

Happy Spring United Women in Faith!



We believe love in action can change the world!

We are making an impact in the world with our mission giving and designated funding, living into our belief that love in action can change the world. In the March/April issue of *response* magazine the maps in this issue show the missions supported by United Women in Faith. During 2022 and 2023 \$7 million was allocated to the U.S. (101 institutions) and international missions. If you have a chance check out the maps in *response* to see where your mission giving has been allocated. We support hospitals, schools, agricultural projects, microenterprise projects, and other grants to women societies, ecumenical organizations and grassroots group, scholarships to nearly 500 students around the worlds including scholarships to student here in the WNCC, and the support of eight regional missionaries. We are improving and empowering the lives of women, children and youth around the world. As Jesus taught his disciples, we too must also go out into all the nations. Thank you for your support in mission giving!

We kicked off our year with our Mission Study on March 16, 2024, at Bethel UMC King, NC, *Living the Kin-dom, Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation*. Deaconess Renee Hayes was a wonderful facilitator and lead us into some spirit filled discussions. Thanks to everyone that attended, helped with the planning and serving, and brought donations.

We will remember our sisters in Christ who have gone on to be with our Lord at our Prayer Breakfast on April 13th, our host church will be Fair Grove Church, Thomasville, NC beginning at 9:00am and program beginning at 10:00am. Our theme this year is Let Us Break Bread Together, Food, Faith, and Fellowship, Pastor Marilyn Weiler will be our guest speaker.

General Conference is scheduled for April 22-May 3 in Charlotte, NC. We are blessed to have this General Conference close to us, if you have an opportunity please try to attend. You can find more information at umc.org.

Please remember to celebrate Earth Day on April 22, United Women in Faith have been caring for God's creation for many years through our Climate Justice priority.

On June 1st Pine Grove UMC will be hosting our 5th Annual *Wear a Hat Bring a Hat Tea* beginning at 11:00am, our guest speaker will be Catherine Ritch, I hope to see you there will your hat and your hats for Cancer Services of Winston-Salem. Hats are needed for women and men.

Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska will be June 13-15

Please remember that I and your Nurturing Partner are available to meet with you and your circle/unit and we are available through an email or phone call if you have any questions. You can find your nurturing partner in this newsletter, let's get together!

Please continue to invite and share with new members our purpose and put faith, hope, and love into action. I hope to see you at all or some of our upcoming events.

Love and Prayers, Rhita, District President

Greetings United Women in Faith,

I hope you all feel renewed after Easter. I know you all have been busy with your missions this year. Please be sure to take pictures of your favorite mission projects. I am happy to let you know that the Annual Celebration will be held at Oak Forest United Methodist Church, 11461 Old US Hwy 52, Winston-Salem. The meeting will be August 17, 2024, from 2:00pm to 4:00p.m. The hand-on project will be school supplies. We will divide them between all the county schools in our district. We need to know how many are attending the meeting by August 10, 2024. You can call or text me at 336-816-3006. Please mark your calendars for this date. It will be fun to fellowship, share, and commune with each other. Come, let's celebrate what we have done this year.

Love in Christ

Debra Lawson, Vice President

Hello Ladies, I pray everyone is doing well. As we continue on this Lenten journey my prayer is that we ALL remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us. Easter is such a great time to reflect on all the many blessing that have been bestowed upon us. Let's take time to remember what the CROSS truly means. If it wasn't for the CROSS, where would we be?

