

*Uwharrie
District*



United
Women
in Faith

Western North Carolina

2025
1st Quarter
Newsletter

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My little children,
let's not love in word
only, neither with
the tongue only, but
in deed and truth.

1 John 3:18 WEB

WE BELIEVE LOVE IN ACTION CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.

President's Message

Sarah Lee



A NEW YEAR

I hope all of you experienced many blessings with the celebration of Christ's birth this year. I also hope each of you are living with expectancy for growth in 2025. Growth spiritually as we continue to pray, study God's word and live in ministry for women, children, & youth locally, nationally, internationally. Paul encouraged the Thessalonians to pray continually or without ceasing. He was imploring the people to acknowledge the presence of God in small & big ways throughout each day. As well as to place their reliance on God & to grow deeper in love and faith.

When we pray frequently, we see God move and answer us in ways we might otherwise overlook. Here are some ideas to cultivate a more vibrant prayer life:

- Anchor your day: Come before God in the morning when you wake, in the evening before you sleep, praise him, confess our sins to Him and ask for anything we need
- Try a new practice: write down your prayers, say your prayers aloud in solitude, hold your hands out while you pray, pray while you walk outside, pray in a prayer closet, or pray on your knees.
- Add prayer to an existing habit or chore. Pray when you're folding laundry, or as you cook dinner. Pray when you're driving in traffic or in the line at the grocery store.
- Pray Immediately: when anxieties fill your mind bring them before God at that instance.
- Keep a List: maintain a paper or digital list of people and things who need your prayers
- Pray Scripture—read the prayers of Jesus, pray the promises of God and meditate over the Psalms
- Lean on the Holy Spirit: when you can't think of what to say or how to pray, ask the Holy Spirit to bring things to mind.
- Pray Over Others: When friends share their struggles with you, pray over them in that present moment.

The lull after the holidays provides the opportunity to rest, reflect, and reset. I get excited about the plans God has for our women in the New Year. I pray you'll embrace 2025 and God's plans for this new year with expectancy and joy! 1 Thessalonians: 5:16-18 "Rejoice always, Pray continually, Give thanks in all circumstances; For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." I want to thank you for many things in the past year: 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 the District Team & we look forward to working with each of our local units in 2025. 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, 2025. You can also support this scholarship fund in several ways (please read the flier concerning the Scholarship Program on page 6 of this newsletter)
- Don't forget to register for the Mission Study on Feb. 22th at Central UMC Albemarle! It will be a wonderful event! Mrs. LaDonna Butts & Kris Peurifoy will be our speakers & if you attended the mission study which LaDonna did last year you know she is full of energy, spirituality, enthusiasm, & will provide us with much wonderful information. Central Albemarle will provide a breakfast for us; however you will need to **bring your own sandwich lunch**. There will be a **\$5 registration fee** for this mission study.

You don't want to miss this great time of learning, sharing, and worshiping on Saturday Feb 22nd starting at 9:30 & ending at 2:00.

- Please look at the conference vision & goals for 2025 on page 9. 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 5 invite them to do a program for you or just to come & visit you at one of your meetings! Look at program topics on page 9. 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 12th at Wingate UMC. Our speaker will be Rev. Jan Brittain. With her creative, spiritual and enthusiastic message she will provide an experience that you don't want to miss! Hope to see you there!

Grace & Peace,
Sarah Lee, President



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\$\$\$ Notes from the Treasurer

We (Uwharrie District) achieved 56.7% of our pledge goal which was set back in July 2024 while we were still dealing with church disaffiliation. We gave \$19,851.50 out of our \$35,000 pledge. Total 2024 Mission giving to the Western North Carolina Conference was \$29,650.58 and Legacy Fund money sent to National Office was \$1,524.50. Total giving (undesignated and designated gifts) was \$36,063.08. The 2025 District Administrative and Membership Development budget will be \$5325.00. The 2025 District Pledge to Mission will be \$30,000.00, a decrease of \$5000.00. 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 2024 and/or your 2025 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 still not meeting in person, you can give on-line on the WNCC UMW 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. (Of course, if your unit is meeting, you can still give through the normal quarterly remittance process.)

