calendar for the Prayer Breakfast on April 13th with place to be determined. There will be some new & different things done at this event—come see!!
- April 19th-21st in Chattanooga, Tennessee will be the Southeast Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting. Early registration has passed, but you can still register on line at <https://sejuwf.org>. The theme is “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.

As we face this day of new beginnings, I pray that we will be a blessing to women, children & youth locally, nationally, & internationally. As we are blessing others, may we receive spiritual fulfillment & blessings ourselves!

Grace & Peace, Sarah Lee, President

Committee on Nomination

Our committee is working to fill six (6) District offices for 2024: Vice-President, Communications, Mission Education & Interpretation, Nominations (2), and Legacy Fund Representative.

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 UW Faith?
- Do you want to share your unique gifts and talents with a supportive team focused on 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 UW Faith?
- 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 the Uwharrie District team.

Brief Position Description

The **Vice-President**, working cooperatively with the President, shall assist the district in fulfilling the PURPOSE.

She shall: organize the District Annual meeting (venue, communication, Annual Report, speaker, music, etc.), serve as contact person for local unit vice presidents, provide information about getting resources, and conduct training at least annually; chair the Committee on Programs, where one exists; serve on Committee on Finance; attend all District meetings and events; prepare an article for each quarterly District Newsletter.

The **Communication Coordinator** shall actively work to assure clear channels of communication for the local units, for individuals not necessarily Methodist but share the interest in serving women, children and youth; and for the district/conference while assisting in fulfilling the PURPOSE.

She shall: work with elected leadership in promoting the organization, PURPOSE and publicizing activities of United Women in Faith. She shall serve as editor of the District United Women in Faith's newsletter, this includes collecting articles from the District Executive team, individuals who have articles of interest, formatting and readying the newsletter for print, preparing mail labels, getting the newsletter copied, mailed and emailed and sending copies to Conference Communications Coordinator and Conference Webmaster. She shall serve on the Executive Committee and, where they exist, the Committees on Program, Finance, and Membership Nurture and Outreach; maintain a database/spreadsheet of addresses and contact information for district, local units and individuals. Also, she shall send district calendar to Conference Webmaster for posting on the United Women in Faith website and to the District Superintendent's office for posting the district calendar; attend all District meetings and events.

The **Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation** shall empower women to understand, interpret and participate in the mission giving and the outreach of the church.

She shall: promote and interpret the work of the General Board of Global Ministries supported by United Women in Faith, including interpretation of the changing concepts of mission and changing roles of mission personnel; promote mission education opportunities: mission studies, local mission opportunities, Mission u, mission encounters, and supplying material resources for mission programs and projects; organize the District Mission Study (venue, communication, program, speaker, music, etc.), promote and utilize printed and audiovisual resources of United Women in Faith and the General Board of Global Ministries to tell the mission story; promote and interpret the need for undesignated giving to undergird the program of mission outreach with special emphasis on women, children and youth; serve as the contact person for local unit Mission Coordinators for Education and Interpretation, provide resources, and conduct training at least annually, urge local, district and individual members to become Mission Today recipients, prepare an article for each quarterly District Newsletter; prepare a Mission Moment for all district team meetings and district events; attend all District meetings and events.

The **Legacy Fund Representative** is responsible to communicate information regarding the Legacy Fund.

She shall: provide information, educate women to understand, interpret and participate in the mission giving and the outreach of the Legacy Fund. The Legacy Fund is a key component of the celebration of women in our past and in our future. As a permanent endowment of the national office of United Women in Faith she shall promote its purpose to ensure the work of United Women in Faith for the next 150 years; prepare an article for each quarterly District Newsletter.

The **Committee on Nominations** are responsible for the nomination of all elected leaders for the district. This requires a clear understanding of the duties of each position, and knowledge of the skills, interests, and potential of the members of local units and individuals who qualify to hold office.

