



## Join us for our Leadership Development Day on Saturday, Nov. 2

Greetings, Northern Piedmont District of United Women in Faith! I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to each of you who attended our Annual Celebration, graciously hosted by the Laughlin Memorial United Women in Faith. Special appreciation goes to the Unit President, Doris Vincent, and all the members for their meticulous attention to detail in preparing for the event.

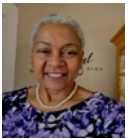
I'm also pleased to share updates regarding our **Leadership Development Day**. This event will take place on **November 2, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. via Zoom**. There will be breakout sessions for each leadership area. To ensure we can adequately plan for your participation, please register by October 28, 2024. **You can [click here to register](#).**

As my term as District Vice President draws to a close at the end of this year, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful ladies I have had the pleasure to work with, learn from, and get to know over the past two years. I am deeply grateful for this enriching experience.

*"Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take."*

– Proverbs 3:6 (NLT)

Your sister in Christ,  
Genevieve  
McCormick  
District Vice  
President

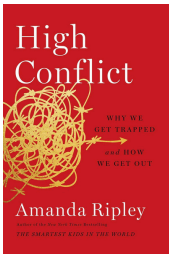


## Join Us for a Conversation About Conflict on Saturday, Oct. 26

Join us for a **book study about conflict Oct. 26, 10 a.m. to 12 noon via Zoom**. **[Click here to register](#)**. ALL are invited to participate in this insightful, eye-opening discussion!

In the last newsletter, I asked y'all to reflect on two questions: 1. When you hear the phrase "us vs. them mentality," what groups come to mind? 2. Can any common ground be found between them? ... Have you thought of a few answers?

Did you know - **the one thing people care about more than "being right" is being UNDERSTOOD?** Ponder this: We generally consider ourselves good people - and if we are accused of doing something rude, inconsiderate or selfish, we defend and explain ourselves. Why do you think we often DON'T extend that grace to others? **Why are we quick to blame and shame, instead of giving the benefit of the doubt, trying to understand?** I look forward to hearing what you have to say.



Lily Pierce,  
District Communications

## Your Generosity Makes a Difference!

*Do your units efforts seem small or insignificant? Remember this: there is no such thing as a "small" good deed.* Though the units work independently, our combined efforts make a difference for so many!

Here is a recap of the **reported donations** to local outreach ministries so far in 2024:

- Donations for 2024 up to what was reported in the 3rd quarter 2024 newsletter: subtotal of \$1,292.57.
- Donated by those attending the District Annual Celebration in August (school supplies delivered to four schools in our District): valued at \$407.70.
- Local unit delivered feminine products to Bennett College: valued at \$71.

**Our running subtotal for 2024 is \$1771.27!**

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Download the Libby app to check out books from the library virtually!



# Conference & District Calendar 2024/2025

Visit [wnccumw.org](http://wnccumw.org) to learn more about Conference events.

[Click here](#) to pre-order the Daily Prayer Guide 2025: Generations of Grace

[Click here](#) to pre-order the Program Resource Book 2025: Carrying Our Faith Forward

- Oct. 26  
10 a.m. to 12 noon  
Book Study facilitated by Lily Pierce via Zoom  
*High Conflict: How We Get Trapped & How We Get Out* by Amanda Ripley  
[Register here](#)
  
- Nov. 2  
10 a.m. to 12 noon  
Leadership Development day (Local Unit Officers Training)  
[Register here](#) to attend this Zoom event
  
- Feb 8  
10 a.m. to 12 noon  
Book Study facilitated by Sandra Williamson via Zoom  
*The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times* by Michelle Obama  
[Register here](#)
  
- March 8  
9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
(with a lunch break)  
District Mission Study facilitated by Nancy Litton  
Study: "The Kin-dom Is Among You: Drawing Closer to God & One Another"  
Book: *Come Home* by Neomi Fletcher

At our **District Annual Celebration**, we had about 90 ladies from 25 units! What a turn-out! We enjoyed a wonderful breakfast fellowship, then we heard an awesome sermon from Rev. Kim Foster, and we discussed business. We made a District pledge of \$40,000 for 2025 and approved next year's A&MD budget. We also installed new District officers for 2025. Look forward to seeing you again soon!

## Bright Lights



These are some ladies from **Collins Grove United Women in Faith** at their "Tea With Me" event in July. UWF members decorated tables and invited others to enjoy tea and fellowship. They heard from a guest speaker and distributed helpful information about health issues.



District Nominations Committee member Karlah Burton (from the **St. Matthews United Women in Faith**) helps run a 'UWF Just Energy For All' information booth at a fall festival in October.



Congratulations to Alexandria Tillman for being awarded the 2024 **Mt. Tabor United Women in Faith** scholarship! The group generously presented her with a \$500 scholarship, supporting her academic pursuits. What a wonderful recognition of her achievements and potential!