Berthina Thomas, Communications Coordinator

As we enter into the amazing season of spring, we may begin to anticipate what it looked like before everything was bare. As we adventure out, we begin to notice the trees budding, the flowers blooming, and the birds singing, anticipating the explosion of life. What a better time to come together to remember those dear UWFaith sisters who have gone to be with our heavenly father. Let us gather together on April 13 to break bread together, experience holy communion, and memorialize those heavenly sisters. Please join us for Yakin Valley District United Women in Faith, Prayer Breakfast, in Thomasville at Fair Grove Church (see flyer for address). Reservations are not required, but are appreciated to Mary Jo Brewer, mbrewer1227@gmail.com. Registration and breakfast is from 9am to 9:45am. Program begins at 10am and our speaker is Rev. Marilyn Weiler. For our hands-on project, we are asking each unit to bring a crockpot to be used by the Yakin Valley district Faith and Food initiative for the summer youth camp.

Valeria Prim, Spiritual Growth Coordinator



Hello and Good Morning, or Evening (whichever time you are reading your newsletter)

This is a word from your Committee on Nominations person.

Leadership is an important and necessary part of any organization and especially in our wonderful group of United Women in Faith.

Our Yadkin Valley team has always done an amazing job of keeping us strong and in touch with all that we stand for. We have always been active in the conference and hope to continue to be. There is always a need for new faces and fresh ideas, and that is why we are always seeking to fill positions on the team. There are some positions that will need to be filled in the coming year and I am again encouraging you ladies to consider what it is that you might like to do, to keep our district strong in fellowship through our events and in our leadership. We have just held our Mission Study on the Lord's Prayer led by Deaconess Renee Hayes and was thoroughly enjoyed being all who attended. Thanks to Bethel United Methodist Church for hosting this (their first time). Brenda Tuttle is our Mission Education and Interpretation Coordinator and she and her unit did a wonderful job.

Our Prayer Breakfast is coming up.... look for more info in this newsletter.

Planning these events is done as a group and everyone helps each other get things done to make them happen.

Speaking of leadership.... I recommend everyone to read from our Reading List, especially those books in the category of Leadership Development. I have just finished reading "I AM A GIRL FROM AFRICA".

When severe drought hit her village in Zimbabwe, Elizabeth Nyamayaro, then only eight years old had no idea that this moment of utter devastation would come to define her life's purpose. Unable to move from hunger and malnourishment, she encountered a United Nations aid worker who gave her a bowl of warm porridge and saves her life- a transformative moment that inspired Elizabeth to dedicate herself to giving back to her community, her continent, and the world.

In the decades that have followed, Elizabeth has been instrumental in creating change and uplifting the lives of others

UBUNTU: I AM BECAUSE WE ARE, AND BECAUSE WE ARE, YOU ARE.....is referred to many times in the book.

I highly recommend this book. This memoir brings to vivid life one extraordinary woman's story of persevering through incredible odds and finding her true calling-while delivering an important message of hope, empowerment, community support, and interdependence.

Barbara Crotts, Chair of Nominations



\$\$\$ Notes from the Treasurer

Spring has sprung, and Easter has come. He is risen; He is risen indeed!!

We have completed Q1 collections and submitted our Q1 remittance to the Conference in March. We sent \$13,585.00 or 13.5% of our Pledge to Mission. Total Mission Giving paid to WNCC was \$16,944.60.

Local Treasurers, your Q2 Remittances are due in by May 24th. You will be receiving a letter from me in early May with additional information.

I would like to share what God has done for me recently. On February 9th, He put the thought in my head that I should move back to Thomasville where I grew up. I moved to Welcome 31 years ago to be closer to work, handbells, and softball, all of which took place in Winston-Salem, but none of which I do any more. My church, my mother, and my friends are primarily in the Fair Grove/Thomasville area. By the 19th, I was under contract in a townhouse in Thomasville.

During those 10 days, I often questioned how quickly things were happening, but there were so many God-Winks throughout that time and since that have resolved any questions I had. For example, the house was more than I wanted to spend, but my brother assured me that location was worth the extra money. God knew that there was another interested buyer, something I did not know, so I had to move fast to get the place He had chosen for me. The house has a huge attic that was not mentioned or shown online. There are several people in the neighborhood that I already know including someone I taught high school with 40 years ago. I dreaded telling my neighbor that I was moving, but he brought his trailer over to take things to the landfill for me and knew of a young man who is now under contract to buy my old house.

