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United
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Western North Carolina

2025
4th Quarter
Newsletter

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WE BELIEVE LOVE IN ACTION CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.

President's Message

Sarah Lee



Just a few weeks ago we had our annual celebration for the Uwharrie District. It was truly a time of celebrating what Uwharrie District has

done in 2024, 2025 and what we are looking to celebrate in 2026. There were so many spiritual parts of the celebration with Kim Ewing's liturgical dance to Goodness of God, Kim Eller's thought provoking talk on "Why Are You Here," and music videos of Be Thou My Vision & The Great Commission. Kim Eller also did an installation of new officers by applying a tiara to the heads of each of the new incoming officers. It was fun & meaningful.

We are looking forward now to our final event of the year which is our Learning & Sharing Event. This year our theme is Soul Care, and everyone will learn how they can apply soul care to their lives and it will help them be the best officer in their local unit that they can be. They will learn ways to prevent burnout & relieve any anxiety that they are facing in their lives. Each officer will get ideas on what they can do in their position at the local area. There will be networking and sharing ideas about fundraising, mission activities, programs & events. There will be ways to relieve stress, new prayer techniques, skin care, and much more!! Be sure & mark Nov. 8th from 9:30-noon on your calendar. Our Soul Care event will be at Central Denton UMC, 276 West 1st St. Denton, NC. Registration fee is \$5 and registration begins at 9:30 with continental breakfast & the program starts at 10:15.

As we enter Fall & get ready for Thanksgiving, let's look at how we can make Thanksgiving really matter. Thanksgiving is not just about the food on the table—it's about the hearts gathered around it.

Here are a few simple ways to deepen the meaning of your Thanksgiving this year.

1. Start with Gratitude: Before you dive into cooking or decorating take a moment alone or with your family to reflect on what you're truly thankful for this year. A few quiet minutes can set a thankful tone for the day.
2. Share Stories: Invite guests to share a personal story of gratitude or a moment when they saw God's hand in their lives recently
3. Pray together: whether it's a formal prayer or a simple circle of thanks, praying together invites God's presence into your home & centers the celebration on him.
4. Serve with Purpose: Use your gathering as a chance to serve others—maybe pack a meal for someone in need or donate to a local food pantry. Giving thanks grows naturally when we share God's blessings with others
5. Create traditions: Build small rituals that make your Thanksgiving unique—reading a favorite verse, lighting a candle for those who can't be there or even writing thank-you notes to people who've made a difference in your life.
6. Be present: Finally, don't let the busyness steal your focus. Put down your phone, slow down & really listen and engage with the people around you. Meaningful connection often comes in the simple moments.

This year as we approach Thanksgiving let's not lose sight of what Thanksgiving was meant to be. Whether it is called Friendsgiving, or even Turkey Day, let's be careful not to let the name drift too far from its roots. We can enjoy new traditions, but we must hold on to the heart of the holiday: a sacred opportunity to honor God with our gratitude. Whether we're gathered with family, friends or both, let's choose to pause, give thanks and remember the Giver of every good thing.



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Up Coming Events

October 18 **Leadership Development Day** Location Taylorsville UMC, Taylorsville, NC.

Nov 8 **Uwharrie District Training: "Soul Care- Loving Ourselves, Loving Others"** Registration 9:30, Training 10:15-12:15 Location: Central Denton 276 W. 1st St. Denton, NC 27239

Uwharrie Team Meeting following training

Upcoming Event:

Learning/Sharing Event: Loving God, Loving Others, Loving Ourselves First Event will be held Saturday, November 8th at Central Denton United Methodist Church: 276 W. 1st Street, Denton, NC 27239 Registration & morning breakfast will be 9:30am. -10:00 am with the program & activities being from 10am to 12pm. Please send your RSVP with registration of \$5 per person to the District Treasurer, Jeanette Mixon by November 1st to mixonjx@yahoo.com or 235 Woodbrier Drive Lexington, NC 27292

Each unit's local officers are invited to this day for our Uwharrie District Team to provide networking, learning & sharing about fundraisers, programs, mission activities and soul care activities. There will be information on various prayer ideas and techniques, a special speaker on massage, skin care colors, fun with leadership techniques will be given, and over 70 different soul care techniques will be shared. Please don't miss this opportunity to gather much new knowledge in many areas to help yourselves & officers of your local

units with their soul care and activities of the local unit.