Please send stories & photos to [npdistrictunitedmethodistwomen@gmail.com](mailto:npdistrictunitedmethodistwomen@gmail.com)



## Honored to Serve

It has been such an honor and a privilege to serve you as District President for the last two years. I have no doubt the lady who proceeds me will do an outstanding job. We continue and will continue to do work for women, children and youth all over the world.

As we continue to do so, **please submit those end-of-year reports.** It is important in order to help us keep the most current and accurate information. Even in the event that there is nothing to report, let me know you have nothing to report.

I commend each and everyone of you for the work that you do. Keep shining!!!

Kelli Smith  
District President



These are the reports **needed by Dec. 15:**

- Membership
- Mission Studies
- Mission Today
- Reading Program
- Justice Today
- List of local unit officers for 2024

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about any of these forms.

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## Our Challenge Is to Bless Others as We Have Been Blessed

Greetings to all of my UWF sisters! Fall is here, and the trees have begun to change into their beautiful colors. I so look forward to seeing the simply beautiful artwork God creates and continues to bless us with year after year! His blessings on us are immeasurable.

**We are in our last Mission giving quarter for the 2024 year.** At the end of the third quarter, we had met only \$29,083 of our \$50,000 pledge to Mission. The fourth quarter is historically our largest quarter in Undesignated Giving.

As all units seek to complete the five channels of Undesignated Giving, be in prayer that the Northern Piedmont District can meet our annual Pledge to Mission. Given the tremendous hurdle we must climb to meet our pledge, please encourage your unit to, with God's grace and mercy, meet and/or exceed their pledge this year.

**Remember that United Women in Faith fiscal year ends Nov. 30.** Your Unit Treasurer should be sending all reports and monies to me by that date. Address: 713 Oldsquaw Drive, Greensboro NC, 27455.

Our District has contributed \$1,162 to the Legacy Fund through the third quarter. Of course, this amount does not include contributions made online directly to the National Office. Let us continue to strive and ensure United Women in Faith Missions will survive to serve future generations.

We had a wonderful attendance at our District Annual Celebration. The program was beautiful! We had a magnificent guest speaker, a detailed, informative District Treasury report, important updates from various committees, a great host unit, and installation of District Officers. Many of our units may be small in the number of members, but we are all big in heart and in working for United Women in Faith. **Our Undesignated Love Offering was \$450.** Thank you for your generosity!

Please register and attend our Districtwide **Leadership Development Day**, which will be held via Zoom on November 2nd. A **breakout session just for Treasurers** will be offered. Everything you need to know about the record keeping for your local unit will be reviewed. Returning Treasurers, please register online and attend the session to share your insights and helpful tips. All Treasurers, new and returning, please bring your questions, suggestions, and concerns. Specific details regarding the training will be forthcoming soon.

Even though the last several years have been challenging, we must admit that we are still richly blessed and one way we can pass on our blessings to someone less fortunate is to give a little extra of our time and money.

Blessings for a great fall and winter season,  
Constance  
(Connie) Holland  
District Treasurer



## Get Ready to Read in 2025

*Autumn Blessings!* The leaves are changing colors, the weather is changing and United Women in Faith are filled with gratitude.

On Saturday, October 26th at 10 a.m., Lily Pierce will lead book discussion on *High Conflict: How We Get Trapped & How We Get Out* by Amanda Ripley. Particularly in light of recent political and cultural events, a book focusing on conflict resolution feels EXTREMELY timely.

Are you interested in exploring the **2025 Digital Bundle**, too? For an extra \$5 per resource,\*\* you can have both the print and online editions with special access to the Program Resource monthly Community Gatherings! Please [click here](#).

Yes, the **UWF Reading Program is not only program books** - response magazine, Faith Talks and Voices from the Field and other Program Resources are important, included and very informative of our Mission. Podcasts are usually recorded, and you can listen at your leisure. ALL of this counts toward your Reading Plan!

**There's a world of connection at your fingertips on United Women in Faith Digital.** Sign up and take your UW Faith membership to the next level! It's FREE. Just go to [www.uwfaith.org/digital](http://www.uwfaith.org/digital) and create an account. And for on-the-go access, be sure to install the Mighty Networks app on your mobile phone and look for the United Women in Faith Digital network in the app! What can you do on United Women in Faith Digital?



*At our District Annual Celebration, we presented several ladies with certificates recognizing them for participation in the Reading Program in 2023.*

Peace, love & joy  
be with you,  
Cheryl Little  
District SPR



## Hurricane Helene Response in the WNCC (updated Oct. 11)

### Donation Sabbath: Pausing Material Donations to Pray and Prepare

To give our distribution sites time to distribute supplies and assess future needs, we've initiated a temporary pause on material donations. Learn more about this "Donation Sabbath" and how to stay involved.

