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United
Women
in Faith

Western North Carolina

2025
2nd Quarter
Newsletter

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God is in her
she will not fall

Psalm 46:5

WE BELIEVE LOVE IN ACTION CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.

President's Message

Sarah Lee



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Uwharrie District UWFaith enjoyed the Mission Study titled: Welcome Home: to God's Kindom on Saturday, Feb. 22nd from 9:30-2:30 at Central UMC Albemarle. There were 37 in attendance with excellent speakers, LaDonna Butts & Kris Peurifoy from Forest Hills UMC Concord. The ladies of Central Albemarle served a delicious & plentiful breakfast and everyone enjoyed the interactive program of making stoles and discussing scriptures with one another. Discussion centered around Koinonia, fruits of the spirit, and that it takes all of us to change the world. The networking with different churches was very helpful also.

We are looking forward to our Prayer Breakfast which will be April 12th at Wingate UMC 111_Hinson St. Wingate, NC 28174. Rev. Jan Brittain will be the speaker. She has spoken at our Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska in the past & does an excellent job. Please mark your calendar to be sure & come to this very special & meaningful event.

There are a lot of important events to celebrate and participate in this month:

Lent, Women's History Month, the 23rd is the birthday of United Women in Faith, and April 12th is

Earth Day! Throughout Lent I pray that you will be drawn closer to God in your spiritual journey. Find inspiration in bold women that have guided & influenced you in the past, present, or future. Have a wonderful birthday party on March 23rd and celebrate by giving to this wonderful Mission Organization or give to the Legacy Fund so that we might continue to be a blessing to others. Celebrate Earth Day & continue to advocate for climate justice and to loving God & all of God's creation. We must continue to take action to decrease carbon emissions and other actions to preserve our wonderful gift of the earth.

So I look forward to seeing you on April 12th at the Prayer Breakfast—the registration form and **Called by Name candle burning is described in the Prayer Breakfast article.** We hope you will bring **a framed picture of a woman that you have been influenced by either past,**



present, or future and pay \$5 to burn a candle in her honor or memory.

Also **Happy Birthday to UWFaith** & find some way to celebrate that with a **party and cake in each of your local units & take up an offering to help women, children & youth.** You can also give to the **Legacy Fund in memory or honor of a special woman you know.** Draw closer to God through your Lenten devotions, and plant a tree or do some other act to take care of our creation on Earth Day!

Peace, love, & blessings to all,

Sarah Lee, President Uwharrie Women in Faith

WNCC Uwharrie District 2025 Calendar



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

June 28 **Uwharrie Walk for Mission 4:** 9-11 Grimes Park, Lexington

Uwharrie Team Meeting 12-2 First Lexington UMC (meal provided)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Uwharrie Team Meeting following training

We are encouraging local units this year to participate in the District Mission Walks if you can; however if you can't and prefer to do your own Move 4 Mission activity feel free to do any from the list of Move4Mission Ideas on Page 7 or any other ideas that you have would be acceptable (you can have your own local walk around your church or in your town park) just collect the funds that are donated for the activity & send them to the District Treasurer--Jeanette Mixon(address on District Team list on page 12) Thank you to everyone that is Moving & Collecting Mission Money

Uwharrie Walk for Mission Schedule



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What's Happening ?

Color Code:

■ Training
 ■ Walks
 ■ Team Meetings
 ■ Deadlines

Upcoming Western NC Conference UWFaith Events

Spiritual Growth Retreat: June 12-14th, 2025 at Lake Junaluska

The Theme is: My Name is God and the speaker will be Rev. Aryn Williams-Rueble. She will be sharing with us the many names of God from the scriptures. Aryn is the daughter of Sara Williams and has been a UMW/UWFaith member from a very early age. Aryn serves Cashiers UMC in the Smoky Mountain District.

The Retreat this year will be different, but it will be very special. Watch your District Newsletter for all the special things to come. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Lake!