Members shall: attend regular meetings; be intentional about looking for women who could be leaders, solicit recommendations while attending local and district events; identify potential leaders; compile a slate of officers to serve the district, assure each nominee is made aware of the details of the expectations of the office in which they are potentially being elected; serve as the contact/s for local Committees on Nominations and individuals who would qualify, and assist the Chair in

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.*

conducting training at least annually, as determined by the Executive Committee; attend all District meetings and events.

We welcome new faces, new ideas and **we need your help** to fill the positions of Vice-President, Mission Education & Interpretation, Communications, 2-Nominations and Legacy Fund Representative. **Please contact any member of the Uwharrie District Executive team and offer names for consideration.**

Thank you from our entire committee! Nominations Co-Chairs, Linda Beddingfield & Betty Hunt

Spiritual Growth

SAVE THE DATE, April 13th is the date for The Uwharrie District Prayer Breakfast, a Communion and Memorial Service.

Please be sure to get your Annual Report turned in to Sarah so we will know who is to be remembered from your church during the Prayer Service.

Also, please encourage your members to also attend the Mission Study at Milford Hills on February 24. Your District Board works very hard to provide meaningful gatherings for you throughout the year.

Recently Pastor Hugo Villagrana challenged us during worship service to be vigilant in the Word. Just 20 minutes a day is very do-able and will change your life! Rev. Jan Brittain suggests pick a scripture and read it out loud two times. Then:

- H - Highlight what jumps out at you;
- O - **Observe** how those words apply to you now;
- P - **Pray**;
- E - **Engage** yourself be doing something today!

I'm looking forward to seeing you February 24 (the day after my birthday!) and on April 13 as we pray and worship together.

Cindy Carter, Spiritual Growth

Communication

As we start a New Year, we need to keep our information updated. If you have a change in Officers, email and/or addresses throughout the year, please let me know so we can keep our Roster current and our mailings focused on the correct information. Please also include your pastor's name and contact information as he or she is also considered a member of UWFaith. The newsletter can be helpful to all your members so forward it to your entire group or make copies and pass it out. If you have any questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Patricia Dance, Communications Interim Coordinator

\$\$\$ Notes from the Treasurer

We (Uwharrie District) achieved 59.6% of our pledge goal which was set back in July 2022 with no knowledge of the number of churches that disaffiliated. We gave \$23,842.16 out of our \$40,000 pledge. Total 2023 Mission giving to the Western North Carolina Conference was \$34,299.52 and Legacy Fund money sent to National Office was \$935.59. Total giving (undesignated and designated gifts) was \$41,793.66. Thank you for all you do for your group and our district.

Treasurers, if you have not sent me your Unit's list of recipients of pins and GTM/GIM cards for 2023 and/or your 2024 pledge form with your contact information, please do so as soon as possible. If you need any forms, please let me know. First quarter remittances are due to me by **February 28th**. You will be receiving a letter from me around the first of February about what to include in this remittance. If you need anything or have any questions, please feel free to call, text, or email me.

Many Units try to achieve giving in all five channels of undesignated mission giving. Just a \$5.00 donation in each category meets this requirement. The five channels of giving, which also all count towards your Unit's Pledge, are:

- Pledge to Mission
- Special Mission Recognition
- Gift to Mission
- Gift in Memory
- World Thank Offering

And, Walk to Mission is a bonus category that counts towards your Pledge too!

If you have questions regarding what any of these categories mean, please don't hesitate to ask me or any District Officer.

If your unit is meeting in person, you can still give through the normal quarterly remittance process. If your unit is not meeting in person, you can give on-line on the WNCC UWFaith website. Click on the "GIVE NOW" link at the top line on the Home Page or use <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.

As I start my 2nd year as your Treasurer, I look forward to hopefully seeing many of you in-person this year at District and Conference events. The 1st event will be on February 24th at Milford Hills UMC in Salisbury. This Mission Study will be "Living the Kin-dom" and the speaker will be LaDonna Butts. They will be providing lunch for our group. I would

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

love to see everyone there. Until then, let's still do what we can to help women, youth and children locally and around the world.