Our Wonderful Creator heard my unspoken prayer, knew my need, and provided the perfect answer. Friends, family, and my preacher have all helped pack, move, haul more to the dump, clean, and unpack. It has been a lot of work but it has been joyful fellowship as well. The new home is beautiful, and my furniture fits perfectly. Thank you, Papa God, for your wisdom and provision!

I hope to see many of you at the Prayer Breakfast on April 13th at my church: Fair Grove Church!

Ashley Perdue

Yadkin Valley District Treasurer





Yadkin Valley District Prayer Breakfast April 13, 2024

Let Us Break Bread Together: Food, Faith, Fellowship

Location: Fair Grove Church, Thomasville

138 Fairgrove Church Road, Thomasville, NC 27360

Registration and Breakfast: 9 to 9:45

Light breakfast provided at no charge

Program: 10 to 11:30

Reservations to Mary Jo Brewer by April 6

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(Reservations are strongly encouraged but not required)

We are collecting crock pots to support the Yadkin Valley District Faith and Food Initiative for the summer youth camp.



Greetings Sisters in Christ,

Our Day of Giving was March 23, 2024, celebrating 155 years in missions. As of March 25, 2024, we received \$187,780.00 on the Day of Giving, you can still donate to the Day of Giving through April 8th. That is something to celebrate and we are making our way to the goal of \$60 million, at the end of February 2024 we have received \$37,508,041.97, THANKS TO YOU!!

The Western North Carolina Conference United Women in Faith at of the end of 2023 donated over \$500,000.00, YOU are building our Legacy and it is growing every day, faithfully forward we will reach our goal very soon.

Ways to Give to the Legacy Fund

- Make a gift to the Legacy Fund **through your local unit United M780ethodist Women / United**

Women in Faith treasurer.

Use our [Western North Carolina Legacy Fund Commitment Form](#)

Online on the national office website at uwfaith.org/give/legacy-fund/

- **By phone:** 800-278-7771 (8 am-6pm EST, M-F)
- **Text** Legacy150 to 41444
- **By check:** note "Legacy Fund" in memo and mail to: United Women in Faith, Church Center for the

United Nations, Attn: Legacy, 777 United Nations Plaza, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10017

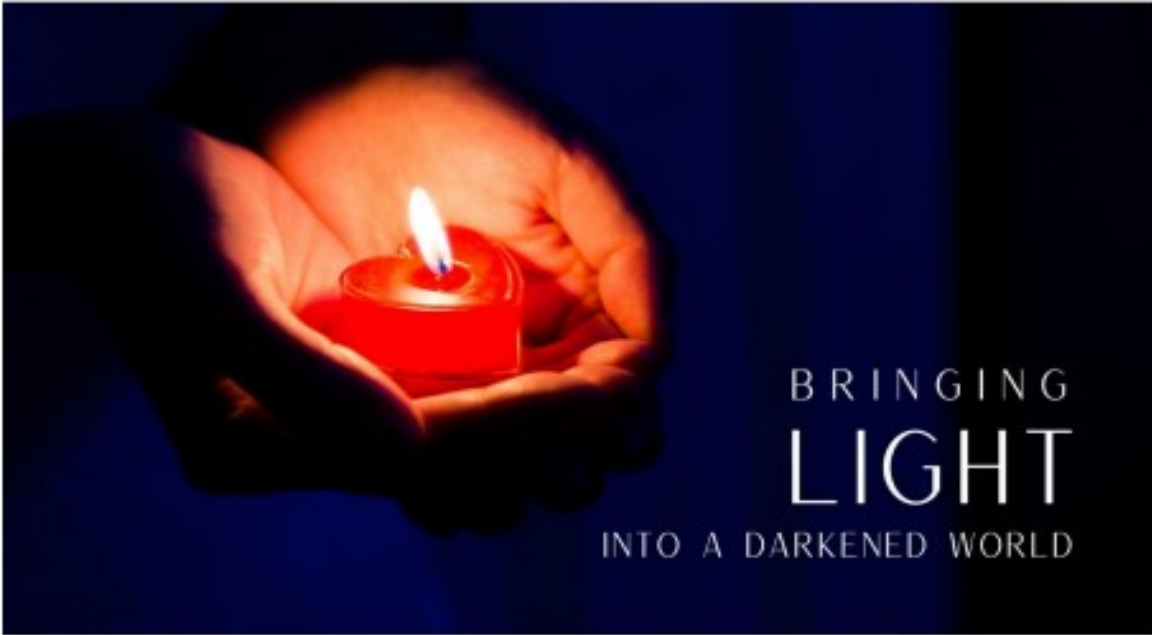
Other methods include gifts of stock, life insurance, bequests, and other forms of planned giving. If you are interested in making a gift like this, contact the national office at 212-870-3705.