As I start my 3rd 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 22th at Central UMC in Albemarle. The speakers will be LaDonna Butts & Kris Peurifoy. I know that you would really enjoy this Mission Study. I would 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

Committee on Nomination

Happy New Year to all. I hope each and every one had a very Merry Christmas! As we begin another year, I look forward to working on our Uwharrie District Team with a great group of Christian women. I am so pleased that we filled all but three positions on our team. The positions that are still open are: Vice-President, Mission Education and Interpretation, and Communications Coordinator. At our November Training meeting, I received several Leadership forms back showing some interest in our team. I have contacted a couple of these ladies but they have not gotten back to me but I will follow up on these contacts. I also need every one to reach out to their church and their Nurturing Partners and encourage them to consider one of these open positions. Personally, I feel my faith has grown as I have met so many wonderful and faithful women throughout The Uwharrie District.

In closing, I leave you with this scripture:

Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap harvest if we do not give up.

Peace and Love to All,
Linda Beddingfield
Nominations Chair



JOB DESCRIPTION FOR VACANT POSITIONS

Vice-President

The Vice-President works with the President to help with the District Annual Meeting and other ways to support the President.

Communications Coordinator:

The Communications Coordinator will provide communications to local units and serve as Editor of the Newsletter.

Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation:

The Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation is responsible for informing women to understand and participate in the mission giving and outreach of the church. She will also help organize the District Mission Study.

2025 UWFaith WNCC Uwharrie District Church/Unit Nurture Partner

Church	MBR	Nurturing Partner
Olivet, Lilesville / Forestville, Lilesville		Cindy Carter
Forestville, Liteville		Cindy Carter
Bethlehem, Waxhaw	52	Cindy Carter
Franklinville, Franklinville / Seagrove, Seagrove	11	Cindy Carter
Rock Grove, Salisbury	15	Cindy Newport
First, Salisbury	88	Cindy Newport
Locust, Locust		Cindy Newport
Love's Chapel, Stanfield		Cindy Newport
Oakboro, Oakboro	0	Cindy Newport
New London, New London	13	Cindy Newport
Ansonville, Ansonville / Cedar Hill, Concord		Denise Henton
Shiloh, Grant Quarry / Grace, Salisbury		Denise Henton
Wingate, Wingate	20	Denise Henton
Hanna Chapel, Wadesboro		Denise Rumley
Poplar Hill, Wadesboro		Denise Rumley
Cedar Grove, Norwood / Cedar Hill, Wadesboro / *Concord, Wadesboro		Denise Rumley
Gilboa, Marshville / Peachland, Peachland	8	Denise Rumley
Central, Monroe	53	Denise Rumley
Piney Grove, Denton / Pleasant Grove, Trinity		Donna Owens
Chapel Hill, Denton unit cont'd	18	Donna Owens
Linwood, Linwood / Trinity, Lexington	10	Donna Owens
Marshville, Marshville/Anson	9	Jane Ellickson
Providence, Salisbury	34	Jeanette
Bethel, Salisbury		Jeanette Mixon
Central, Denton	27	Jeannette Mixon
Cotton Grove, Lexington	7	Lillian Marshall
First, Lexington	22	Lillian Marshall
Cedar Falls, Asheboro / Mount Olivet, Seagrove		Linda Beddingfield
Jordan Memorial, Ramseur/ La Luz de Cristo, Asheboro	29	Linda Beddingfield
New Union, Asheboro		Linda Beddingfield
Rehobeth, Ramseur		Linda Beddingfield
Flag Springs, Asheboro	25	Linda Beddingfield