If you need anything from me or have any questions, please feel free to call, text, or email me. Blessings,

Jeanette V. Mixon, Uwharrie District Treasurer



DAY OF GIVING - Mar 23 2024

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.

What could \$18.69 impact? By endowing core expenses, we are equipped to make a difference in areas such as:

- Providing healthy snacks to an afterschool program for children living in poverty in rural Kentucky
- Supplying books for an international scholarship recipient in the Philippines
- Purchasing baby chicks to create entrepreneurship opportunities for women and youth in Mozambique

For information about Gift Planning - the [1869 Society](#) and making a planned gift or other type of gift to [The Legacy Endowment Fund](#), visit: uwfaith.org/legacy

Jane Ellickson, Legacy Fund Representative

NATIONAL MISSION INSTITUTIONS RELATED TO UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

United Women in Faith assists nearly 90 organizations across the United States through grants, technical support, and member involvement. We have 5 of them in North Carolina.

WNCC - Alliance Center for Education, formerly Bethlehem Center of Charlotte
700 Parkwood Avenue, Suite 243, Charlotte, NC 28205 Phone: 704-375-1417 www.ac4ed.org
Programs: A Continuum of Services from Birth Through College Graduation, e.g.: Early Childhood Development, Out of School Time Enrichment, Scholarship Fund

WNCC Conference - Bennett College
900 East Washington Street, Greensboro, NC 27401 Website: www.bennett.edu

WNCC Conference - Bethlehem Community Center
520 Cleveland Ave. Winston-Salem, NC 27101 Phone: 336-722-6264
<https://www.bethlehemchildcarews.com/>

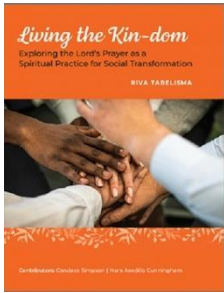
Programs: Summer daycare, Child Development, Infant Care, Preschool

WNCC Conference - Pfeiffer University
P.O. Box 960 , Misenheimer, NC 28109-0960 Website: <http://www.pfeiffer.edu/>

NC Conference - Partners In Ministry
12 Third St., Laurinburg, NC 28353 Phone: 910-277-3355 <http://pim-nc.org/>
Programs: Housing, youth empowerment, afterschool education, employment skills training, thrift store, health screenings, food pantry, and referral service

Mission Education & Interpretation – Gay Smith & Donna Owens

Uwharrie District Mission Study



Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation by Riva Tabelisma

Mark your calendars and attend our Mission Study on February 24, 2024.

We are meeting at Milford Hills in Salisbury who has graciously offered to provide breakfast & a soup lunch! Registration starts 9:30am, the study from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Please bring: Your Bible, a little inexpensive journal and a good writing ink pen.

The Hands-on Mission Project: Project Agape Missions Needs

We are excited to have LaDonna Butts and Kim Martin to bring us this study to give fresh eyes to the Lord's Prayer. Often learned by rote (learning something in order to be able to repeat it from memory, rather than in order to understand it), the Lord's Prayer is a rich guide for how we can live out God's Kin-dom in our lives. Participants in this study are invited to step away from our automatic recitation of the prayer and dive deep into the meaning of each line.

We will also have a special gift/mission memento for each person.

Hello. My name is LaDonna Butts. You may know me as the crazy lady who leads Jazzercizing 4 Jesus, or if you've attended Mission u you may know me as the woman with the weird name that you sent your registration to. Truth, is I have worn many hats over the years, but this is the very first time I have served as Study Leader, so please be kind and remember that Christ honors forgiveness!



My husband and I recently celebrated our 53rd wedding anniversary. We have 3 awesome children who married terrific partners and blessed us with 5 amazing grandchildren. And all three families live within a 5-mile radius of our home in Concord. I say God loves everyone, but I'm pretty sure I am one of his favorites, because my blessings overflow. My husband Andy and I both hail from Tennessee, and yes, our blood runs orange. But North Carolina has been home since we moved here in 1981. I am retired with the exception that I lead the Senior Chair Aerobics class (Musical Chairs) for my home church Forest Hill. For those of you who attend Milford Hills that's the church where you send your ministers after you have them broken in!