Hands on mission project will be To prepare an UMCOR hygiene kit, lay a hand towel flat and place a washcloth in the center, then arrange the items (soap, toothbrush, bandages, etc.) on the washcloth, fold the towel to cover everything, roll it tightly, and place it in a sealed one-gallon plastic bag. UMCOR specifies new items, strict list of approved products, and no personal notes or extra materials.

Please bring any hands-on- project items that you have collected throughout the year and been saving: Armenia Christmas shoeboxes; school supplies for Bethlehem center, and bedding items such as pillows and sheet sets. **Any bedding items must be in original packaging & new!! No used bedding items will be taken.**

As Bethlehem Center in Winston-Salem is one of our mission institutions in our district/ community, don't hesitate to reach out to them. Districts and/or local units are encouraged to focus on making a difference in your local communities anytime.

The World Thank Offering

The World Thank Offering is a way for members of United Women in Faith to show gratitude for God's blessings and find creative ways to raise funds to improve the lives of women, children, and youth. Some women drop a coin in a box each day to give thanks for their daily blessings, while others add coins and dollars on special occasions in their lives. A World Thank Offering box can be seen at the below link: <https://uwfaithresources.org/prodDetail.cfm?productID=10466&catid=2186> The World Thank Offering Calendar is on page 16 of newsletter.

Communications
Coordinator—Sarah Lee

REGISTRATION FORM - Please complete registration form By November 1st

CHURCH _____

CITY / COUNTY _____

PRESIDENT _____ Phone _____

NUMBER ATTENDING Learning/Sharing Event _____

PLEASE INDICATE NAMES OF ATTENDEES

Mail registration form to Jeanette Mixon (Uwharrie District Treasurer)

235 Woodbrier Drive, Lexington, NC 27292



Historian

Wanda Craven, Uwharrie District Historian

While I have had a small set-back, my health is improving every day and I appreciate your prayers.

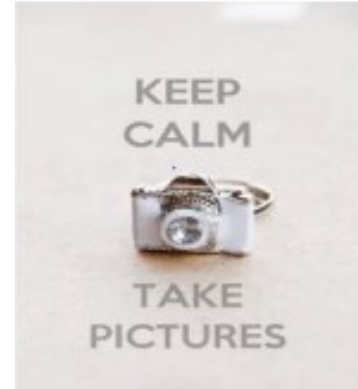
I cannot stress enough the importance of taking pictures of your local unit events. Where two or more United Women in Faith members gather, snap and snap away.

Keep making those memories, you will be glad that you did.

Thanks,

Wanda Craven

Uwharrie District Historian



Mission Education & Interpretation

To prepare an UMCOR Menstrual Hygiene Kit, gather the following: one one-gallon resealable bag, one pack of flushable wipes, one travel pack of wet wipes, ten unscented sanitary napkins (long, super, ultra-thin), ten unscented tampons (5 regular, 5 super), a 3 oz. bar or larger of unscented bath soap, six laundry detergent sheets (placed in a small plastic bag), and three 4- gallon bathroom trash bags. Place the items into the gallon bag, remove the air, and seal the bag.

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Spiritual Growth

For my first time I was fortunate and blessed to be part of our Conference Mission U at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory in July. In a gorgeous setting we had 8 Sessions of Bible Study "Practicing Hope Together" led by fantastic leaders with very meaningful sharing, enjoyed 4 meals, spent one night, and had an opening worship and closing worship. What more can you ask for?