MISSION U- PRACTICING HOPE

Practicing Hope” - How do we understand hope in the midst of hard realities? What if we understood hope as something we practice every day? Mission U 2025 begins with the resurrection appearances of Jesus and examples to explore what it meant to practice hope in God even when things seem to be falling apart. Mission U will be held at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory on Friday, July 18th and Saturday, July 19th. The Adult Study’s theme of “Practicing Hope” is a biblical curriculum that invites us to explore hope as a daily practice.

Its purpose is to teach all of our communities to cultivate hope that is

- honest about our current conditions (refuge)
- restorative when everything feels urgent (rest)
- possible even when we transgress (repair).

The study time will have great leaders as always, but the networking, sharing, & supporting one another are very important parts of Mission U as well!! So Mission U 2025 is definitely not to be missed!

Participants with Basic Lay Servant certification may apply for Advanced Lay Servant credit for this event. A final reminder – The Conference Center has a limited number of rooms (50), but each room has two double beds. We encourage you to reserve your room early and double or triple the number of roommates. Selecting a private room may cause someone else to miss out on this fabulous weekend! So, grab a friend (or 2 or 3) and get away for an inviting and educational spiritual weekend. We HOPE to see you there in 2025!



Conference Annual Celebration 2025: Sept. 6th



This event will be one day this year instead of 2-3 in the past. It will be held on Sept. 6, 2025 from 10am-5pm at Williamson Chapel UMC in Mooreville instead of Lake Junaluska as in the past. Registration begins at 9am. The theme is, “Celebrate Change” and Sally Vonner (CEO for UWFaith) will be the guest speaker. Business will be in the morning, followed by the speaker and after lunch will be workshops & Jazzercise with Jesus. There will be photo shoots that can be taken with Sally Vonner for \$1 going to missions. Hands-on mission will be items for the Bethlehem Center. There will be an atmosphere of joy & celebration! Be sure & mark your calendars so that you can join us for this special day!!



Historian

I must confess, I am a family person. There's nothing more exciting for me than to hang out with my family and friends. Whether they are blood relatives, church members, people I have worked with or folk who I have grown to love from the neighborhood, I like making memories. As the Historian for the Uwharrie Distict I am looking forward to making memories. As we attend our many meetings and events, I plan to capture the smiling faces and eager expressions. I look forward to hearing the many United Women in Faith stories. I am hoping to have a scrapbook full of remembrances that reflect our genuine sisterhood. I encourage each of you to make memories.....become a memory maker. Whether for your family, your friends or purely for yourself.....you will be glad you did.

Wanda Craven, Uwharrie District Historian



Spiritual Growth

Spring is upon us! I know that because the daffodils and crocus are blooming. What a beautiful blessing so early here in the South of the promise of rebirth.

April 12 is fast approaching. Be sure it is on your calendar for the District Prayer Breakfast at Wingate. And when you come, please WEAR MISMATCHED SHOES! Yes, during our worship time you will understand why you are asked to WEAR MISMATCHED SHOES! Rev. Jan Brittain will be with us to share with us how we are Welcome Home to God's Kin-dom. Her life certainly reflects this theme as she has served churches and ministries in England, Guatemala, Bolivia, Kenya, Uganda, Jamaica and Haiti and closer to home in country, urban, suburban, mountain, farm, and finally a regional church at Lake Norman. So please join your Sisters in Christ for a very special gathering on April 12 as we remember those dearly departed sisters who were welcomed home last year.

See you with MISMATCHED SHOES on April 12!

Cindy Carter

Uwharrie District Spiritual Growth



Spiritual Growth



Rev. Jan Brittain served as senior pastor at Williams Chapel UMC in Mooresville NC from 2011 until she retired in 2022. Her status is now listed as a Re-retired Full Elder.

The following information is taken from an article in the WNC newsletter in 2021. Author was not listed.