[Read more](#)

Click here to make a monetary donation:

<https://bit.ly/WNCCHurricaneReliefDonations>

### How Your Financial Donations Support Disaster Relief

This article explains how financial gifts to WNCC and UMCOR are used to provide both immediate relief and long-term recovery support to communities affected by Hurricane Helene.

[Read more](#)

### A Marathon of Relief and Recovery: Understanding the Three Phases of Disaster Response

This article explains the phases of disaster response—Rescue, Relief, and Recovery—and the unique role WNCC plays in long-term rebuilding efforts.

[Read more](#)

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Additionally, checks can be made out to "WNC Treasurer" and mailed to PO Box 2757, Huntersville, NC 28070, with the memo Disaster Response.

With Christianity came All Hallows Day, also known as All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls Day (November 2) venerating the martyrs and all who have died. Preceding those was All Hallows Day Evening or Halloween, as it came to be called. The festivities provide a time to laugh in the face of fear and to take away its power.

Climate change and the degradation of our world are super scary. Yet as Christ followers, we trust God that death does not have the last word. We can live with hope and act with the assurance that the scary "evening" we endure now will turn into days of praise.

"Our Father...Hallowed be Thy name." [Click here for October Creation Care tips](#)



## Step Up & Reach Out



### Room at the Inn

(shelter for pregnant women and their children), 734 Park Ave. Greensboro, 336-275-9566

- Gently used baby clothes
- Maternity clothes
- Body wash, shampoo & deodorant, etc.
- Gently used dishes, towels & housewares
- Cleaning products
- Paper towels & toilet paper
- Baby wipes
- Pullups size 2T-3T

**Castaways Thrift** (supports substance abuse programs for women), 727 Highway St. Suite A, Madison, 336-644-4185 [Th-Sat]

- Gently used clothing, shoes & housewares
- Kids clothes
- Jewelry & purses

### Rockingham HOPE (in old Red

**Cross building)** (faith-based ministry helping those in need) 3692 NC Hwy 14, Reidsville, 336-623-2133 [M-Th]

- Gently used blankets
- Hygiene products & toiletries
- Cleaning supplies
- Canned food
- Gently used towels
- Plastic grocery bags
- Boxes of cereal
- Bottled water
- Paper products

### Bennett College (UMC-supported women's college)

900 E. Washington St, Greensboro, 919-973-8457

- Microwaveable meals like Chef Boyardee
- Bottled water & juice
- Feminine hygiene products
- Body wash & lotion

**Sew Loved, Inc.** Wanda Hammock, 336-514-1166, Eden  
Call for opportunities to serve, location and times.

- Need journals & composition books for foster care
- Need new children's underwear & gently used, clean kids' clothes for a ministry in India

### YWCA Family Shelter

1807 E. Wendover Ave. Greensboro, 336-340-5620

- Bottled water
- Lysol or Lysol wipes
- 55 gal trash bags
- 13 gal trash bags
- Baby wipes
- Paper towels
- Plastic solo cups
- Fruit juice

### Family Service of the Piedmont

(assists victims of domestic violence), 315 E. Washington St, Greensboro, call to set up a delivery, 336-707-2834

- Bottled water
- Juice boxes
- Pudding cups
- Fruit cups
- Granola bars
- Microwaveable meals such as Chef Boyardee

### Community Outreach of

**Archdale** (food pantry) 10607 N. Main St, Archdale, 336-431-3663

- Peanut butter & jelly
- Spaghetti sauce
- Oatmeal packets
- Saltine crackers
- Muffin mix
- Shampoo, toothpaste & baby wipes

**Leslie's House** (homeless shelter for women) 851 W. English Rd, High Point, 336-884-1039

- Ladies underwear & socks of all sizes
- Paper products
- Plastic spoons & forks
- Bottled water
- X-Large trash bags
- Laundry detergent
- Bleach

**"Does the place you're called to labor, Seem so small and little known? It is great if God is in it, And He'll not forsake His own."**

### Little is Much When God is in It

*In the harvest field now ripened  
There is a work for all to do  
Hark, the Master's voice it's calling  
To the harvest, calling you*

*Does the place you're called to labor  
Seem so small and little known?  
Well, it is great if God is in it  
And He will not forsake His own*

*Little is much when God is in it  
Labor not for wealth or fame  
There's a crown, and you can win it  
If you go in Jesus name*

*And when the conflict here has ended  
And our race on Earth is run  
He will say, "If you've been faithful  
Welcome home, My child, well done"*

**Did you know?** At the end of the year, a report is sent in to the WNCC United Women in Faith with specifics about our district ministries and Hands-on Missions for the year.