Asheboro Circuit (Cox Chapel, Ramseur / Mitchell, Asheboro / St. Marks, Asheboro)			
First, Asheboro	103		Linda Beddingfield
McCrary Chapel, Ramseur	10		Linda Beddingfield
Union, Waxhaw			New - Cindy Carter
Memorial, Monroe			new - Denise Henson
Trinity Monroe / Waxhaw, Waxhaw			New/New-Cindy Carter
Milford Hills, Salisbury	78		Rosemary Nelson
First Street, Albemarle			Rosemary Nelson
Bethany, Albemarle	18		Rosemary Nelson
Wesley Chapel, Misenheim			Rosemary Nelson
Central, Albemarle	18		Rosemary Nelson
Main Street, Albemarle / New Mount Tabor, Richfield			Rosemary Nelson
Porter, Albemarle			Rosemary Nelson
Mt Tabor, Salisbury / Christ, Salisbury	14		Sarah Lee
Randall By the River, Norwood			Sarah Lee
First, Norwood	37		Sarah Lee
Stony Hill, Albemarle	5		Sarah Lee
Badin, Badin			Sarah Lee
* Central, Spencer / Coburn Linwood Memorial, Salisbury	0		Sarah Lee
First, Wadesboro (Anson Cooperative Parish - First, Wadesboro / Morven, Morven / Pleasant Hill, McFarland)	20		Susan Helms
Morven, Morven	9		Susan Helms
Pleasant Hill, McFarlan	8		Susan Helms
Fountain Hill, Peachland / Mount Moriah, Marshville			Susan Helms
Oak Grove, China Grove	20		Susan Helms
Unity, Kannapolis			Susan Helms
*Royal Oaks, Kannapolis / South, China Grove	7		Susan Helms
Macedonia, Lexington	34		Tonya Lanier
St. Luke, Asheboro	24		Tonya Lanier
Empire Charge UWFaith: Piney Ridge-Seagrove, Pleasant Hill-Seagrove, Stout's Chapel-Ramseur	18		Tonya Lanier
Pleasant Hill, (Empire Seagrove) Empire Circuit	5		Tonya Lanier
Fairview, Denton	12		Wanda Craven
Reeds, Lexington / Ebenezer, Lexington			Wanda Craven
St. Stephen, Lexington	24		Wanda Craven
Wesley Heights, Lexington			Wanda Craven

WNCC Uwharrie District 2025 Calendar



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Jan 7 **Deadline for District Newsletter articles 1st Quarter**

Jan 25 **Uwharrie Team Meeting** 10-12 Main Street UMC, 1100 W. Main St, Albemarle, NC 28001

Feb 22 **Mission Study** – Registration 9:30, Mtg 10:15-2:15
Location: Central, Albemarle Speakers LaDonna Butts and Kris Peurifoy

Mar 1 WNCC Application Scholarship **application deadline** .

Mar 7 **Deadline for District newsletter articles 2nd Quarter**

Mar 15 **Uwharrie Team Meeting:** 10-12 (Zoom)

Mar 23 Mission Giving Day All UWFaith Members

Apr 12 **Uwharrie Prayer Breakfast** _Welcome Home to God's Kindom Registration 9:30, Mtg.10:15-12:15 Location: Wingate UMC Speaker Rev. Jan Brittain

May 24 **Uwharrie Walk for Mission 1:** 9-11 Central Denton

May 31 **Uwharrie Walk for Mission 2:** 9-11 Dan Nicholas Park, Salisbury

June 7 **Uwharrie Walk for Mission 3:** 9-11 Belk-Tawanda Park, Monroe

June 7 **Deadline for District newsletter articles 3rd Quarter**

June 12-14 **WNCC Spiritual Growth Retreat** Location: Lake Junaluska

June 20-22 **WNCC UMC Annual conference:** Lake Junaluska

June 28 **Uwharrie Walk for Mission 4:** 9-11 Grimes Park, Lexington
Uwharrie Team Meeting 12-2 First Lexington UMC (meal provided)

July 12 **Uwharrie Walk for Mission 5:** 9-11 Randolph Mall, Asheboro

July 18-19 Mission U: Catholic Conference Center, 1551 Trinity Lane, Hickory, NC

July 26 **Uwharrie Team Meeting** 10-12 (Zoom)

Aug 16 **Uwharrie Annual Celebration:** Registration 9:30; Mtg: 10:15-12:15 Location: First UMC, Lexington
Speaker: Kim Eller

Sept. 5-7 **WNCC Annual UWF Celebration:** Lake Junaluska

Sept 6 **Deadline for District newsletter articles 4th Quarter**

October 11, 25 **Ubuntu Days of Service** (various locations)

Oct 11 **Uwharrie Team Meeting:** 10-12 (Zoom)

October 18 **Leadership Development Day** Location TBD (Zoom)

Nov 8 **Uwharrie District Training for Local Unit Officers**
Registration 9:30, Training 10:15-12:15 Location: TBD
Uwharrie Team Meeting following training

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 2025?