Kneeling on the concrete floor of a summer camp in the mountains of NC, Jan Brittain committed her life to full time Christian service at the age of 16. Of course, at that time, she did not know any women pastors and assumed her commitment would take her overseas as a missionary. But God had other plans. Jan has served churches of all sizes and in a variety of locations --- country, urban, suburban, mountain, farm, and now lake. And though, not in the way she anticipated, Jan has done her share of overseas work. She began her ministry by serving churches in Bristol, England and has done extensive work with churches in Kenya, and has preached on 4 continents.

Jan's background in Christian Education and her degree in Business Administration, along with her nearly 4 decades of professional ministry are resources that are serving the local church and the larger church. She works with the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina

in co-leading a course in church administration and is currently leading a cohort in preaching for the conference.

Jan is a true child of the church. As the daughter of a United Methodist pastor, Jan grew up in the parsonages of South Carolina. And, at the top of any list of achievements or blessings, Jan would put the honor of being a mother and a Gran Jan.

Jan summarizes her personal theology this way:

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

Rev. Jan Brittain will be our guest speaker at our Uwharrie District Prayer Breakfast at Wingate UMC located at 111 Hinson Street, Wingate NC 28174. (We are behind the Jesse Helms Center).

Registration at 9:30 am; Mtg. 10:15-12:15. Host Pastor at Wingate is Rev. Christopher Harbin.

You are invited to the District Prayer Breakfast on April 12 at Wingate, where you're asked to wear mismatched shoes during worship to symbolize unity and diversity in faith, and you're also encouraged to remember those who were welcomed home last year.

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

Jeanette Mixon by registration deadline of April 4.

Church _____

City/County _____

President of Local Unit _____

Phone _____

Number attending Prayer Breakfast _____

Please list names of attendees _____

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

The District Prayer Breakfast at Wingate on April 12th



Called By Name: Candle Burning for Missions



During the Prayer Breakfast on April 12 th at Wingate UMC, we will be honoring and remembering those women who have influenced us in some way on our Christian Faith Journey. Honorees may be anyone living or deceased whom the donor wishes to publicly recognize for a job well done or who has impacted the donor's life: parents, children, grandchildren, grandparents, church family, pastors, co-workers, bosses, mentors—the list is endless.

There should be a minimum donation of \$5.00 for each individual honored. Framed photos may be displayed along with candles.

Ladies that we will be remembering in the memorial Service are as follows: If you would like to remember one of these ladies with a donation to missions and place a picture of one of them on the table in the fellowship hall, please do so. There will be time during refreshments for us to view the pictures & share memories of these special ladies & how they have influenced our lives. Feel free to remember any other ladies that are not on this list that have also influenced you on your Christian Journey.

Central Monroe: Betty Harkness

Central Spencer: Peg Gemayel; Joan Young, Laura Deal; Vickie Holtz, Judy Patton; Barbara Everhart

First Asheboro: Gale Freedman; Neil Rankin; Nancy Welborn, Elizabeth Saunders, Mary McMaster

First Lexington: Anna Elizabeth Freeman, Margaret Anne "Teen" Timberlake, Karen Grogan Kimberly; Lacy Carol Belcher, Barbara Ann Harrison, Janis W. Johnson, Jo Doris P. Beck, Jane Cook Harris, Jean Conrad Gosnell, Mary Virginia Milleson, Linda K. Fisher

First Salisbury: Shully Storey, Virginia Krotchko

First Wadesboro: Lib Huntley, Louise Matthews, Ruby Huntley, Margaret Bowers

Franklinville, Franklinville: Alice Loyd

Jordan Memorial: Toni Marley, Sue Sinkewiez, Betty Dorsett

McCrary Chapel: Sallie West

Milford Hills: Mary Jane Thompson; Joan Umholtz

Oakboro: Anna Hartsell

Please complete the requested information below, give the form and either cash or a check to the District Treasurer.

