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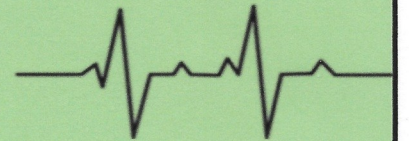
# Women Talk



United  
Women  
in Faith

Smoky Mountain District † United Methodist Women † Western North Carolina Conference

## Do You Need a New Rhythm? Reclaiming the Gift of Sabbath-Rest



Smoky Mountain District United Women in Faith

Day Apart

May 3 – 9:30 AM to Noon

Maggie Valley UMC, 4192 Soco Rd

Retreat Speaker: Rev. Dianne Lawhorn

With the hectic pace of our lives today, what we find we need most is a new rhythm. We need a new way of life that doesn't leave us feeling depleted. The good news is that God has provided us with this new rhythm in giving us the Sabbath. When we become Sabbath keepers, we begin to not only experience the fruit of our labors, but also the fruit of our rest.

Dianne is an Ordained Elder who has served pastoral appointments in The United Methodist Church for the past twenty-five years. She currently serves as the Senior Pastor of Maggie Valley United Methodist Church. Her greatest passion in ministry is facilitating renewal in the church through Spiritual Formation ministries. Over the course of her ministry, she has developed expertise in creating and sustaining cultures for spiritual growth. She has served as a presenter for retreats, workshops, training events, and small group experiences throughout the Western North Carolina Annual Conference. Those whom she has served comment on her unique way of making the word of God a living and relevant thing for their lives. They report valuing her spiritual insight and discipline and they credit her with creatively casting a vision for the future and mobilizing people to achieve their dreams and goals.



9:30 – 10:00 Check-in, light refreshments, and fellowship.

10:00 – Noon Retreat program.

Hands-on Project: personal hygiene items for Maggie Valley UMC Food Pantry [deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, soap, shampoo, lotion, razors, hairbrushes, toilet paper (4 - 6 roll packs), paper towels (2 or 4 roll packs)]

Please register in advance using this link: [bit.ly/SMDRetreat](https://bit.ly/SMDRetreat)

If you need assistance, please contact Lisa Bacon at 828-586-8399 or [lisabacon304@gmail.com](mailto:lisabacon304@gmail.com).

Registration is requested but not required. We really want you to join us!

## WHAT'S IN THIS NEWSLETTER THAT I'D BE INTERESTED IN?

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### MISSION STATEMENT OF UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

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.

**I would rather walk with God in the dark  
than go alone in the light.**

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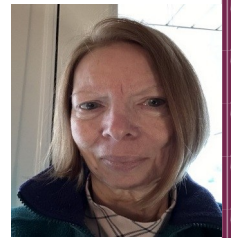
*"Even when walking through the dark valley of death  
I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me,  
guarding, guiding all the way. --Psalm 23:4*

## GREETINGS FROM OUR TREASURER:

Thank you for giving to United Women in Faith. Our total giving for Quarter 1 was \$5,458.92 – almost double last year – WHOOHOOO!! Giving is a privilege – a gift of God’s grace. ...from United Women in Faith in Mission. Our Love Offering theme is A Gift of Mission in celebration of the vibrant future of United Women in Faith. The new brochure for Love Offering will be in my next letter to the Treasurer. You can give the Love Offering at the 2025 Annual Celebration in September or send to our Conference Treasurer, Bess Redmond. Please read more information about 2025 in the upcoming treasurer letter due out by the end of the first week of May. The 2nd quarter remittance should be postmarked by Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Remember to share all the lives that are positively impacted through our giving.

Don’t forget to continue to support the Legacy Fund and don’t hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

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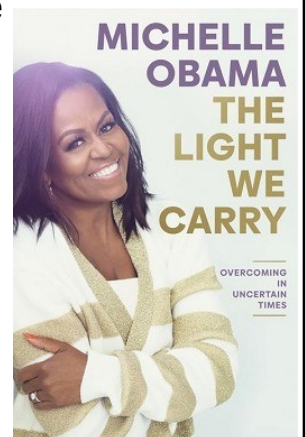
### Meeting Scholarships Available

- Scholarships are available for each WNCC UWFaith event: Spiritual Growth Retreat, Mission u, and Annual Celebration.
- First-time attendees are eligible.
- Recipients will receive up to \$150 in reimbursement for meeting expenses.
- More than one recipient may receive funds depending on cost of the event.
- Contact Lisa Bacon for the brief application or for more information (828-226-2433 or [lisabacon304@gmail.com](mailto:lisabacon304@gmail.com)).