During one of the breaks I took advantage of the opportunity to experience the Conference Center's path outside featuring the Stations of the Cross. It touched me deeply and it was very moving. By the end of the path my leg was giving me quite a bit of pain due to a pinched nerve as a result of a fall two months before. Moved to pray, I had a heart to heart

with God. I knew that others were praying for me because they told me they were. I normally pray for others when I pray, but this particular day I broke down and got selfish. I pleaded, God, I'm tired of this pain. Please take it away. Well, you are not going to believe this but it is true! The next day the pinched nerve pain was gone! Hallelujah! Praise God! Now, I do still have Arthur to deal with in my hips and knees but I know that's part of my aging process. I just wanted to share with you that there is power in prayer. God loves each and every one of us. He wants to talk with us and He is waiting to hear from you.

Cindy Carter, Spiritual Growth



Six members attended Mission U at the Catholic Conference Center on July 18-19. The Theme Practicing Hope was very inspirational.



NOMINATIONS

Having celebrated two Annual Celebrations in the past two months, I am encouraged that United Women in Faith is answering the question of "Why Are We Here" and how to "Celebrate Change". Both of these events reminded us that as women of faith, we are called to serve and to make a difference in the lives of women, children, and youth through the love that Jesus taught us, and as Sally Vonner expressed, "Love is our Superpower".

Our Nominations Committee is delighted to welcome the following women to our Uwharrie District Team:
Sharon Johnson as Secretary of Program Resources
Gina Scheller as Membership Nurture & Outreach
Marsha Garwood as Social Action
Krista Herold and Deborah Bonilla to serve on Nominations.

We still have three positions vacant on our District Team and they are Vice-President, Mission, Education & Interpretation, and Communications Coordinator. Please help us to fill these needed positions. As large as our Uwharrie District is, I know there are three faithful women that can help us.

In closing, I leave you with this Bible Verse from I Peter 4:10:
"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms".

God's Grace and Peace to my Sisters in Christ,
Linda Beddingfield
Nominations Chair

VICE PRESIDENT



Social Action

The local churches in Albemarle are partnering with the elementary schools in our community to help children at risk by preparing backpacks/bags of food for them to take home on Friday.

Central United Methodist Church has been partnered with East Albemarle Elementary School and serves 40 children once a month with bags of food to help through the weekend during the school year. The bags contain the following items: Chicken Noodle or Tomato soup, box of macaroni and cheese, fruit cup, peanut butter snack cup, saltine crackers, fruit bars, flavored oatmeal packets, flavored grits, granola bars, fruit snacks, box of raisins, and apple sauce cup.

Central United Methodist Women in Faith also donate supplies for the teachers and students at East Albemarle Elementary School.

Rosemary Nelson, United Women in Faith
WNCC Uwharrie District, Social Action





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 6 criteria: 4 with asterisks* and 2 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 4All](#) 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 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-sabbaths>
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.**

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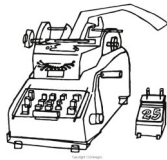
Conference website: wncumw.org

Updated February 2025

\$\$\$ Notes from the Treasurer

Thanks to everyone for sending in their Q3 remittance. We have collected \$2,687.00 from our Mission Walks already so far! Thank you Uwharrie District on behalf of all the women, youth and children you are helping! We have also collected \$10,199.25 of our 30,000.00 pledge. 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. Local Treasurers, your Q4 Remittances are due in by November 30th . When ordering a Special Mission Recognition Pin, we now have 2 styles to choose from (the original cross, or the new logo). The cost for both is the same. When ordering, please let me know which style cross you would like.

Jeanette V. Mixon,
Uwharrie District Treasurer



United Women in Faith Scholarship Program

United Women in Faith of the Western North Carolina Conference (WNCC) has a scholarship program for students attending one of the five United Methodist supported universities and colleges in North Carolina. These schools are: Bennett College, Brevard College, Greensboro College, High Point University and Pfeiffer University. All applicants must be members of the United Methodist Church and must reside within the bounds of the WNCC. Applications deadline is March 1, 2026.