In Honor Of or In Memory Of

Donor's Name/Called

By: _____

Mission Education & Interpretation

Vickie Brown

Our brothers and sisters in Western North Carolina mountains are in rebuilding stages and still need assistance as they recover from Hurricane Helene. Any teams to help rebuild are greatly appreciated. The current focus is obtaining propane to get residents through the mountain winter.

As we move forward, we ask for your continued financial support. While we are currently pausing the donation of material goods, financial gifts remain crucial.

These can be paid through the District Treasurer (Jeanette Mixon) and then sent to the Conference Treasurer (Bess Redmond).

We understand that some feel better about purchasing an item, so Gift cards would be greatly appreciated, especially from Lowe's Hardware, Walmart, Home Depot and grocery stores such as Food Lion or Harris Teeter in the WNC area.

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity thus far.

We encourage you to remain engaged as the road to recovery is long. 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.

How you can help:

- Pray for those impacted by Hurricane Helene.

- Donate:

- Online: <https://bit.ly/WNCCHurricaneReliefDonations>

- By check made out to Office of Disaster Response and mailed to PO Box 2757, Huntersville, NC 28070,

with the memo Helene."

- Through local church Apportionments. Please make

the check to WNCC Treasury and mail to PO Box 2757, Huntersville, NC 28070, with the memo Disaster Ministries."

Learn more about how your donations support disaster relief at <https://www.wnccumc.org/newsdetail/hurricane-helene-response-18662070>

Bethany United Women in Faith, Albemarle, NC

The New Patient Cancer Center Bags ministry stemmed from an idea that Jackie Jernigan had several years ago and grew. Currently, the United Women in Faith continues this most heartwarming and rewarding ministry. The Crusaders Sunday School class assisted Jackie and continue to “fill the list of items” with the UW Faith contributing also. What a wonderful, combined effort! I’ve included Jackie’s story of how the New Patient Cancer Center Bags evolved and became a true ministry.

New Patient Cancer Center Bags

Late December 2021, a close friend and co-worker of mine (Lorrie N.) was diagnosed with cancer. She received chemo treatments at the local Roy M. Hinson Cancer Center. As the weeks and months passed, I learned of other friends who were also receiving cancer treatments (John B., Laura R., Debbie H., Anita B., Hayley C., Jill G.). Many were receiving treatments locally, but others were receiving treatments out of town. I became focused on their initial visit and how frightened they must be walking through the doors. The thought occurred to me that a ‘full’ bag of items (items they did not realize they might need) could be provided them at the first visit (thermometers, port covers, ChapStick, hand sanitizer, Boost, fruit cups, snack cups, cheese crackers, hard candy, chocolate, chewing gum, reading material, notepads/pens, etc.). The hope was that this gift might show them they are loved by people who don’t even know them, and they would be comforted.

I discussed this idea with Pam at the Cancer Center and she welcomed the idea. We have provided bags 4 times now (typically between 20 and 25 bags per delivery). The Youth decorate the bags with ‘seasonal’ drawings. Bible verses are written on the outside of the bags. A card is placed in the bag stating the gift is from Bethany UMC. The bags are filled with the items above (and more). I place tissue paper in the top of the bag so it looks like a gift.

When the bags are ready, I text Pam to schedule a time for a delivery. Prior to delivery, the bags are prayed over asking the Holy Spirit to touch each heart involved (patient and nurse) with peace and hope. I have heard wonderful comments about the bags. Those who work at the Cancer Center seem to love handing them to their patients.

As for the beautiful hats made by the Prayer Shawl Ministry and the port covers (ordered from Amazon), Pam provides them to patients she feels can best use them.

Thanks so much, United Women in Faith and Crusaders SS Class for continuing this ministry.

Jackie S. Jernigan



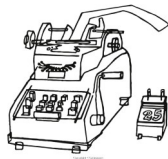
\$\$\$ Notes from the Treasurer

Our Q1 remittance was sent in on March 8th. Year-to-date, we have paid \$4,302.25 against our Pledge to Mission so far, which is 14.34%. This is behind where we were hoping to be by this point at 25%, but we will count our blessings. Year-to-date Mission giving paid to Western North Carolina Conference, including designated gifts is \$5,660.93. Thank you Uwharrie District on behalf of all the women, youth and children you are helping!