### READING NOTE:

I just finished reading “The Light We Carry” by former first lady, Michelle Obama. I enjoyed reading this book and she has some insights to share that are worth our time, particularly about her relationship with her mother and some wise words of that lady.

Debbie Ray,  
Nurturing Partner  
Coordinator &  
Conference Liaison





We had two opportunities to participate in our Mission Study this year. First was the virtual study sponsored by the Blue Ridge and Smoky Mountain Districts. Then, a few weeks later we had an In-Person SMD Mission Study at Franklin First UMC. Give some serious thought to joining us for Day Apart or one of our other events. **You won't regret it!**



# Six Months of Recovery: Hurricane Helene

## Western North Carolina Conference News



O God, We praise you for the creation that surrounds us, for your provisions that sustain us, for your peace that restores us.

You walk with us in the long journey of recovery, in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. You are with us in our need and in our strength. We are never alone.

Draw near to us in the connection of neighbors and friends, near and far. Use our gifts for the rebuilding of lives and homes, for the repair of churches and communities.

Through it all, we place our trust in you.

In the name of the One who heals us, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

[Ken Carter, Resident Bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church.](#)

“It seems like forever ago but also just like yesterday,” Rev. Lory Beth Huffman, Appalachian District Superintendent shared during a Disaster Ministries Team time of prayer and sharing as we paused to remember all that transpired on September 27, 2024.

Hurricane Helene’s arrival to our Western North Carolina Conference, and the Southern Appalachian region, just six months ago, reminds us how important it is to give thanks for the many ways the people and the churches of the Western North Carolina Conference have come together to lift each other up.

Your Western North Carolina Conference Disaster Ministries Team in partnership with hundreds of ERTs, Volunteers in Mission teams, and of course, the churches and the people of the United Methodist connection are committed to connecting with neighbors, loving God and rebuilding lives and homes, not just today, but for the long haul, until our work is done.

[Click this link](#) to read our Disaster Ministries Promise, a covenant commitment to be present and active in mission and ministry.

You’re invited to like, follow, and share our new [WNCC Disaster Ministries Facebook page](#) and [Instagram page](#).

And to learn more about the work of your Disaster Ministries Team as we move into the long-term recovery phase, click [HERE](#). Our new website is live, and we look forward to connecting with you in the days and months to come.

About our Disaster Ministries Hurricane Helene logo:

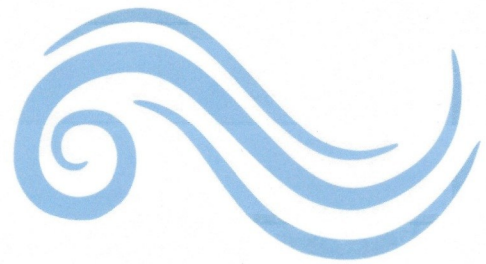
Inspired by Rev. Pam Carter and the Church Relations Team, the quilt square celebrates local communities and traditions. Like the quilts that have long been identified as an arts and craft, they are closely linked to our mountain culture. Quilts provide warmth while also being unique and beautiful.

The Hurricane Helene Disaster Ministries logo design is a modified log cabin. The center red square represents the hearth fire and the heart of the home.

This block features an array of “logs” that build upon one another in a circular motion. The green strips represent the WNCUMC Disaster Ministries, and the blue colors represent the Blue Ridge Mountains, where our neighbors who were affected by Hurricane Helene call home.



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A Fresh Wind is Blowing!



Retreat Leader:  
Rev. Aryn  
Williams - Ruebel

Spiritual Growth Retreat - "My Name is: God"

June 12 - 14, Lake Junaluska

Program highlights:

- Recognition of missionaries/deaconesses/mission workers
- Memorial Service remembering deceased members
- Ubuntu project breakout session
- Move 4 Mission breakout sessions (including a treasure hunt)
- Late Night: Kranking It Up with Kim!
- Hands-on mission: gift cards for Brooks - Howell Home

Annual Celebration - Celebrate Change!

