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Message from the District President Rhita Newcomb



Happy Spring Yadkin Valley United Women in Faith!



It was so good to see so many of you at our Mission Study on March 22, 2025, at Faith UMC. We were blessed to have Deaconess Nancy Litton as our study leader for our mission study – Welcome Home, a study that helped us to dig deeper into what it means to live under the sovereignty of God and to develop practices for building healthier communities. We had thirty-three in attendance and collected forty-seven feminine hygiene kits. Thanks to all that attended and we hope to see you next year at our Mission Study.

As one of our 2025 Vision and Goals, we continue to believe love can change the world. United Women in Faith 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. Living out our Purpose and building relationships with our local units, members, and potential members supporting opportunities to meet and serve together. We want to stay connected to you, please remember that I and your Nurturing Partner are available to you through email, a visit or phone call if you have any questions. I would love to visit your unit, just email, call or text me. 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.

We hope you will be able to join us on April 26, 2025, at Bunker Hill UMC for our District Prayer Breakfast to remember our United Women in Faith sisters that have joined the church triumphally. Please note this date has changed from April 12 to April 26. Registration and breakfast will be from 9:00am-9:45am and our program will begin at 10:00am. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

Our sixth annual Wear a Hat Bring a Hat Tea will be held on May 31, 2025, 11:00am, Pine Grove will be hosting this fun event. I look forward to seeing you, our team enjoys seeing all the different types of hats you wear and we are so thankful for the hats you have so generously donated in the past to Cancer Services. You will find more information attached.



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Please remember to celebrate Earth Day on April 22, United Women in Faith have been caring for God's creation for many years through our Climate Justice and our Just Energy 4 All priorities.

I look forward to our District Annual Celebration, August 16th, Trinity UMC, King, NC, where we celebrate you and all your wonderful accomplishments.

Please make sure you check out the District and Conference Calendar in this edition. I am extremely excited about our Conference Annual Celebration, September 6th in Mooresville, NC. Sally Vonner, our General Secretary and CEO will be our guest speaker! I cannot wait to hear from her and meet her and have my photo taken with her, you will hear more about this opportunity in the future.

Thank you for your year-end reports I am always inspired 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!!!

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.

Wishing you a blessed Easter – He has Risen! Love and Prayers, Rhita

God paints every flower a beautiful hue.... and your life with a beautiful purpose.

Walk by Faith Devotional



Greetings, it is officially Spring, a season and time to renew. I pray as we journey through this season, you take time to renew some things in your life. The Bible tells us this is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it (Psalm 118:24). So even with the allergens and pollen that comes with the season of Spring, remember to rejoice and be glad.

Please remember to register for the prayer breakfast, (see the flyer for more information on the next page) hope to see you there!

Berthina Thomas

Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Who We Are

We're a sisterhood acting in faith to tackle



the hard work of the world without

hesitation.

Yadkin Valley District Annual Prayer Breakfast



When: April 26, 2025

Where: Bunker Hill UMC

1510 Bunker Hill-Sandy Ridge Rd.
Kernersville, NC 27284

Registration and Breakfast: 9:00-9:45

Program: 10:00-11:30am

Special Music: Brooks Temple Choir

Speaker: Carolyn Payne

Theme: Sisters without borders

Light continental breakfast will be served

Reservation to Berthina Thomas by April 15, 2025, at 336-671-1954 or

berthinathomas@windstream.net

Hands on project : hygiene Kits for Western North Carolina

(see page 14 for directions)

Wear A Hat / Bring 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



Happy Spring, UWFaith sisters!



I hope that you are enjoying these glorious warm and sunny days as Earth renews itself and shows us, once again, the wonders God has wrought! Pale green leaves unfurl to soften the silhouettes of bare branches, flowers push from the cold damp earth and unfurl their vivid petals, baby animals venture into the world to explore their new surroundings – I love the promise and the colors and the joy of Spring!

The annual *Wear A Hat/Bring A Hat Tea* is scheduled for *Saturday, May 31* at *Pine Grove UMC* in Winston-Salem. I encourage you to attend and to invite someone to join you; I can't think of a better way to introduce our friends and neighbors to the United Women in Faith community! Be sure to *Wear A Hat* (festive, funny, silly – it really doesn't matter!) and *Bring A Hat** to donate to *Cancer Services of Winston Salem*. The hats donated by the Yadkin Valley UWFaith have blessed hundreds of men, women and children over the past six years – let's continue to provide a bit of hope and comfort to these patients as they face very difficult days!

God Bless!
Leslie Porter
MNO Coordinator

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



\$\$\$ Notes from the Treasurer

Spring has sprung. The birds are plentiful. New growth is visible on plants and trees. Easter is coming!