I bet your unit has been active in some way in 2024. Can you please send me that information? Ultimately, it will need a value, but I will work with whatever details you can provide. For example, if you only have a list of the donations, I will figure out the value so it can be tallied with our other activities.

(Please refer to the report on the front page.)

**Keep up the GOOD WORK, friends!** We still have three months left to be in ministry for 2024. And please send me your missions and outreach information. I am so PROUD to be part of the Northern Piedmont District!



*This is a portion of the huge pile of school supplies we collected at our District Annual Celebration.*



Peace!  
Rynn McGee-Pierce,  
District MEI

# District Officers for 2025

Visit [wnccumw.org](http://wnccumw.org) to learn more about Conference & District events.

If you or someone you know is willing to serve on the District team, please let us know!

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TBD

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TBD

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TBD

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## Free Ways to Help!

- Calling all Seniors. Does your Medicare insurance offer you quarterly over-the-counter drug store credit? Do you ever have a few dollars left over after ordering what you need? On my plan, a toothbrush costs \$1.00 and a box of tampons is \$8.00. There are other items in between these costs. Please do not let even \$1.00 go to waste; it can make a difference to someone in need.
- Hands of God in Madison needs empty egg cartons.
- Rockingham Hope as well as the Western Rockingham Backpack Program needs plastic grocery bags.
- If you have these things, but not sure where to take them, give me a call at (336) 706-9116.

## Legacy Fund Information:

Visit our website at [wnccumw.org/legacyfund](http://wnccumw.org/legacyfund)



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## Hurricane Helene Response cont.

### Telling Our United Methodist Story

We are deeply thankful for the incredible ways you and your congregations have shown the love of Christ to our neighbors following Hurricane Helene. Thanks to a partnership between the Conference and the United Methodist Foundation of Western NC, we've had the privilege to tell several stories about United Methodists in action. [You can find those stories and other updates related to the WNCC hurricane response here.](#)

We also encourage you to connect with our [Disaster Response Facebook group](#) to see even more photos, videos, and testimonies of United Methodists caring for our neighbors in need.

### Looking Forward

Over the weeks, months, and years to come, we will continue to remind one another that disaster response is not a sprint but a marathon - and our focus is on the long haul. Please stay connected to Conference and District communications for updates on how you can continue to support your neighbors through the months and years ahead.

Thank you for your faithfulness, generosity, and steadfast commitment to this vital work. Let us pace ourselves for the abundance of work still to come, and together, we will continue to meet the evolving needs of our neighbors in Christ's love.

## An Offering of "Thanks Living" (Reprint)

As United Women in Faith, we all know that women, children and youth around the world need our help to have a better life. And we know that it takes money to fund these ministries.

So, I have a challenge for each and every one of us. Don't worry, it is not anything hard. In fact, it is SO simple that I hope everyone will participate.

First, a little background: My great-grandmother, Lillie, lived next door to me when I grew up, so I was in and out of her home a lot. She kept a jar of pennies on a shelf in her kitchen. Every morning, she got out three pennies and laid them on the table. Following the blessing of the meal, she put the pennies in a little church bank. When I visited, I got to do the honors. She explained to me that she put the pennies in the bank daily, and once it was full, she counted up the tally and wrote a check to the Women's Society Of Christian Service (a former name for UWF). Then, her pennies went back in the jar, and we would start the process all over again.

So, here is my proposal for our daily Thanks Living offering: Let's put 25 cents each day into a can or bank as a "Thank You" to God for His blessings on us. When your can is full, here are some options to turn it in - You may count the money and send a check to Connie Holland (classifying it as Undesignated Giving), you may bring the coins to our next in-person event, or you can call me and we can work something out.

Wow! Just think how quickly \$.25 per day can add up if we all do it. Can we count on you? Peace! -Rynn

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# Thanks Living

## an attitude of gratitude

To send in your offering, contact Connie at (313) 310-8680 or Rynn at (336) 706-9116. You may count the money and mail a check, or bring the coins to our next in-person event, or contact Rynn to schedule a pick-up.

United Women in Faith, Northern Piedmont District



# United Women in Faith

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## Our Purpose

The organized unit of United Methodist Women (UWF) 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.

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## More Ways to Connect



Come learn about the national and international initiatives that benefit from Mission Giving, directly through the voices "from the field." In this interactive format, you'll hear firsthand from program leaders about their work, daily challenges, hopes and dreams.



Join us for monthly conversations with United Women in Faith, hosted by Jennifer R Farmer. Each month, we'll explore timely themes and resources, from expert insights on ways to live your faith to inspiring interviews with spiritual leaders.



Tune in to audio versions of some of the top articles from each issue of **response** magazine. Topics cover everything from spiritual growth and living our faith to reports on local, national and international work.



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