I am grateful for this opportunity today but remember Kim and I both are newbies; this is our first time as Study Leaders. But we've both been praying so we'll just begin and trust God will guide all of us together.



My name is Kim Martin. I am originally from Georgia but have been in North Carolina for over 30 years now, so it is home. I live in Concord with my two fur children, Oscar, my 16-year old long haired Dachshund, and Zeus, a 3-year old Chihuahua/Maltese mix. They are rotten. I am also a 24-year employee of Piedmont Correctional Institution where I am the new Training Coordinator. I love to sing and am an avid crafter. I am a member of Forest Hill United Methodist Church. I am so grateful for the opportunity to become more involved and expand my horizons by participating in events such as this.

For the Hands-on Mission Project, you have the option to either:

- Bring Hygiene Kit/s plus a check amount that covers the total number of kits times \$2.00 for the cost of toothpaste and shipping.
- OR a check for the number of Hygiene Kit (Value of \$12.00 per kit) for your mission donation. (The check can be sent directly to Uwharrie District Treasurer, Jeanette Mixon 235 Woodbrier Drive, Lexington, NC 27292.

Please send a \$5 registration fee for each person to cover the cost of the special gift/mission memento for each person attending.

REGISTRATION FORM - Please complete by February 15th registration deadline.

CHURCH _____

CITY/COUNTY _____

PRESIDENT _____ Phone _____

NUMBER ATTENDING MISSION STUDY _____

PLEASE INDICATE NAMES OF ATTENDEES _____

Mail form and check to Jeanette Mixon (Uwharrie District Treasurer)

235 Woodbrier Drive, Lexington, NC 27292

We believe **love in action** can
change the world.

Faith. Action. Sisterhood.



United
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Western North Carolina

2024 VISION & GOALS

- Emphasize our **Purpose** as United Women in Faith
- Raise awareness and promote personal advocacy for our two **United Women in Faith** priority issues: Climate Justice and Criminalization of Communities of Color & Mass Incarceration
- **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.

Encourage local units to build relationships with and support the United Women in Faith

- **mission institutions in our conference:**
Alliance Center for Education Charlotte, Bethlehem Center WinstonSalem, Brooks-Howell Home, Bennett College, and Pfeiffer University

Achieve our 2024 Conference Financial Goal: Each unit will increase Mission Giving to the

- 2019 level.

Turn faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the

- **world as we live out our Purpose as United Women in Faith!**

Our Purpose:

The organized unit of **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 concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

In love and action,

Your **WNCC United Women in Faith Team** wnccumw.org •

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United Women in Faith

WNCC United Women in Faith SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Do you know a student who is a member of one of the WNCC United Methodist Churches?

Will they attend one of the United Methodist supported institutions in our conference (**Bennett College, Brevard College, Greensboro College, High Point University, Pfeiffer University**) for the fall semester 2024?

Then they are eligible to apply for a WNCC United Women in Faith scholarship!

Applications should be requested by contacting the scholarship committee chairperson:

Jatana Royster

8227 Laurel Oak Court Harrisburg, NC 28075

704-451-3816 (cell) Email: jatanaroyster@gmail.com

Applications are due by **March 1, 2024**. Interviews will be conducted in March 16, 2024.

YOU can support our scholarship program by:

Referring students.

Praying for our students and UM supported institutions.

Contributing to the general scholarship fund as districts, units, circles and individuals.

Please contact me if you need additional information.

Blessings,

Jatana Royster

WNCC United Women in Faith Scholarship Committee Chairperson

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Membership Nurture and Outreach

What is United Women in Faith? We are women like you, a powerful, fearless force driven by God’s love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children and youth, we act for justice and transform communities. Invite others to join us, because love in action can change the world.