We completed Q1 collections and submitted our Q1 remittance to the Conference in March. We sent \$14,535.00 or 14.5% of our Pledge to Mission so far, so we are behind in our giving at this point. Hopefully, we will improve as the year goes along. Total Mission Giving paid to WNCC was \$19,400.16.

Local Treasurers, your Q2 Remittances are due in by May 24th. You will be receiving a letter from me in early May with additional information. I hope to see many of you at the Prayer Breakfast and Wear a Hat, Bring a Hat Tea!

Ashley Perdue
Yadkin Valley District Treasurer

The PURPOSE of United Women in Faith

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.



CARRYING OUR FAITH FORWARD is the UWFAITH Program Resource Book for 2025. March 23 marks the anniversary of the 156 years that women have carried forward the mission work started in 1869. The March/April issue of Response Magazine has a very good article: **METHODIST WOMEN BOLDLY MAKE HISTORY** that highlights the historical work of Methodist women.

In order to carry on the good work of our own Yadkin Valley District UW Faith we need to enlist fresh ideas on our team for the coming year. Officers are elected and installed for a 2 year term, then usually continue for a second 2 year term, completing the 4 year time that an officer can stay in one position.

It is always good to have new ideas and a fresh perspective on how we do things and how our events stay interesting and inviting. Outgoing officers almost always continue to be a vital part of us and offer help and guidance to new team members.

Please consider serving as an officer and team member. Pray about it, step up and answer yes if asked to serve.....recommend that lady in your unit that would be a great officer and encourage her to accept a position. The nominations committee needs your help to fill positions for the new year 2026.

Now, about those **BOLD WOMEN WHO MADE HISTORY** so long ago. We are also **BOLD** women, keeping the work alive of **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**. I hope to see all of you at our district events coming up.....Prayer Breakfast, Wear a Hat Bring a Hat , Annual Meeting, and of course **Energize, Enlighten, and Educate**, aka Leadership Development.

Barbara Crotts

Nominations



Greetings Sisters,

It is hard to believe that one quarter of the year has passed. We are now in a period of Lent. The theme of our annual celebration this year is "Moving with Grace". What amazing grace we have as we remember the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,

Our annual celebration will be August 16, 2025. It will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church in King. It is located at 725 W. Dalton Rd., King, NC 27021. Registration will start at 9:30. The meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. There will be light refreshments provided before meeting. The hands on project will be school items. There is no charge. Please update your calendars for this event. A flyer will soon be sent out with the information.

May you have a blessed Easter,

Debra Lawson

Hello United Women in Faith.



Our mission study was held on Saturday March 22nd at Faith UMC. Our study was *The Kingdom Is Among Us: Welcome Home*. Our speaker was deaconess Nancy Elizabeth Litton. We were so delighted to have her with us. She was a great speaker and we enjoyed her very much. The purpose of our united women in mission is to seek 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.

We collected 47 kits valued at 24.00 each, which totaled \$1,128.00. I thought it was great to have collected this many kits. Our kits were feminine hygiene products. I would like to thank each church for donating these kits.



I would like to thank Faith UMC for hosting our mission study. The refreshments were so delicious, everyone seemed to enjoy them. Thanks to Amy Johnson and Pastor Pat Dixon and their members for all they did to make our mission study a success.



We had 33 members attend from our different churches. I would like to thank each one for coming and attending our mission study. Thank you all for taking time to help us to make our mission study very successful.

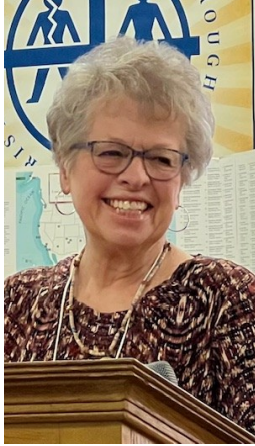


I would also like to thank all my team members for all their hard work for helping me.

May God richly bless each one of you.

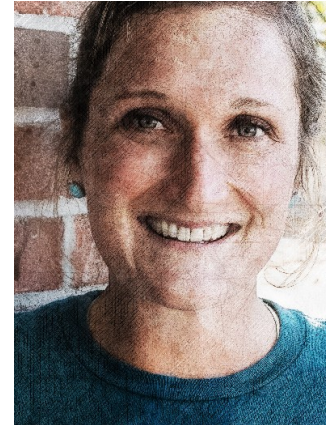
Love and blessings, Brenda Tuttle, chairman of the mission community.





Greetings Ladies, I hope all of you are enjoying the nature our God has clothed us in this spring. Exciting things are happening for our United Women of Faith. We have been successful in booking a wonderful speaker for our **Leadership Development** program. We also have a special lady coming for the “treat” at the conclusion of our meeting.