Mission Giving Day for all UWFaith Members is March 23 and our next Prayer Breakfast will be April 12th. I look forward to seeing you at this event.

You can give on-line on the WNCC UMW website. It can be found on the very top line on the Home Page "GIVE NOW" or at <https://wnccumw.org/online-mission-giving/>. These online gifts WILL be credited back to your Unit. Or, anyone can send a check directly to me towards their Unit's giving. Just note your Unit on your check. (Of course, if your unit is meeting, you can give through the normal quarterly remittance process.)

Local Treasurers, your Q2 Remittances are due in by May 31st. You will be receiving a letter from me in early May with additional information. In addition, I have GTM (Gift to Mission) cards available for birthdays, baby showers, special occasions and Christmas (it is never too early to purchase these cards J).



Jeanette V. Mixon,
Uwharrie District Treasurer

Committee on Nomination

As we wait for spring to arrive and we are in the Season of Lent, let us take time to reflect on the meaning of these two events. Spring is a time when everything comes to life with different shades of green and with beautiful blooming flowers and trees. Lent calls us to maybe fast but most of all a time to pray and to give. In this time before Easter, let us never forget what Jesus did for us on the cross.

We are so very thankful for all our Uwharrie District Team Members. They have really stepped up to serve as God calls us to do. In saying that, we are still in need of four more women to step up to help us. We need four more positions filled. They are Vice President., Membership Nurture & Outreach, Mission Education & Interpretation, and Communications Coordinator. Please reach out to your units and to your Nurturing Partners and help our Nominations Committee fill these positions.



Wow! What an awesome Mission Study we had in Albemarle. We had 37 in attendance. The program was excellent and our host church truly made us feel welcomed and also filled our appetites with delicious food. Cathy Ward of Central in Denton won the beautiful basket.

In closing, I bring your attention back to my first paragraph of this Newsletter and ask that during this season that you help us as God calls us to find people to help our Team.

Blessings to each of you,
Linda Beddingfield

2025 Conference Love Offering

Our conference Love Offering gifts are above and beyond district and individual pledges. Such undesignated Offerings are applied toward the Conference Pledge and become part of the monies used by United Women in Faith to create and support projects around the world to better the lives of women, children, and youth.

You may bring your individual Love Offering or your unit's Love Offering to our Western North Carolina United Women in Faith Annual Celebration, or send it directly to:

Bess Redmond, Conference Treasurer
WNCC United Women in Faith
19 Wright's Cove Trail
Fairview, N C 28730

Please make checks payable to:
United Women in Faith

On-line Love Offerings can be made through December 31st at:
wnccumw.org

Note: Please do not send your Love Offering to your District Treasurer.

Membership, Nurture, & Outreach

It's getting warm weather & time to be thinking about Moving 4 Missions. Here are some frequently asked questions about Moving for Missions:

Move 4 Mission 2025

What is Move 4 Mission:

Move 4 Mission is a fundraising initiative hosted by a United Women in Faith (UWFaith) group. It is an opportunity to move together and raise funds for the work supported by UWFaith. Groups can move by walking, running, dancing, chair exercising, Zumba, hiking or any other activity that they decide to do together.

Who is invited to attend?

All are welcome! No one is excluded from joining an event and participating in the way that they can. All participants are asked to sign the waiver and photo release form to join in the activities.

How are funds raised?

Funds are raised through suggested price of admission to Move 4 Mission activities. Every dollar raised will support the mission of United Women in Faith.

How can participants learn more about UWFaith?

In addition to talking with members at the event, we encourage you to visit our website to learn more and also join as an All Access member if you feel called to be a part of the mission.

How can you participate?

You can host or attend a Move 4 Mission event and give through the local unit, district, or conference. You can also give through the national website or create your own fundraising link, see below.