Make a meaningful impact! Put your talents, energy and ideas to work. You’ll find flexible opportunities for spiritual growth and ways to act for social justice, support your community, live your faith and enrich your life.

It’s all about you! Join your way. You can get involved at a local church unit in your own community, in the Uwharrie District Team, and/or you can opt for our “All-Access” membership, with easy online access to member resources nationwide. Either way, you choose to engage when, where and how best fits your life.

Step Up and Say Yes! I don't think you need to have a gift for any office to step into it. Sometimes a person doesn't know what their gift is, and if they would attempt an office at the unit level, they'll be in a situation to learn something new. It can be uncomfortable, but how else is a person going to discover which office is best for them. Each position comes with FREE training. Just say yes to something! Step up, help your unit leader out, your district leaders, or your conference leaders. Say yes and find out what you are capable of doing.

Fun – Raiser!!! This year, to be inclusive for all, I challenge all of us to “**Move for Mission**”. Move for Mission is a undesignated giving fundraiser hosted by a United Women in Faith (UWFaith) group. This is an opportunity to move together and raise funds for the work supported by UWFaith. Groups can move by walking, running, dancing, chair exercising, doing Zumba, hiking, knitting, reading, or any other activity that they decide to do together raising undesignated funds.

No matter the activity you choose, please send your information to me so I can share your accomplishments with other units. More information is forth coming. All “Move for Mission” funds raised should be sent to Jeanette Mixon, the UWFaith Uwharrie District Treasurer, before the end of the year.

For those who want to Move for Mission by walking, choose one of the below dates:

May 25 th	Uwharrie Walk for Mission 1: 9-11 Central Denton
June 1 st	Uwharrie Walk for Mission 2: 9-11 Dan Nicholas Park, Salisbury
June 8 th	Uwharrie Walk for Mission 3: 9-11 Belk-Tawanda Park, Monroe
June 29 th	Uwharrie Walk for Mission 4: 9-11 Grimes Park, Lexington
July 20 th	Uwharrie Walk for Mission 5: 9-11 Randolph Mall, Asheboro

United Women In Faith Unit Fundraisers for Mission

Just a reminder, we would like to help get the word out regarding each unit's fundraisers for Mission by posting in the Uwharrie District quarterly newsletter. Please provide your information to me prior to the month before each quarter so that we can include in the next quarter's newsletter.

Patricia Dance, Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator

Historian

As we begin this year, let us remember that history is being made every day! Each of our units has a contribution to make to this history. I will be relating some small part of the stories of everyday women who have left their mark on my life. Hopefully this will serve as a nudge to others to send me snippets from women in their units who have left or are leaving their marks on the mosaic of UWF.

These snapshots are not designed to be complete pictures, and I would welcome additions to them from YOUR memories. As I was making arrangements to send needed items to Red Bird Mission, I was thinking about one of the members of our local unit who has gone to her eternal reward, Helen Hancock. She was the wife of a Methodist minister, and this gave her the opportunity to touch many lives. Helen was an active member of our local UMW, serving as president for over a term and keeping our group active. She took a group of us to Henderson Settlement and Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. This fueled my belief and participation in mission projects which continues today.

It is my hope that 2024 will be a blessed year for you, and that you will find some inspiration in these shared stories. A friend asked me how you could read and not be bored. My response was that they needed to draw a picture from the words placed before them. We have many women who may be beams of light in the picture of your life. Please share them with us! If you email them to me or your nurturing partner, I can include them in our newsletter.

Cheri Barker, Historian, Cherib47@yahoo.com

Social Action

Sally Vonner, the new CEO of the United Women in Faith, has announced that our mission focus for this year will continue to be Climate Justice and Criminalization of Communities of Color. The theme for this year is The Kin-dom is Among You: Drawing Closer to God and One Another. We will continue to explore these topics for the next year.