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, 2025.

Interviews will be conducted on March 15, 2025 via Zoom.

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

DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2025

Color Code:

■ Training
 ■ Walks
 ■ Team Meetings
 ■ Deadlines

Mission Education & Interpretation

Interim Sarah Lee

Uwharrie District Mission Study:

Welcome Home by Naomi Fletcher

Mark your calendars and plan to attend another exciting, fun, spiritual and educational mission study on Feb. 22, 2025 at Central UMC Albemarle. A continental breakfast will be served and everyone needs to bring a bag lunch for the noon meal. Registration starts at 9:30 am and the study is from 10-2 pm. In order to get credit for the study it must involve 4 hours of participation in the study material.

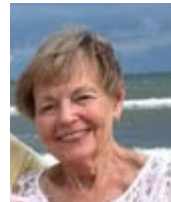
Please bring: your Bible, a little inexpensive journal, a good writing ink pen, your lunch. Drinks will be provided.

We are excited to have Ladonna Butts back as our speaker for this year. She did a fantastic job last year and we cannot wait to see what she shares with us in the Welcome Home Curriculum. She is joined this year with Kris Peurifoy and we know they both will do a wonderful job.

As we study this curriculum we realize dwelling with God requires that we shift our idea of knowing God as a far and distant overseer to knowing God as an intimate close friend who is willing to share the secrets of every day with us. Our willingness and ability to freely secure

ourselves in God's home is often influenced by our lived experiences in our homes. We will be able to sort through our lived experiences and develop a deep understanding of the love God extends to each of us and invites us to extend to each other.

Our speakers Kris Peurifoy and LaDonna Butts



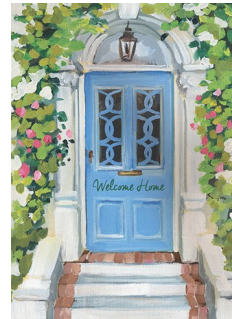
Kris Peurifoy is a member of Forest Hill UMC in Concord. As a member of United Methodist Women, now United Women in Faith, she has served on the Local, District Conference and Jurisdictional levels. Kris

has also served as a Salisbury District Lay Leader. She continues to be involved on the local level in United Women in Faith, choir, handbells, and various other activities, including Chair Aerobics when she has the opportunity, and she is a member of the Singing Saints Community Choir for those over 50 who love to sing. She and her husband Edward have two children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren, blessings who currently are all locally based.



LaDonna Butts is also a member of Forest Hill and is presently serving as Membership, Nurture & Outreach Coordinator for her local United Women in Faith unit. She has served in several positions on the Local, District and Conference level and is currently serving her final year as Dean of Mission U for

the Conference. Many of you may know her as the leader for Jazzercising for Jesus, but for the past seventeen years she is simply known as the leader of Senior Chair Aerobics also known as Musical Chairs. She and her husband have three children and five grandchildren.



Please send a \$5 registration fee for each person attending to cover the cost of supplies.



Information from Vickie Brown, Conference Mission, Education, & Interpretation Coordinator
Important News!!!

Due to the closing of our Mission Response Center in Terrell, NC; we are not taking UMCOR or Agape donations at this time. We do not currently have a storage facility for these donations.

WNCC is in the rebuilding stages since Hurricane Hellene. We are asking for teams to form and assist in rebuilding. If this direction is not feasible for your local unit, we do ask for monetary donations to support our missions.

Please mark your donation as whichever fund you are supporting and submit it to your unit treasurer. Make checks payable to WNCC United Women in Faith. All donations are greatly appreciated and as we receive instructions on our Mission Response Center, we will keep you informed.

Registration Form: Please complete and return with fee to Uwharrie District Treasurer:

Jeanette Mixon by registration deadline of February 15th .