We invite you to credit your conference, district, and local unit.

A few membership tips:

- You do not have to be a United Methodist to be a member of United Women in Faith.
- It can take at least five invitations for someone to accept when you invite them to see what United Women in Faith is all about!
- Nurture your current membership while inviting others to join you on your journey.

A few reasons to invite a district or conference officer to your local unit:

- Gain information and resources.
- Build stronger relationships between your unit and the district and conference.
- Share any thoughts or concerns you may have—this is a chance to have your voice heard.
- Fulfill criterion #22 on Mission Today. Enjoy fellowship.

How do I invite an officer to come to my local unit?

- Contact your Nurturing Partner. Each local unit has a district officer who is a Nurturing Partner. You should hear from your Nurturing Partner throughout the year. Invite them to come to a local unit event, a unit meeting, United Women in Faith Sunday, etc

Start your fundraiser here:

<https://unitedwomeninfaith.donorsupport.co/-/XNFULKJA>

National website Give Link: <https://www.uwfaith.org/?form=move4mission>

Here are some Move4Missions ideas! So Let's Get Moving to raise money for Missions! See you Soon Sarah Lee, Membership, Nurture and Outreach Move 4 Mission ideas

- Hiking: Individuals or groups can participate in a long-distance hike or a series of hikes, seeking sponsors to pledge donations for every mile hiked.
- Knit-a-Thon: The individual or group commits to knitting a certain number of items within a specified time frame, raising funds through pledges for each piece completed.
- Rocking Chair Marathon: Participants rock in a rocking chair for a set duration, seeking donations for every hour they keep rocking.
- Craft 4 Sale: Use knitting, crocheting or other craft skills to create items such as scarves, hats, or blankets, and then sell them to raise funds.
- Knitting Workshops: Offer to teach knitting workshops, charging a suggested entry fee that goes toward the fundraising goal.
- 24-Hour Solo Relay: For the hiking enthusiast, do a 24-hour solo relay on a local trail, with sponsors donating per lap or mile completed.
- Virtual Craft Fair: Organize a virtual craft fair where knitted items and other crafts are sold online, with proceeds going to Move 4 Mission.
- Rock-a-thon: Similar to a rocking chair marathon but with a communal aspect, where multiple participants join virtually or in person, rocking in chairs to raise money.
- Custom Knit Requests: Offer to knit custom items for donors who contribute a suggested amount to the fundraiser.
- Knit for a Cause: Create knitted items specifically for donation to a charity, raising awareness and funds through the process.
- Guided Hike Tour: Offer guided hikes for donations, sharing knowledge of local flora, fauna, and trail history.

- To invite an officer who is not your Nurturing Partner, check your district or conference newsletter for contact information.
- Check your district newsletters for a list of the Nurturing Partners and their local units.
- Contact your district president if you can't find Nurturing Partner information. If you have any additional questions about how to invite an officer to your local unit, contact Kim Eller (kimelleryobev21@gmail.com), the WNCC UWFaith Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator

Social Action

On February 6, 2025, Dr. Marcus Anthony Hunter spoke on Faith Talks about Reparative Justice. He is the author of the book, *Radical Reparations: Healing the Soul of a Nation*. During his talk, he discussed how many people, when they think of reparations, think in economic terms. Dr. Hunter believes there are many forms of reparations, including, racial, spatial, social, and spiritual reparations. He argues that a radical shift in our outlook is necessary; we need more comprehensive solutions such as those currently sought by today's educators, historians, activists, organizers, and socially conscious citizens. In his book, he provides a compelling reframing of reparations' past, present, and future, offering a unifying way forward for all of us.

Rosemary Nelson,



Communications Coordinator

New Becoming Old?

Has “ United Women in Faith” become easier to speak? Like me, I’m sure you have an occasional slip-up with the old term UMW.

Please refrain from using “UWF”. When using abbreviations, somewhere in your document, the abbreviation needs to be spelled out. Example: United Women in Faith (UW Faith) Then you can use “UW Faith” by itself as you have established what the abbreviation stands for.