September 6, 10 AM - 5 PM

Williamson's Chapel UMC, Mooresville

Program highlights:

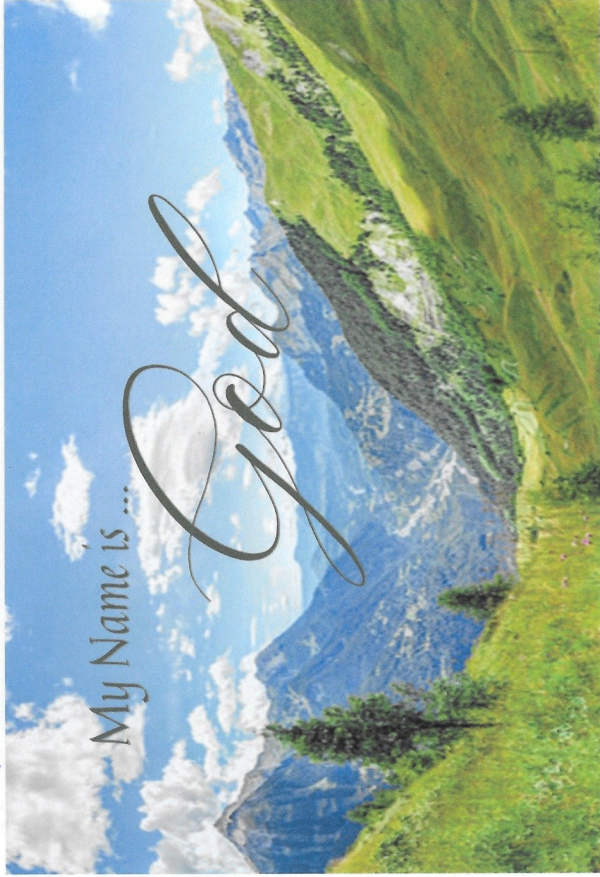
- Election of officers and approval of 2026 budget
- Afternoon workshops
- Hands-on mission: items for The Bethlehem Center of Winston-Salem



Keynote Speaker:  
Sally Vonner  
UW Faith  
General Secretary  
& CEO

More information at [wnccumw.org](http://wnccumw.org)

## Spiritual Growth Retreat 2025



### Spiritual Growth Retreat 2025 June 12-14, 2025 (Thursday - Saturday) Lake Junaluska

Theme: My Name is...God

**Retreat Leader:** Rev. Aryn Williams-Ruebel

**Mission Speaker:** Maggie Armstrong

**Music Leaders:** Catherine Ritch and Charlie Harnish

[More retreat details and a registration link are available on our website!](#)

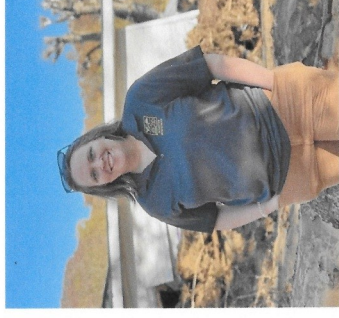
**Our retreat will have new features in 2025! [Click to download a flyer that you can share with your friends!](#)**

**Retreat Registration is OPEN!** Click the orange button below to go directly to our online registration:

[Click Here to Register](#)



**Rev. Aryn Williams-Ruebel**  
Retreat Leader



**Maggie Armstrong**  
Mission Speaker



**Catherine Ritch** Music Leader



**Charlie Harnish** Music Leader

### Lake Junaluska Housing Reservations are OPEN.

**Reservations for housing at Lake Junaluska must be made separately from our retreat registration.**

Make your reservations quickly! **Our block of rooms and rates will be available through 5:00pm on Friday, May 9th.** It is very important that you make your reservations before the deadline. Rooms will be released for general sale at regular rates after May 9th.

**Important note:** The prices for **The Terrace** and **Lambuth Inn** that you will get on a phone call reservation **DO INCLUDE** the room rates, the required five meal package, plus taxes and fees. For the **Lake Junaluska Apartments**, all prices include taxes and fees, but the meal package is optional.

**To book Lake Junaluska lodging for the Spiritual Growth Retreat:**

- **Use the 800 number to call and make your retreat reservations.**
- Beginning today, **call the Lake Junaluska reservations department at 1-800-222-4930.** Then the Reservations Department, and the next available agent will be glad to assist you. Tell the agent that you are making reservations for the Western North Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Spiritual Growth Retreat. The Lake Junaluska reservations team is on duty from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

**Reminder: Registration for the Retreat, and Lake Junaluska housing reservations are SEPARATE things.** All participants must register for the retreat, and separately make reservations for housing at Lake Junaluska.

**SMD United Women in Faith  
Nurturing Partners 2025**

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## Ways to Give to the Legacy Fund

- ◇ Make a gift to the Legacy Fund through your local unit United Women in Faith treasurer.
- ◇ Make a one time donation or consider becoming a Legacy Builder by giving a monthly gift of \$18.69 or more.
- ◇ Use our Western North Carolina Conference Legacy Commitment Form, available on our website at [www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund](http://www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund).
- ◇ Online on the national office website at <https://uwfaith.org/give/legacy-fund/>
- ◇ **By phone:** 800-278-7771 (8 am—6 pm EST, M-F)
- ◇ **By check:** note "Legacy Fund" in memo line & mail to: United Women in Faith, Attn: Legacy, Church Center for the United Nations, 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 800-278-7771.