End of the Year Reports

The End of Year reports for 2025 for each local unit should be completed by the unit

President and sent to the District President (Sarah Lee, accnurse@rocketmail.com or 40645 Mt. Zion Church Road Norwood, NC 28128) by December 15th. These report forms will be sent by email before the end of the month. Those that need a paper copy can pick your packet up at the Soul Care Event on November 8 th at Central Denton.

A suggestion is to take the forms to your unit meetings to fill out. Your members can help recall all that your unit has done through the 2025 year.

If you have pictures of your mission activities, please send me a copy to my e-mail address at accnurse@rocketmail.com. It is very important to share activities/fund raisers or any

activities that you do throughout the year to network, support & help one another.

Remember we are a sisterhood and only grow by working together.

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

Membership, Nurture, & Outreach

Uwharrie District had 11 churches contributing in Walks for Mission this year. Oakboro UMC won the Special Movin for Missions Recognition Pin for raising the most money per walk. Thank you to all the churches that participated in these walks to help women, children, & youth around the world.

There is still time to contact a District Officer for a program please contact your nurturing partner if there is anything that she can help you with. We will be finalizing the visits of the nurturing partners the end of December.

Bethlehem Waxhaw: \$265.00

Central Monroe: \$271.00

Oakboro UMC \$620.00

Providence Salisbury \$325.00

First Norwood \$300.00

First Lexington \$ 51.00

Central Denton \$315.00

First Asheboro \$300.00

Pleasant Hill Empire Charge: \$20.00

Piney Ridge Empire Charge: \$100.00

St. Luke Asheboro \$50.00

Anonymous donor \$20.00

Total: \$2,637.00



Special Recognition for Oakboro UMC for raising the most money.

President Deborah Bonilla with Jeannette Mixon,

The Legacy Fund



Legacy Fund

We have been blessed to receive the Conference Legacy Endowment

Fund Update for the Uwharrie District 2025 Annual Celebration program book. If you were there, enjoy a

recap.....if you were not able to join us, appreciate the following synopsis.

The Legacy Fund is a permanently invested endowment.

The Legacy Fund will be an ongoing source of income, providing that the important work of United Women in Faith continues.

On May 31, 2025, our Western North Carolina Conference cumulative giving to the Legacy Fund is \$556,220.59, the third highest in the nation!

The Western North Carolina Conference Legacy giving so far in 2025 is \$10,776.01.

Remember, our \$556,220.59 cumulative giving does not include planned gifts that will happen in the future.

As of May 31, 2025, the national Legacy Fund had reached \$50,080,788.

The national goal for the Legacy Endowment Fund is \$60 million. With your continue support we can help make this happen.

Please continue to support the Legacy Endowment Fund and consider making planned future gifts.

For more information, visit the Legacy Endowment Fund page of the United Women in Faith website at <https://uwfaith.org/give/legacy-fund/>.

Tonya Lanier

Uwharrie District Legacy Fund Representative



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Uwharrie District
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**2025 VISION
& GOALS**

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5 levels of giving / Mission Information
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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

2026 Reading Program Catalog Uwharrie District had 40 readers this year!! Great job! Keep up the good work!

The 2026 Reading Program Catalog is now available to download—English, Korean, and Spanish included in one!

United Women in Faith's Reading Program is designed to help women of faith to achieve five key goals: lean into our spiritual growth, strengthen our leadership skills, equip ourselves for local and global mission, take faithful action for the common good, and build community in ways large and small. The books are current and cover a wide variety of topics. Participating in one of the Reading Program plans at any of the four levels, or even reading just one or two books in this catalog, can help you grow. And anyone, anywhere, can participate—whether you are a member of United Women in Faith already or just getting to know us.