Church _____

City/County _____

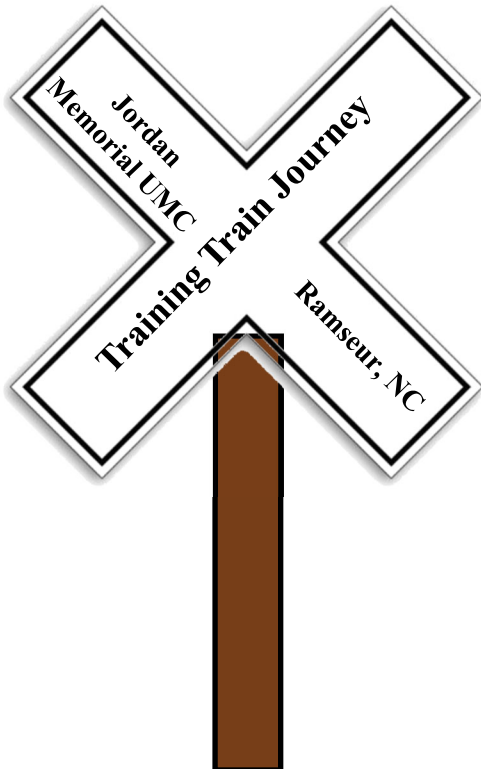
President of Local Unit _____

Phone _____

Number attending Mission Study _____

Please list names of attendees _____

Please send a \$5 registration fee for each person attending to cover the cost of supplies.



The Legacy Fund

As many of you know, the Legacy Fund will support United Women in Faith for many years to come. Our gifts to the endowment fund will sustain and grow our capacity to serve and advocate. How can \$18.69 be used?

- Provide healthy snacks to an afterschool program for children living in poverty in rural Kentucky
- Supply books for an international scholarship recipient in the Philippines
- Purchase baby chicks to create entrepreneurship opportunities for women and youth in Mozambique.....and so much more.

Our September 2024 giving report showed our conference cumulative giving to the Legacy Fund to be \$535,083.78. This amount makes Western NC Conference of UW Faith second in the nation! Yeah! So far our 2024 giving is \$20,595.46 and the cumulative amount now is \$41,787,023.00 or 69.65% of our \$60 million national goal.

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.

Thank you for your continued giving and prayers toward this effort.

More great news to come,

Tonya Lanier

Uwharrie District Legacy Fund Representative



Social Action

During the month of December, members of the United Women in Faith were asked to make an impact for justice and mercy by telling President Biden to commute federal death row sentences. More than 400 members and friends responded and took action. This was done because of our love of God, not on account of the one who did the wrong or the one who was wronged.

**Rosemary Nelson, UWFaith
WNCC Uwharrie District
Social Action**



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**2025 VISION
& GOALS**

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5 levels of giving / Mission Information

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We believe love in action can change the world.

Faith. Action. Sisterhood.

Model our Purpose as United Women in Faith (UW Faith) who come together in unity, loving, and serving.

*Raise awareness and promote personal advocacy and action for our two United Women in Faith priority issues: Just Energy 4 All, and Ending Mass Incarceration and Criminalization of Communities of Color,

*Build relationships with our local units, members, and potential members in living out the Purpose, leaning in to and supporting opportunities to meet and serve together.

*Build relationships with and support the United Women in Faith mission institutions in our conference: Alliance Center for Education Charlotte, Bethlehem Center Winston-Salem, Brooks-Howell Home, Bennett College, and Pfeiffer University

*Achieve our 2025 Conference Financial Goal: Each unit will increase their Gift in Memory giving by 10%.

*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

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Program Resources

Jane Ellickson



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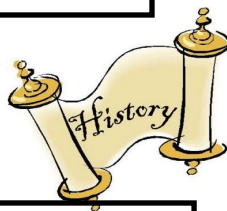
- 2025 Daily Prayer Guide
 - 2025 Program Resource
 - o * The Program Resource 2025 will start in January.
 - 2025 Call to Prayer & Self Denial
 - Reading Program
 - o Reading Certificate for Plan I, II, III or IV
- Resources - Podcast & Webinar

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

response
the magazine of women in mission



Historian



As your newly elected historian, I encourage you to capture and cherish as many memories as possible. When you gather as a unit, take pictures and note what is happening. As we our year moves along these photos might find their way into our newsletter or a slide presentation. Pictures help tell stories. Pictures will help tell our mission story.