# READING IS REWARDING!

- Share the program with United Women in Faith members and members of the community.
- Help people attain books. Distribute this guide. [2025 Reading Program Catalog \(uwfaith.org\)](https://uwfaith.org)
- Connect with local and district groups. Start a book club, download books onto an e-reader to pass around and share, present book reviews at group meetings.
- Display a progress chart in your church for all who wish to participate, and post displays to encourage book sales.
- Pray. Books often raise concerns about people, countries, and issues. Bring these concerns to God during your prayer time at home and at group meetings.
- Advocate for tangible change. Many Reading Program books address issues including climate change, mass incarceration and racism. Organize a task force to address these issues in your community.

## Braiding Sweetgrass: Smoky Mountain District Book Club Selection

At our 2024 Mission Travelogue, we discussed selecting one book from the United Women in Faith Reading Program to be promoted throughout the district. We consulted several women who have participated in the Reading Program over the years, and the book chosen is "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

"As a botanist, Kimmerer is trained to ask questions of nature with the tools of science. As a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, she embraces the notion that plants and animals are our oldest teachers. Here, she brings these two lenses together. Drawing on her life as an Indigenous scientist and a woman, Kimmerer shows how other living beings offer us gifts and lessons, even if we've forgotten how to hear their voices. She circles toward a central argument: that the awakening of ecological consciousness requires acknowledgment and celebration of our reciprocal relationship with the rest of the living world." (from the Reading Program catalog)

The Reading Program has two choices, one for adults and one for young adults. You may read either version. Both are widely available in libraries.

## ♥ District Love Offerings:

♥ We invite you to give generously to your district love offering. Your Mission Giving continues the work of United Women in Faith, making a difference, every day, in the lives of women, children and youth around the world. Thank you for your support of Mission Giving! Every single dollar makes a difference!

♥ You may give to your district love offering in a couple of ways:

- ♥ ♦ Make an online donation using the special link for your district found on the District Events 2024/2025 page at [wnccumw.org](https://wnccumw.org). Each district has a unique link so that we can give your district credit for your gift.
- ♥ ♦ Mail a check to your District Treasurer (Kim Shafer), made payable to United Women in Faith, and designated as District Love Offering. We will share those addresses during the meetings, and you will also be able to find them in a recent newsletter for your district on your district's page of our website.



## Mission Today – 2025

Western North Carolina Conference United Women in Faith

### The purpose of becoming a Mission Today Unit is to:

- Energize United Women in Faith to be more involved in mission through prayer, study, and action.
- Increase contacts between units and mission personnel and mission projects so members understand where their money goes.
- Encourage the use of mission resources through UWFaith. Expand concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

**What is a unit?** A unit is any organized group of UWFaith within a church or district. Some units are composed of several circles or members from different churches which periodically meet as a unit.

### How does a unit become a Mission Today unit?

To be recognized as a Mission Today unit (Gold, Silver, or Bronze), a unit must complete a number of the following criteria as indicated in the chart below. Activities conducted between January 1 and December 31 of the reporting year will be recognized at Annual Celebration the following year.

Mission Today Categories	
Gold	Bronze
Complete 10 criteria: 6 with asterisks* and 4 other**	Complete 8 criteria: 4 with asterisks* and 4 other**
**Other may include items with asterisks	

### Criteria:

- \*1. Make and meet the unit Pledge to Mission. Send Pledge amount and funds to the District Treasurer.
- \*2. Use the Daily Prayer Guide at each unit, general, or circle meeting to pray for mission personnel and mission projects. The Guide is updated annually and may be ordered from [UWFaith Resources](#). Daily Prayer Guide entries are posted on the [UWFaith Facebook Page](#).
- \*3. Use at least two programs from the Program Resource book during the year. A new [Program Resource](#) is printed every year and may be ordered from [UWFaith Resources](#).
- \*4. Conduct or participate in at least one mission study (virtual or in person). Contact your District or Conference Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation to learn more about the studies. If members of your unit attend all sessions of Mission u or a District Mission Study and your unit takes an action growing out of the study (Gift to Mission, ministry related to the study, etc.), your unit will meet this criterion.
- \*5. At least two members will subscribe to **response** magazine (1 member for units with fewer than 15 members; local unit subscription may count as one). Order information is provided at the bottom of p. 2. A one-year print subscription (includes digital subscription) is \$24; a one-year digital-only subscription is \$20. More information may be found at <https://uwfaith.org/resources/response-magazine/>.
- \*6. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice in at least two ways during the year. **If you are a “Justice Today” unit, you have met this criterion.** Possibilities include:
  - Read and discuss books and articles about other ethnicities and cultures.
  - Sponsor or attend an interethnic or intercultural event between two or more units.
  - Intentionally recruit women of various ethnic or cultural groups to be unit members and officers.
  - Use the Racial Justice resources available on our Conference website on the “Downloads Available” page under “Mission Resources” or at this link: <https://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/racial-justice/>
- \*7. Have a program or take action addressing a United Women in Faith justice campaign (current campaigns are [Just Energy 4 All](#) and [Ending Mass Incarceration and Criminalization of Communities of Color](#)). More information may be found at <https://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/racial-justice/>
- \*8. Add at least two new members (1 member for units with fewer than 15 members).
- \*9. Have a program from the [Social Principles of The United Methodist Church 2025-2028](#). This resource may be purchased at [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com) for \$9.99 plus tax and shipping; available in paperback or eBook.
- \*10. Contribute to all Five Channels of Giving (Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, and World Thank Offering).

