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Message from the District President Rhita Newcomb



Happy New Year Yadkin Valley United Women in Faith!

2024 was an exciting year for Yadkin Valley United Women in Faith, we were inspired, educated, energized, and entertained in the events your executive team planned for you. We continue to believe love can change the world. The future looks bright for

United Women in Faith, we are making a difference, we are turning our vision into a reality – together we are turning 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. We will be able to achieve this reality using our 2025 Vision & Goals included in this newsletter.

Your executive team is working hard on the 2025 district events to nurture you, to inspire you, to create a Christian formation and creative fellowship. We hope to see you at our upcoming events, our first event with be our Mission Study, Welcome Home, March 22, 2025, please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information. We will remember our United Women in Faith sisters that have joined the church triumphally with our Prayer Breakfast, April 12, 2025.

A big thank you to all the unit presidents that have turned in their year-end reports and if you have not turned yours in there is still time, if you need the year-end report forms, please let me know and I will forward those to you. Mail or email me your reports, thanks so much! I am always excited and thankful to read all the ways you are faithful to your communities and the women, children, and youth locally, nationally, and globally. Keep up the good work!!!

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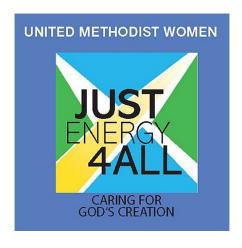
Please remember that I and your Nurturing Partner are available to you through email, a visit or phone call if you have any questions. We would like for you to share all the good deeds you have been doing in your units so we can share them with your United Women in Faith sisters on our Facebook page and in our Yadkin Valley newsletter, please send photos to Jean Wall, our Communications Coordinator and she will post them to our Facebook page and add them to our newsletter. Please remember when using initials for United Women in Faith, please use UWFaith, not UWF.

I am so very honored to serve with you as your president, you are an awesome group of women ready to tackle the issues that affect women, children, and youth in the world. I look forward to meeting you at our district events or one of your circle/unit meetings.

Our theme this year for our Call to Prayer and Self-Denial is "Bold Women Transforming Communities" as we step into the new year together I wish you a year brimming with hope and may every challenge become a stepping stone toward great joy and fulfillment as we continue to be bold, determined and courageous women living out our Purpose and transforming communities.

Blessings, Rhita

Hope will keep you happy and full of peace. Romans 15:13 (Walk by Faith Devotional) When God asks you to step out of your comfort zone, do it—and wear a glorious pair of shoes!



We are stewards of God's creation.

All creation is God's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it ... God has granted us stewardship of creation. We should meet these stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect." (Social Principles, ¶160)

Protecting God's creation and those who are disproportionately affected by global climate change is more than our belief; it is one of our core principles.

Yadkin Valley District Mission Study



What: The Kin-dom Is Among Us: Welcome

Home

Where: Faith UMC, 1645 Griffin Rd, Rural

Hall, NC 27045

When: March 22

Time: Registration 9:30 to 10:00

(light refreshments provided)

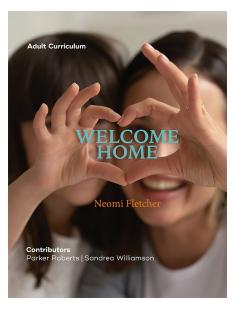
Program: 10:00 to 2:30 (Bring a bag lunch)

Drinks will be provided.

Reservations to: Barbara Crotts 336-940-8001 imacrotts@yadtel.net By March 12.

Hands-on project: Feminine Hygiene kits. Please see the handout on page 11.





Yadkin Valley District Annual Prayer Breakfast



When: April 12, 2025

Where: To be determined (TBD)

Registration and Breakfast: 9:00-9:45

Program: 10:00-11:30am

Reservation to Berthina Thomas by April 5th

336-671-1954 or berthinathomas@windstream.net

(reservations are strongly encouraged but not required)

Light continent breakfast will be served

Hands on project: Hygiene Kits for Western North Carolina

See instructions on page 12

Bring A Hat / Wear A Hat Tea

Saturday, May 31, 2025 11am - 1pm

Pine Grove United Methodist Church 1130 Jonestown Road Winston Salem NC 27108

Sponsored by
Yadkin Valley District
United Women in Faith

Supporting
Cancer Services of Winston Salem
(cancerservicesonline.org)

Contact Leslie Porter at 336.686.5102 or leslieporter64@gmail.com to reserve seats by Sat, May 24



Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that we are finishing the first quarter of the 21st century! I pray that each day of this year is better than the day before, that goals are accomplished and dreams realized!