Keep practicing!!!
Deborah Brooks

Communication Coordinator

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The Legacy Fund



With Mother’s Day, Woman’s Day, birthdays and graduations quickly approaching, what an awesome way honor or recognize a very special person. A donation to the Legacy Fund will be the gift that keeps on giving. The Legacy Fund was created to be an ongoing source of income, providing assurance that our important work will continue always. It is a permanently invested endowment. Giving to the Legacy Fund will support United Women in Faith for many, many years to come. That’s why all gifts are vital ways to grow and sustain our ability to advocate and serve. There are many ways to give. There’s a Legacy Fund brochure. There are case stories to review. Planned giving is an option. Become a 150 Legacy Builder. Join the 1869 Society!

More great news to come,

Tonya Lanier

Uwharrie District Legacy Fund Representative



Ways to give:

- Online at: uwfaith.org/dayofgiving
- By phone: 800-278-7771 (8 a.m.-5 p.m. ET, Mon.–Fri.)
- Text: “FUTURE” to 20503
- By check to: United Women in Faith
Attention: Legacy
Church Center for the United Nations
777 United Nations Plaza, 11th Floor
New York, NY 10017
Write “Day of Giving” in the memo section.

**2025 Program
Contacts -
Uwharrie District
Officers**



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**2025 VISION
& GOALS**

Where does the money go in United Women in Faith / 5 levels of giving:

Jeanette Mixon, 235 Woodbrier Drive, Lexington, NC 27292

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5 levels of giving / Mission Information

Any of the Uwharrie District Team

Why is Maternal Child Health Important to United Women in Faith

/ Human Trafficking / Social Action programs:

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Nurturing Partners / Walk for Missions:

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Mission Information:

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Legacy Fund:

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We believe love in action can change the world.

Faith. Action. Sisterhood.

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

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

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

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

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

*Turn faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world as we live out our Purpose as United Women in Faith!

Our Purpose:

The organized unit of United Women in Faith shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

In love and action,

Your WNCC United Women in Faith Team

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Program Resources

Jane Ellickson



<https://uwfaithresources.org>

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

response
the magazine of women in mission



Reading Program Plans

Plan I

- 5 books each year
- 1 book from each category
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports
- Regular reading of Response magazine

Plan II

- 10 books each year
- 2 book from each category
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports
- Regular reading of Response magazine

Plan III

- 15 books each year
- 2 book from each category
- Plus 5 additional books from any category
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports
- Regular reading of Response magazine

Plan IV

- 20 books each year
- 2 book from each category
- Plus 10 additional books from any category
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports
- Regular reading of Response magazine

2025
Reading Program
Programa De Lectura
독서 프로그램



Eligible years: For 2025, books from the 2020, 2021-2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 Reading Program lists are all eligible for Reading Program reporting credit, if you have not previously read them.