- \*11. Recite the UWFaith Purpose at each general and/or circle meeting, including virtual meetings.
- \*12. Contribute \$189.60 or more to the [Legacy Fund](#) during the reporting year.
13. At least one member of the unit will attend Mission u and report back to the unit on the experience. Virtual participation qualifies.
14. At least two members (one member for units with fewer than 15 members) will attend the District or Conference Annual Celebration and report back to the unit about the experience; virtual participation qualifies.
- \*15. At least one person will join the United Women in Faith e-mailing list to receive and respond to advocacy information at least three (3) times a year. Attach the issue and action that was taken to Mission Today report.
16. Members will correspond with five people listed in the Daily Prayer Guide at least once a year.
17. Co-sponsor, with the local church, a “Children’s Sabbath”. This is a worship service highlighting the needs of children. Materials are available at <https://uwfaith.org/event/childrens-sabbath/>
18. Include a “**response** moment” at each unit or circle meeting where an item from **response** magazine is shared as a way to tell the mission story.
19. Sponsor a teen member (ages 12 to 17) and/or a young woman member (ages 18 to 39) to at least one Conference event during the year.
20. At least two members (one member for units with fewer than 15 members) will attend a District Prayer Breakfast/Day Apart, Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat, or any other special District or Conference event (other than Ubuntu Day of Service). Virtual participation in any of these events qualifies.
21. At least two members (one member for units with fewer than 15 members) will participate in an [Ubuntu Day](#) event. Units may develop their own Ubuntu event in their communities.
22. At least two members (one member for units with fewer than 15 members) will complete Plan I of the United Women in Faith [Reading Program](#) and report to the unit on one of the books read. Find information here: <https://uwfaith.org/resources/reading-program/>
23. Invite a District or Conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings (may be virtual) and/or for a United Women in Faith Sunday. This qualifies as a local unit visit in the Nurturing Partners program.
24. Add one new teen (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman (ages 18-39) member or circle during the year.
25. 100% of the unit’s active members will make a gift of at least \$18.69 to the Legacy Fund.
26. Meet the 2025 Conference Financial Goal: To increase our “Gift in Memory” giving by 10% over 2024 giving.
27. Support at least one local mission project and participate in at least one Conference hands-on mission project during the year. **List the local mission project on the Mission Today report.**

### UWFaith Mission Resources

[uwfaithresources.org](http://uwfaithresources.org)

PO Box 742349, Atlanta GA 30374-2349

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**response** magazine circulation

Toll Free 1-833-226-9387 Fax: 1-845-267-3478

Magazines with a Mission PO Box 395 Congers, NY 10920-0395

**response** subscription link: <https://www.cambeywest.com/subscribe2/?p=RSP&f=caustcate>

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**DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT US IF YOU NEED ANYTHING!**

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## 2025 UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CONFERENCE & DISTRICT EVENTS

### WNCC UWFaith CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 12-14	WNCC Spiritual Growth Retreat, Lake Junaluska
July 18-19	WNCC Mission u, Catholic Conf. Ctr., Hickory
Sep. 6	WNCC Annual Celebration, 10:00 am—5:00 pm Williamson's Chapel UMC, Mooresville
Oct. 11 or 25	Ubuntu Days of Service—various locations
Oct. 18	WNCC LDD for All District Officers (Virtual)

### SMD UWFaith CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 3	SMD Day Apart (Maggie Valley)
Aug. 16	SMD Annual Celebration (Virtual)
Nov. 1 or 15	SMD Missions Event (TBD)