Your Executive Committee has been very busy planning wonderful opportunities to *Energize, Enlighten and Educate* each and every one of us throughout 2025. One of the opportunities I am most excited about is the Wear A Hat/Bring A Hat Tea that is scheduled for *Saturday, May 31* at *Pine Grove UMC* in Winston Salem.

This annual event has quickly become a "fan favorite" so I encourage you to plan to attend and to invite friends to join you. Wear your favorite Easter Bonnet or a silly holiday hat (bunny ears or reindeer antlers anyone?) or a ragged old baseball cap - whatever makes you happy. That being said, the most important hats* are the ones we will be collecting for Cancer Services of Winston Salem; this group of dedicated individuals provides hats free of charge to cancer patients in the area. Yadkin Valley UWFaith have donated literally hundreds of hats in the past few years and we need to keep up the momentum!

I look forward to seeing you soon - God Bless! Leslie Porter

MNO Coordinator

*Donated hats should be new or lightly used, preferably machine washable; any size from infant to adult accepted.



Greetings Sisters in Christ,

Our legacy will continue with your help in funding the Legacy Endowment Fund, we set a goal of \$60 million and currently we have raised \$42,135,789.76!!!YAY!!! I know we are going to reach our goal soon.

Exciting news!!! Our Day of Giving is March 23, 2025, celebrating 156 years. Our theme this year is **For Generations to Come**, uniting our hearts and hands, we are building a future filled with hope and support for women, children, and youth. Every gift you make regardless of the amount makes an impact for generations to come. There are many ways to give to the Legacy Endowment Fund, we now have three giving societies, The Legacy Builder giving \$18.69 a month or more, Friends of Legacy major gift pledges of \$5,000.00 or more and 1869 Society planned giving donors.

Ways to Give to the Legacy Endowment Fund

• Make a gift to the Legacy Fund through your local unit United Methodist Women / United Women in Faith treasurer.

Use our <u>Western North Carolina Legacy Fund Commitment Form</u>
Online on the national office website at <u>uwfaith.org/give/legacy-fund/</u>

- **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.

Making a donation to the Legacy Endowment Fund will help to ensure the continuation of National Mission Institutes. Our foremothers sent a woman educator and a woman doctor to India where the need was great and for 156 years the institutes those women started are still going strong today, I want to make sure they continue for another 156 year as I know you want them to continue for another 156 years and hopefully, after we are no longer here another woman will say I want this institute to continue for another 156 year.

We empower women not only through our funds but through Christian teaching, financial awareness, and campaigns and one another.

Please help to ensure that our National Mission Institutes will continue to thrive into the future, get the word out! I would like to use a line from Sally Vonner's article in our Jan/Feb 2025 response magazine.

Let's do it!!

Nominations



Good Day to all our ladies of the Yadkin Valley District.

It is a new year for us, and we are in need of nominations for some of our positions. Positions are to be held for only 4 years in most areas so that leadership qualities are tapped into from our members. This year we need to fill the President and Vice President positions. Rhita, and Deb, have served their 4 yr. terms, and have done a splendid job in each of their areas. We are so fortunate to have had their leadership and dedication for the United Women in Faith of Yadkin Valley. We also need ladies to step up and serve on the Nominations Committee. We have ladies among us who are capable and intent on keeping our district strong and those names need to be

brought to the nomination committee to help fill these areas. **Gale Caudle** will be serving as chair of nominations for this year along with myself and others, but we could certainly use all the help we get to fill the offices mentioned. Any names of ladies who would be willing to fill these positions would be appreciated. Every time a position is filled with new leadership, it brings us *fresh ideas*, and *new perspectives* for us. Leadership is key to keeping us together as a strong district, and we certainly have women among us who are more that capable to lead us. REMEMBER....no position is done without the help of the Whole Team. Please contact either Gale or myself with suggestions for filling these positions. 2025 is going to be exciting with our Mission Study, Prayer Breakfast, Wear a Hat, Bring a Hat Tea and other events. We must invite our friends and bring new ladies, young and old, to our events. Promote the UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH as often as you can.

Barbara Crotts

Parliamentarian



I am glad for the opportunity to be your new parliamentarian. I'm looking forward to a great new year. Don't forget about our reading program! Check out the conference website for this years books.

United Women in Faith - 2025 Reading Program Catalog D11304

Kathy Chadwell





Blessings and Happy New Year, United Women in Faith, I pray that we all prosper as we journey through 2025. As United Women in Faith we are call to ACTION, let's put forth our best effort in everything that we say and do this year. I pray we remember all the good deeds and blessings from 2024, with the intention of doing better. Our world is hurting, so many things are happening that we don't understand, however we KNOW that we serve an AMAZING GOD, and He never fails. I pray that you hold on to your faith as we continue to be the hands and feet of God, as we continue working and fighting for women, children and youth.