2025 UWFaith WNCC Uwharrie District Church/Unit Nurture Partner

Church	MBR	Nurturing Partner	Asheboro Circuit (Cox Chapel, Ramseur / Mitchell, Asheboro / St. Marks, Asheboro)		Linda Beddingfield
Olivet, Lilesville / Forestville, Lilesville		Cindy Carter			
Forestville, Liteville		Cindy Carter	First, Asheboro	103	Linda Beddingfield
Bethlehem, Waxhaw	52	Cindy Carter	McCrary Chapel, Ramseur	10	Linda Beddingfield
Franklinville, Franklinville / Seagrove, Seagrove	11	Cindy Carter	Union, Waxhaw		New - Cindy Carter
Rock Grove, Salisbury	15	Cindy Newport	Memorial, Monroe		new - Denise Henson
First, Salisbury	88	Cindy Newport	Trinity Monroe / Waxhaw, Waxhaw		New/New-Cindy Carter
Locust, Locust		Cindy Newport	Milford Hills, Salisbury	78	Rosemary Nelson
Love's Chapel, Stanfield		Cindy Newport	First Street, Albemarle		Rosemary Nelson
Oakboro, Oakboro	0	Cindy Newport	Bethany, Albemarle	18	Rosemary Nelson
New London, New London	13	Cindy Newport	Wesley Chapel, Misenheim		Rosemary Nelson
Ansonville, Ansonville / Cedar Hill, Concord		Denise Henton	Central, Albemarle	18	Rosemary Nelson
Shiloh, Grant Quarry / Grace, Salisbury		Denise Henton	Main Street, Albemarle / New Mount Tabor, Richfield		Rosemary Nelson
Wingate, Wingate	20	Denise Henton	Porter, Albemarle		Rosemary Nelson
Hanna Chapel, Wadesboro		Denise Rumley	Mt Tabor, Salisbury / Christ , Salisbury	14	Sarah Lee
Poplar Hill, Wadesboro		Denise Rumley	Randall By the River, Norwood		Sarah Lee
Cedar Grove, Norwood / Cedar Hill, Wadesboro / *Concord, Wadesboro		Denise Rumley	First, Norwood	37	Sarah Lee
Gilboa, Marshville / Peachland, Peachland	8	Denise Rumley	Stony Hill, Albemarle	5	Sarah Lee
Central, Monroe	53	Denise Rumley	Badin, Badin		Sarah Lee
Piney Grove, Denton / Pleasant Grove, Trinity		Donna Owens	* Central, Spencer / Coburn Linwood Memorial, Salisbury	0	Sarah Lee
Chapel Hill, Denton unit cont'd	18	Donna Owens	First, Wadesboro (Anson Cooperative Parish - First, Wadesboro / Morven, Morven / Pleasant Hill, McFarland)	20	Sarah Lee
Linwood, Linwood / Trinity, Lexington	10	Donna Owens	Morven, Morven	9	Sarah Lee
Marshville, Marshville/Anson	9	Jane Ellickson	Pleasant Hill, McFarlan	8	Sarah Lee
Providence, Salisbury	34	Jeanette	Fountain Hill, Peachland / Mount Moriah, Marshville		Sarah Lee
Bethel, Salisbury		Jeanette Mixon	Oak Grove, China Grove	20	Sarah Lee
Central, Denton	27	Jeanette Mixon	Unity, Kannapolis		Sarah Lee
Cotton Grove, Lexington	7	Lillian Marshall	*Royal Oaks, Kannapolis / South, China Grove	7	Sarah Lee
First, Lexington	22	Lillian Marshall	Macedonia, Lexington	34	Tonya Lanier
Cedar Falls, Asheboro / Mount Olivet, Seagrove		Linda Beddingfield	St. Luke, Asheboro	24	Tonya Lanier
Jordan Memorial, Ramseur/ La Luz de Cristo, Asheboro	29	Linda Beddingfield	Empire Charge UWFaith: Piney Ridge-Seagrove, Pleasant Hill-Seagrove, Stout's Chapel-Ramseur	18	Tonya Lanier
New Union, Asheboro		Linda Beddingfield	Pleasant Hill, (Empire Seagrove) Empire Circuit	5	Tonya Lanier
Rehobeth , Ramseur		Linda Beddingfield	Fairview, Denton	12	Wanda Craven
Flag Springs, Asheboro	25	Linda Beddingfield	Reeds, Lexington / Ebenezer, Lexington		Wanda Craven
			St. Stephen, Lexington	24	Wanda Craven
			Wesley Heights, Lexington		Wanda Craven

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WHAT WE DO

WE CONNECT SPIRITUAL WOMEN
TO ACT BOLDLY FOR JUSTICE
AND TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES

Conference United Women in Faith Upcoming Events

Mar 23 Mission Giving Day All UW Faith Members

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

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

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

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

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

June 20-22 WNCC UMC Annual conference: Lake Junaluska

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

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