Social Action, Gay Smith

Uwharrie UWFaith 2024 District Calendar

February 24 th	Mission Study – “Living the Kin-dom” (Lord’s Prayer) – Lunch provided Registration 9:30, Study 10am-2pm Location: Milford Hills, Salisbury Speaker LaDonna Butts Hands on Project: Project Agape Needs
April 13 th	Uwharrie Prayer Breakfast _____ Communion and Memorial Service Registration 9:30, Mtg. 10am-12pm Location & Speaker TBD
April 19-21	Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting (SEJ) Chattanooga, Tennessee
May 25 th	Uwharrie Walk for Mission 1: 9-11 Central Denton
June 1 st	Uwharrie Walk for Mission 2: 9-11 Dan Nicholas Park, Salisbury
June 8 th	Uwharrie Walk for Mission 3: 9-11 Belk-Tawanda Park, Monroe
June 13-15 th	Spiritual Growth Retreat- “Bringing the Light into a Darkened World” Location: Lake Junaluska
June 20-23	WNCC UMC Annual conference: Lake Junaluska
June 29 th	Uwharrie Walk for Mission 4: 9-11 Grimes Park, Lexington
July 20th	Uwharrie Walk for Mission 5: 9-11 Randolph Mall, Asheboro
August 2-3 rd	Mission U: Catholic Conference Center, 1551 Trinity Lane, Hickory, NC
August 17 th	Uwharrie Annual Celebration: “Bringing Light into a Darkened World” Registration 9:30; Mtg: 10am-12pm Location: TBD Speaker: Tammy Ingram; or Jan Brittain; Hands on Project TBD
Sept. 6 th -8th	WNCC Annual UWFaith Celebration: Lake Junaluska
October 5 th	Ubuntu Days of Service (various locations)
October 19 th	Leadership Development Day Location TBD (Zoom)
November 9 th	Uwharrie District Training for Local Unit Officer’s Registration 9:30, Training 10:15-12:15 Location: TBD

Uwharrie District Nurturing Partners

Church	City	Nuturing Partner	Church	City	Nuturing Partner
Ansonville	Ansonville	Sarah Lee	Main Street	Albemarle	Wanda Craven
Badin	Badin	Sarah Lee	Marshville	Anson	Cindy Carter
Bethany	Lexington	Donna Owens	McCrary Chapel	Ramseur	Linda Beddingfield
Bethany	Albemarle	Jeanette Mixon	Milford Hills	Salisbury	Patricia Dance
Bethel	Salisbury	Donna Owens	Mitchell	Asheboro	Linda Beddingfield
Bethlehem	Waxhaw	Cheri Barker	Morven	Morven	Jane Elickson
Cedar Falls	Asheboro	Linda Beddingfield	Mount Moriah	Marshville	Cheri Barker
Cedar Grove	Norwood	Jeanette Mixon	Mount Olivet	Seagrove	Linda Beddingfield
Cedar Hill	Wadesboro	Sarah Lee	Mount Tabor	Salisbury	Patricia Dance
Central	Spencer	Donna Owens	New Hope	Wadesboro	Jane Elickson
Central	Monroe	Jane Elickson	New London	New London	Sarah Lee
Central	Denton	Carla Carrick	New Mount Tabor	Richfield	Jeanette Mixon
Central	Albemarle	Sarah Lee	New Union	Asheboro	Betty Hunt
Charlotte	Asheboro	Linda Beddingfield	Oakboro	Oakboro	Cindy Carter
Christ	Salisbury	Patricia Dance	Olivet	Stanfield	Cindy Carter
Coburn Linwood Memorial	Salisbury	Patricia Dance	Olivet	Lilesville	Jane Elickson
Concord	Wadesboro	Sarah Lee	Peachland	Peachland	Cheri Barker
Cotton Grove	Lexington	Gay Smith	Piney Grove	Denton	Donna Owens
Cox Chapel	Ramseur	Linda Beddingfield	Piney Ridge	Empire Charge - Seagrove	Patricia Dance
Ebenezer	Lexington	Wanda Craven	Pleasant Grove	Trinity	Donna Owens
Fairview	Denton	Cindy Carter	Pleasant Hill	Empire Charge - Seagrove	Patricia Dance
First	Wadesboro	Jane Elickson	Pleasant Hill	McFarlan	Jane Elickson
First	Lexington	Jeanette Mixon	Poplar Hill	Wadesboro	Jane Elickson
First	Asheboro	Linda Beddingfield	Porter	Albemarle	Wanda Craven
First	Salisbury	Patricia Dance	Providence	Salisbury	Gay Smith
First	Norwood	Sarah Lee	Randall By the River	Norwood	Jeanette Mixon
First Street	Albemarle	Wanda Craven	Reeds	Lexington	Wanda Craven
Flag Springs	Asheboro	Carla Carrick	Rehobeth	Ramseur	Betty Hunt
Forestville	Litesville	Jane Elickson	Richfield	Richfield	Gay Smith
Fountain Hill	Peachland	Cheri Barker	Seagrove	Seagrove	Carla Carrick
Franklinville	Franklinville	Carla Carrick	Shiloh	Granit Quarry	Donna Owens
Gilboa	Marshville	Cheri Barker	St. Luke	Asheboro	Betty Hunt
Grace	Salisbury	Donna Owens	St. Marks	Asheboro	Linda Beddingfield
Hanna Chapel	Wadesboro	Cheri Barker	St. Stephens	Lexington	Gay Smith
Jordan Memorial	Ramseur	Betty Hunt	Stony Hill	Albemarle	Wanda Craven
La Luz de Cristo	Asheboro	Betty Hunt	Stout's Chapel	Ramseur	Patricia Dance
Linwood	Linwood	Patricia Dance	Trinity	Lexington	Gay Smith
Locust	Locust	Wanda Craven	Wesley Chapel	Misenheimer	Jeanette Mixon
Love's Grove	Stanfield	Cindy Carter	Wesley Heights	Lexington	Gay Smith
Macedonia	Lexington	Jeanette Mixon	Wingate	Wingate	Cindy Carter