One of the ways you can help to build onto our foundation that our foremothers started is to become a Legacy Builder. A Legacy Builder makes a monthly gift of \$18.69 or more to The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign. For more information visit www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/donate/legacybuilder. This is one of the ways I like to donate and give in honor of the women I serve with.

"We want to ensure that generations coming after us have the same phenomenal blessings and opportunities that we have had as part of this great sisterhood" Sally Vonner, General Secretary and CEO of United Women in Faith.

Blessings. Rhita





Western NC Conference United Women in Faith
Spiritual Growth Retreat
June 13-15, 2024
Lake Junaluska, NC



Rev. Marilyn Weiler
Retreat Leader



Rev. Dr. Mark Barden
Music Leader



Catherine Ritch
Music Leader

Hands-on Project: Hygiene Kits

Registration: www.wnccumw.org

It was decided at our leadership training that I would continue to work with this committee until someone else came forth. I took the training again and talked to the other units that had this committee. I will need lots of help and hope that someone else will help me this year.

We will continue to have the Wear A Hat, Bring a Hat Tea, because this is important to the people with cancer. You will have the winter months to continue to knit or crochet and find other hats for the Cancer Service.

The tea will be at Pine Grove United Methodist Church on June 1 from 11:00 until 1:30 pm. Let's continue to make this our joint activity with all units helping. Ways that you can help would be for each unit to bring one or two door prizes that will be given away at the tea, let me know how many from your unit will be coming. We will need help decorating on Friday night 5pm to 7:30pm, we are asking that each unit share a small amount of food, wear your prettiest hat, and I am adding a scavenger hunt as a little fun. Our speaker will be Catherine Ritch and her side-kick Ms. Eudora Rumph from Smackass Gap, North Carolina and yes there is a town in the North Carolina Mountain by that name. The Tea would be a good time to bring your new members and we will give a prize for the unit that brings the largest number of new members. Remember the name of the committee is Membership, Nurture and Outreach.