Peace and Blessings,

Berthina Thomas

Spiritual Growth Coordinator



Hello My name is Aton Thomas and I attend Brooks Temple United Methodist Church. I have two grown girls and one granddaughter who is 2 years old. I work a full-time job and I also attend school for learning to be a Medical Administration Associate. I thank you for accepting me to join this organization. I'm looking forward to learning about this position. I'm brand new to this.

Social Action Chair

Happy New Year, Greeting from your Program Resource Chair



This is a good time to start your Reading Program. This program is for adults, youth and children. You can have great discussions on diverse genres to include Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. Reading is rewarding and connecting.

Enjoy and let us start reading on these long winter nights Be ready to turn in your reading list next fall.

Montessa Thomas

\$\$\$ Notes from the Treasurer



"I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2 NIV

Familiar verses to many, but what do they say to us? We must look up, above the earth, beyond man and material things, to find our help. Our help is in His goodness, power, and grace. Our help comes from the Bible, prayer, and communion with fellow believers. Our help, our God, made heaven and earth; therefore, He can do anything..

Guess what? United Women in Faith provides opportunities to strengthen our faith, learn more about the Bible, share with fellow believers, and foster change for women, children, and youth throughout the world. Your executive team has planned some exciting district events for 2025. Please join us in fun, fellowship, and growth throughout the year.

The 2025 Conference Financial Goal is for each unit to increase their Gift in Memory giving by 10%. Gift in Memory cards are not only to be used for the loss of a loved one. They could also be sent when someone loses a pet, or the birthday of the deceased, or the anniversary of the death – to show that you are still remembering them and their loss. Gift in Memory and Gift to Mission cards can be ordered at any time. They are also available at every district and conference event. Love Offerings for undesignated giving are also collected at each event.

Local Treasurers, your Q1 Remittances are due in by February 21st. You will be receiving a letter from me in early February with additional information. Also, remember that I moved last year, so please use my current address: 4 Charter Place, Thomasville, NC 27360.



Happy New Year Sisters,

I hope you all had peaceful and spiritual Christmases. This past year was a good year for us all. We are now looking at new year. May we all strive to keep positive in 2025.

The theme for 2025 Annual Celebration will be "Moving with Grace". Tentatively the dates will be August 16 or August 23. Trinity United Women in Faith will be host. The time will be 9:00 a.m.. (Registration). The business meeting will start at 9:45. There will be light breakfast items before the meeting. The Hands on Project will be school supplies. There will be no cost for this meeting. Please mark your calendars. The dates and place will be determined by the next newsletter.

May grace lead us on. May next year be out best year.

Thank you,

Debra Lawson

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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 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

We believe love in action can change the world. Faith, Action, Sisterhood.



Western North Carolina

2025 VISION & GOALS

- Model our Purpose as United Women in Faith (UWFaith) 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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2025 Yadkin Valley District United Women in Faith Nurturing Partners

Ardmore, Rhita Newcomb

Boonville, Debra Lawson

Brooks Temple, Cathy Smith

Brookstown, Jean Wall

Bunker Hill, Pat Cunningham

Canaan, Cathy Smith

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Concord, Mocksville, Montessa Thomas

Dobson, Berthina Thomas

Fair Grove, Thomasville Rhita Newcomb

Faith, Rhita Newcomb

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First, Pilot Mountain, Gail Caudle

Harmony Grove, Glenda Beacuhamp

Johnsontown, Rhita Newcomb

Lewisville, Glenda Beauchamp

Level Cross, Montessa Thomas

Liberty, Barbara Crotts

Main Street, Rhita Newcomb

Memorial, Kathy Chadwell

Mitchell's Chapel, Debra Lawson

Morris Chapel, Rhita Newcomb

Mt. Carmel, Cathy Smith

Mt. Pleasant, Boonville Gail Caudle

Mt. Tabor, Mary Jo Brewer

New Beginnings, Rhita Newcomb

New Home

Oak Forest, Montessa Thomas

Oak Grove, Barbara Crotts

Pine Grove, WS, Glenda Beauchamp

Pisgah, Berthina Thomas

Saints Home, Nancy Norton

Sedge Garden, Pat Cunningham

Shady Grove, Cathy Smith *

Sharon, Brenda Tuttle

Sherwood Forest, Mary Jo Brewer

Shiloh, Germanton Debra Lawson

St. Andrews *

St. James, Gail Caudle

St. Mark, Ashley Perdue

St Paul Kernersville, Pat Cunningham

St. Paul WS, Berthina Thomas

Stokesbury, Debra Lawson

Stony Knoll *

Trinity, Rhita Newcomb

Union *

Union Ridge, Jean Wall

Wesley Chapel, Barbara Crotts

Whitaker's Chapel, Montessa Thomas

Woodleaf, Barbara Crotts

Yadkin College, Ashely Perdue

Value:



Feminine Hy-Materials

Feminine Hygiene Kit

One one-gallon size re-sealable bag

Two 2oz bottle hand sanitizer

Three 4-gallon bathroom trash bags

One travel pack of wet ones

10 Tampons (5 regular and 5 super absorbency)

Unscented

10 Sanitary Napkins O Unscented O Long super ultra-thin

Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger) o No Ivory or Jergen's soap o Do not remove from packaging

One pack of flushable wipes (42 count) o Unscented

Six laundry detergent sheets

Assembly Instructions

Start with a one-gallon resealable bag.

Place one pack of the flushable wipes and wet ones in the bag.

Place three 4-gallon bathroom trash bags and the 10 sanitary napkins in the bag.

Then, add the smaller items in the plastic bag, remove air, and seal.

Important Notes

All items must be new.

Do not wash any of the items as they will no longer be considered new.

Do not include any personal notes, money, or additional materials in the kits.

Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters,

advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols

Packing Instructions

Complete two packing lists, one for the box and one for your records.

Place the shipping label/packing list on the outside of the box.

Please send a check for the total amount of hygiene kits times \$2 per kit for the cost of shipping to Sager Brown. One check may be written for all of the kits.

For the most up to date and accurate Relief Supply Kit List, go to

https://umcmission.org/umcor-relief-supplies/.

Hygiene Kits

One hand towel (15 x 25 -17 x 27 inches)

No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels

One washcloth

No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels

One comb

- + Must be sturdy with at least 4-7 inches of teeth
- + No pocket combs or picks

Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 4-7

inches of teeth

One toenail or fingernail clipper

No emery boards or metal nail files

Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)

→ No Ivory or Jergen's soap

Do not remove from packaging

One adult toothbrush

Important Notes

All items must be new.

Do not wash any of the items as they will no longer be considered new.

Assembly Instructions

Lay hand towel flat on table.

Lay the washcloth in the center of the hand towel.

Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth (except the plastic bag).

Fold the sides of the hand towel to cover the items.

Grasp the bundle tightly and toll over the remainder of the towel.

Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag, remove air, and seal.

Do not include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits.

Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.

Packing Instructions

Please send a single check to the Sager Brown Depot or the affiliate warehouse that will receive your donation of hygiene kits.

The check amount should cover the total number of kits times \$2.00 for the cost of toothpaste and shipping.

On the memo line, please indicate that the funds are an additional donation to cover costs associated with relief supply kits.

For the most up to date and accurate Relief Supply Kit List, go to

https://umcmission.org/umcor-relief-supplies/.

2025 District Calendar:

March 22 - District Mission Study, Welcome Home, Faith UMC

April 12 - District Prayer Breakfast, Location, to be determined (TBD)

May 31 - District Wear a Hat Bring a Hat, Pine Grove

August – District Annual Celebration, Moving with Grace, Trinity UMC in King

2025 Conference Calendar:

March 23 - Day of Giving

June 12-14 - Spiritual Growth Retreat, Lake Junaluska

July 18-19—Mission U, Catholic Conference Center

September 6 - Annual Celebration, Location TBD

Oct.11, 25 - Ubuntu Days of Service (various locations)

By Margaret Conner



In July, 2024, Janet Kleckner, a member of Lewisville UMC, went on a mission trip with a Volunteers in Mission team to Camphor mission. This is located in Liberia, West Africa. We sent 12 sustainable, feminine hygiene kits with Janet that were hand made by volunteers at Pine Grove UMC in Winston-Salem. 12 kits were all they had room to take. Jean Wall heads up the sewing program there. The twelve kits that Janet carried with her went to

God's Heritage Orphanage in Buchanan, Grand Bassa county in Liberia and will be used there by the girls at the orphanage. The orphanage receives no support from the government or local groups. One church in Ohio sends them \$700.00 per month for food and basic supplies, but there is nothing extra to pay for girls hygiene supplies. The girls here were thrilled to receive supplies that could help them each month. It seemed as if God was aware of exactly who was in need of the kits that we provided.



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