Program Resources – Jane Elickson

<https://uwfaithresources.org>

- **2024 Daily Prayer Guide**
- **2024 Program Resource**
 - * The Program Resource 2024 will start in January.
- **2024 Call to Prayer & Self Denial**
- **Reading Program**
 - **Reading Certificate for Plan I, II, III or IV**

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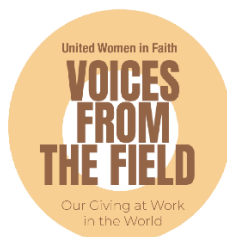
Resources - Podcast & Webinar



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



join the live **FAITH TALKS** podcasts at 2:00 pm on Feb 1st, 15th, 29th, Mar 7th & 21 2024|
monthly conversations with United Women in Faith, hosted by Jennifer R Farmer
READING PROGRAM AUTHOR TALK: I'M BLACK. I'M CHRISTIAN. I'M METHODIST | 7:00 pm
Date: Feb 29 2024



DEACONESS AND HOME MISSIONER VIRTUAL DISCERNMENT EVENT 8:00 pm
Date: Feb 01 2024 |

JUST ENERGY 4 ALL WEBINAR Date: Feb 21 2024 | 3:00 pm

EARTH DAY Local Date: Apr 22 2024 | Local Time: All Day

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

*Sharing & Learning, Local Leadership Training
November 18, 2023*



Assembling kits



Christmas Elf



Uwharrie District Leaders

We continue healing prayers for our Sister in Christ: Betty Hunt.

2024 Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting



Still time: Late registration thru March 19, 2024

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)

Quadrennial Meeting Information - – <https://sejuwf.org>



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Lexington NC 27295

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Upcoming 2024 Conference Events

March 23 Annual UWFFaith Anniversary Day of Giving

April 19-21 SEJ event, Chattanooga, TN

June 13-15 Spiritual Growth Retreat, Lake Junaluska

Aug. 2-3 Mission u, Catholic Conference Center

Sept. 6-8 Annual Celebration, Lake Junaluska

Oct. 5, 19, 26 Ubuntu Days of Service (various locations)