I am sharing this recent photo taken at my church, St Stephen UMC in Lexington. The United Methodist Men hosted a holiday social after church and the United Women in Faith exchanged gifts. Among our guests were these smiling faces.....future United Methodist Men and United Women in Faith in the making.

Capture those special moments as you go about your spiritual journey. You will be glad that you did.

Wanda Craven

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



Spiritual Growth



How exciting it is to start a new year! And we have so much to look forward to in 2025.

We will be getting together for the first time this year as a District on February 22 for our Mission Study led by Ladonna Butts & Kris Peurifoy in Albemarle. How exciting is that?!

Please put April 12th on your calendar when we will gather in Wingate for our Uwharrie District Prayer Breakfast with Rev. Jan Brittain as our speaker. Just a bit of insight into her personal theology, Jan summarizes that

1. God's motivation is always love.
2. Jesus Christ's death on the cross is a means to our salvation. His resurrection is the promise of our eternity. We cannot save ourselves and praise God, we do not have to.
3. There are 3 absolute essentials for effective and faithful living: time spent in God's word, time spent in prayer and time spent with God's people.
4. God formed and chose the Church. As flawed as the Church is, it is still God's chosen agent for doing His work in the world. Those who want to be on God's team find their place in the Church and go to work helping the Church do what only the Body of Christ can do.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at each of our District gatherings and seeing what exciting things we share in the work of our Lord.

Cindy Carter



Communications Coordinator

As we begin 2025, I'm excited about new local units that may be forming! Please contact me so that we can have current information in order to communicate District events that will be happening through emails & postal mail. If there are any changes that have been made in the officers of any of the local units, those should be placed in the End of Year Report and send to Sarah Lee, President as soon as possible. We are looking forward to working with all of you this year.



Sarah Lee, Interim Communications Coordinator

Membership, Nurture, & Outreach

Susan Helms

I am very happy to be joining the Uwharrie District Team as MNO Coordinator. I look forward to helping the local units nurture their members as well as organizing the walks for Mission which raise funds for mission outreach to support women, children, and youth locally, nationally, & internationally. I also look forward to meeting each of you at the walks which will be at the following locations and times below.

Did you know that Western NC Conference has had the highest percentage of money obtained in the past years for mission walks—let's make it even bigger this year!! Groups can come together to walk at the local churches and then bring your collected funds to the mission Walk or get supporters to give you money as you go walk for missions. You can also do other physical activities that work for your group. It is all about helping improve our health & supporting missions!

I have listed the Nurturing Partners 2025 for each local unit on page 5 of this newsletter.

Please look up your NP's phone number and/or email address & invite them to come visit one of your unit meetings or a special event you may be having or to do a program for you. Programs that can be done are listed on page 9 of this newsletter. All District Team officers look forward to visiting their Nurturing Partners and helping and supporting them in any way that they can.

If you have done an exciting and successful fundraiser for mission we would love to hear about it and share it in the District Newsletter. Please send a picture & information about the event to our District Secretary, Denise Henton so that she can get it in the quarterly newsletter. This would be a great way to network and learn from each other.

May 24 **Uwharrie Walk for Mission 1:** 9-11 Central Denton
May 31 **Uwharrie Walk for Mission 2:** 9-11 Dan Nicholas Park, Salisbury
June 7 **Uwharrie Walk for Mission 3:** 9-11 Belk-Tawanda Park, Monroe
June 28 **Uwharrie Walk for Mission 4:** 9-11 Grimes Park, Lexington
July 12 **Uwharrie Walk for Mission 5:** 9-11 Randolph Mall, Asheboro



Conference United Women in Faith Upcoming Events

June 12-14: WNCC United Women Faith Spiritual Growth Retreat—Lake Junaluska

July 18-19: Mission U: Catholic Conference Center—Hickory, NC

Sept. 5-7: WNCC Annual United Women Faith Celebration—Lake Junaluska