Polly Caudle-MNO





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Serve and Advocate

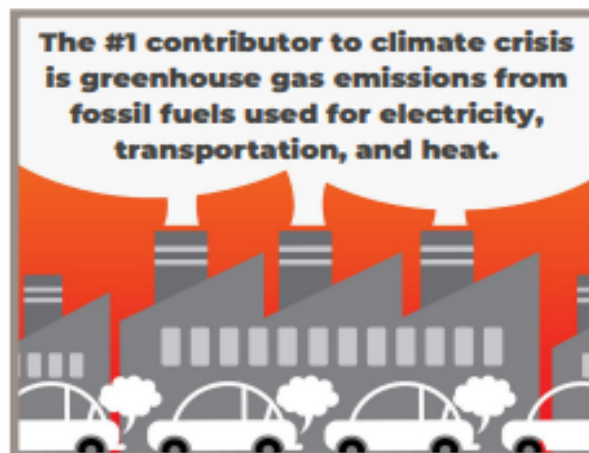
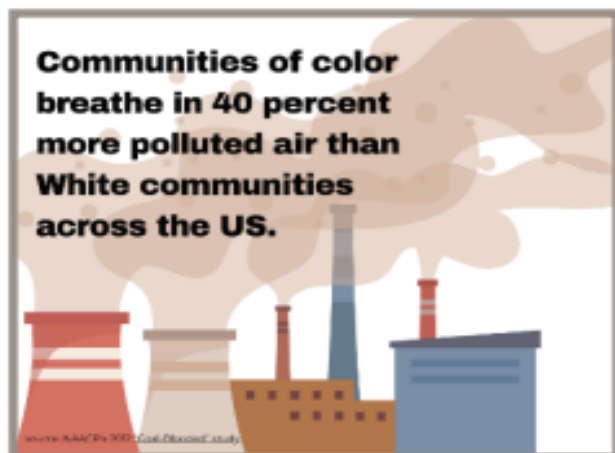
JUST ENERGY FOR ALL

Protecting God's creation and those who are disproportionately affected by the climate crisis is more than our belief; it is one of our core principles and a matter of justice.

Just Energy for All is the United Women in Faith's campaign to work for climate justice and mobilize members and communities to advocate for cleaner and 100% renewable energy that is just for people and creation.

We are stewards of God's creation. This is one of our very first callings in this world, a call to love, protect, and share in the gifts of God's creation. Ecclesiastes 1: 4-7 reminds us of the abundance of such gifts, the sun, the wind, the streams, providing beyond any of our lifetimes, and the very ones capable of giving us renewable energy to sustain our life in this Earth. Unfortunately, our abuses to creation and one another, our exploitative systems and relationships, and our reliance on fossil fuels have gotten us to the point of planetary climate collapse.

Join us today to address the climate crisis!



Make your voice heard in demanding climate justice!

We ask the local, state, and federal government and corporations to:

1. Increase clean, 100% renewable, and just energy infrastructure with equitable considerations aligned with the Jemez Principles and the Principles for Environmental Justice, that are good for people and creation. Prioritize investments, opportunities, hiring, and leadership of Indigenous people, youth, women, elderly, Asian, Pacific Islander, Black, Latino, and other communities directly impacted by the climate crisis and extractive industries, and communities historically marginalized.
2. Align existing and new policies to fossil fuel non-proliferation and phase down and out of existing fossil fuel extraction and consumption in a swift, equitable, and just manner aiming for 70% emission reductions by 2030 and 100% by 2050.¹
3. Align targets and practices to contribute the U.S. fair share of climate finance, loss and damage contributions as a historical emitter, and emission reductions in order remain under the 1.5 C warming limit established during the Paris Agreement.²



Take Action Today!

Connect. Learn. Take Action.

Join us and find more opportunities
to advocate for Just Energy for All!

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Mission

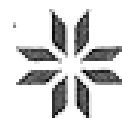
United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence, and impact local and global communities.

Vision

Turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world.

Purpose

To 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.



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2024 Calendar of Events

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| June 1, 2024
11:00am-1:00pm | Wear a Hat Bring a Hat Tea
Pine Grove UMC, Winston-Salem
Catherine Ritch – Speaker |
| August 17, 2024
2:00pm-4:00pm | Annual Celebration – Our Response to Mission
Oak Forest United Methodist Church
Light refreshments will be served
Come celebrate all your good works in 2023 |

2024 WNCC Calendar of Events

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| April 19-21 | SEJ Event, Chattanooga, TN |
| April 23-May 3 | General Conference, Charlotte, NC |
| June 13-15 | Spiritual Growth, Lake Junaluska |
| Aug 2-3 | Mission u, Catholic Conference Center |
| Sept. 6-8 | Annual Celebration, Lake Junaluska |



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