Our speaker will be Reverend Amber T Harris, the Executive Director of SPARK. SPARK MINISTRY is to Serve People and Reflect Kindness by ministering to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of women in difficult life situations.



Our other guest may be familiar to some of you. She is the always delightful Sit-ter-size Lady that makes certain you leave with a smile. Mrs. LaDonna Butts is usually on the agenda at Spiritual Growth at Lake Junaluska .



Please understand that this meeting is for ALL United Women of Faith.

We will have classes only for Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Treasurers. All others will be encouraged to stay and help with volunteer projects. Last year we cut out letters for bulletin boards at Bethlehem Center. We had fun meeting and chatting with others while we worked.

Please mark your calendars now for NOVEMBER 8th at Sherwood Forest United Methodist Church.

Glenda Beauchamp

Leadership Development

Social Action:

Our superintendent, Rev. Sam Moore sent out this request for social action that we can all consider:

“Lent is a perfect time for our faith to take actions. We may give up something for Lent and that is a good practice. Rev. Sonia stated that her community needs attorneys to assist them with immigration issues. I invite you to join Marva and me as we have given up things for Lent, the money that we would have paid for these things and more, will be given to Marvin United Methodist Church, for their “Immigration legal services”. If you would like to join us, you may send a check to **Marvin United Methodist Church**, in care of Reverend Sonia Baca-Zuniga, Post Office Box 11527, Winston Salem, NC 27116.”



Greetings Sisters in Christ,

Exciting news!!! We are now 156 years old and we look awesome!! Our Day of Giving was March 23, 2025, and our theme 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. If you gave on March 23, a big THANK YOU!! and if you were unable to give, it is not too late to give. You may give anytime during the year you may make a one-time gift or sign up for monthly giving. 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.

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 thanks to you and your dedication to United Women in Faith.

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

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

- **By phone:** 800-278-7771 (8 am-6pm EST, M-F)

- **Text** Legacy150 to 41444

- **By check:** note "Legacy Fund" in memo and mail to: United Women in Faith, Church Center for the United Nations, Attn: Legacy, 777 United Nations Plaza, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10017

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

Donating 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.

Together we can do it! Building our Legacy together!

Blessings. Rhita



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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



What's Assembly 2026 all about?

It's a celebration of who we are and what we can achieve together. Assembly is our chance to unite, recharge, deepen our faith, and make a difference.

What awaits you at this empowering event?

OPPORTUNITIES TO:

- Be nurtured by deep Soul Care experiences.
- Be equipped through cutting-edge workshops.
- Be inspired by top women experts in their field.
- Become influencers through networking connections.
- Make an impact through action for justice.

It's time to talk, time to dream, and time to build because when women of faith put our love into action, we are unstoppable.

Come be transformed at Assembly 2026!

For more information contact:



uwfaith.org/assembly



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2025 Yadkin Valley District United Women in Faith

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Centenary, Clemmons Ashley Perdue

Central Terrace Glenda Beauchamp

Central, Mt. Airy Rhita Newcomb

Central, Thomasville Ashley Perdue

Concord, Mocksville Montessa Thomas

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Faith Rhita Newcomb

First, Mocksville Pat Cunningham

First, Pilot Mountain Gail Caudle

Harmony Grove Glenda Beauchamp

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 Home

Oak Forest Montessa Thomas

Oak Grove Barbara Crotts

Pine Grove, WS Glenda Beauchamp

Pisgah Berthina Thomas

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Sedge Garden Pat Cunningham

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 Ridge Jean Wall

Wesley Chapel Barbara Crotts

Whitaker's Chapel Montessa Thomas

Woodleaf Barbara Crotts

Yadkin College Ashely Perdue

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

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.

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.

2025 District Calendar:

April 26 - District Prayer Breakfast, Bunker Hill UMC

May 31 - District Wear a Hat, Bring a Hat Tea, Pine Grove UMC,
Winston Salem

August 16 – District Annual Celebration, Trinity UMC in King

October 25— Ubuntu Day, Bethlehem Center

November 8—Leadership Development, Sherwood Forest UMC

District Website: [Yadkin Valley | WNCC United Women in Faith](#)

District Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/YadkinValleyDistrictUmw>

(note: this is a public page. You do not need an account to see this)

2025 Conference Calendar:

June 12-14 - Spiritual Growth Retreat, Lake Junaluska

July 18-19—Mission U, Catholic Conference Center

September 6 - Annual Celebration, Williamson’s Chapel UMC, Mooresville

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

Conference Website: [WNCC United Women in Faith | WNCC United Women in Faith](#)

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