This year's Bonus Books, along with the other offerings in our 2026 Reading Program, are a powerful launching point for both personal reflection and meaningful conversation.

A virtual page at bookshop.org/shop/uwfaith where you can browse and purchase most of the 2026 Reading Program books while earning 10% back to United Women in Faith to support our work.

Look for the catalog titles in the upcoming November/December issue of Response.

Eligible years: For 2026, books from the 2021-2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 Reading Program lists are all eligible for Reading Program reporting credit, if you have not previously read them.

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PLAN I • 5 books each year. • 1 book from each category. • Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.

PLAN II • 10 books each year. • 2 books from each category. • Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.

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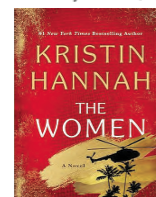
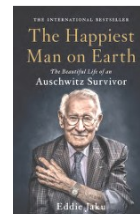
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THE HAPPIEST MAN ON EARTH: THE BEAUTIFUL LIFE OF AN AUSCHWITZ SURVIVOR

EDDIE JAKU
HARPER PAPERBACKS (2022)

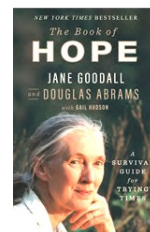
In this riveting *New York Times* bestseller, Eddie Jaku shares his powerful memoir as a Holocaust survivor, paying tribute to those lost as he offers inspiring wisdom on living one's best possible life despite the most horrible circumstances. Jaku was a teenager when Nazi soldiers sent him to a concentration camp with thousands of other Jews across Germany. He spent seven years in Buchenwald and then Auschwitz, finally enduring a forced death march during the Third Reich's final days. Somehow, he found the will to survive and made himself a promise to smile every day in gratitude and to honor the six million Jews murdered by Hitler. (V)



THE WOMEN
KRISTIN HANNAH
ST. MARTIN'S PRESS (2024)

This celebrated novel is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country have too often been forgotten. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, Frances "Frankie" McGrath joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path. A #1 *New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Washington Post*, and *Los Angeles Times* bestseller, *The Women* is a richly drawn story with a memorable heroine whose idealism and courage under fire will come to define an era. (V)(L)

Book available in English & Spanish.



THE BOOK OF HOPE:
A SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR TRYING TIMES
JANE GOODALL & DOUGLAS ABRAMS WITH GAIL HUDSON
CELADON BOOKS (2021)

Looking at the headlines—the worsening climate crisis, a global pandemic, loss of biodiversity, political upheaval—it can be hard to feel optimistic. And yet hope has never been more desperately needed. In this *New York Times* bestseller, Jane Goodall, the world's most famous living naturalist, and Douglas Abrams, the internationally bestselling co-author of *The Book of Joy*, explore one of the most sought-after and least understood elements of human nature: hope. Drawing on decades of work, *The Book of Hope* touches on vital questions, including: How do we stay hopeful when everything seems hopeless? How do we cultivate hope in our children? What is the relationship between hope and action?

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>World Thank Offering</h1> <h2>A Month of Giving...an Attitude of Gratitude</h2>						
Blessed by attending church today? Think of those blessings....add a coin for each.	Everyday counts! If you got out of bed this morning, add \$1.00	Have close friends who bless your life? Add a coin for each visit with a friend this week.	Plenty of food to eat? Give a coin for each can, box or bag in your pantry.	How many pairs of glasses do you own? Add a coin for each pair.	Had coffee, tea or a soft drink today? Add a coin for the many choices that you have.	Children in your heart? Count up the kids you love, make a gift to your box for each of them!
Hymns sung today? Hum one and remember other beloved church tunes, add a coin for each.	Watch television today? Add a coin for each tv show you watched.	Have family members who bless your life? Add a coin for each family member.	More than three pairs of shoes in your closet? Add a coin for each pair.	Had a breast exam this year? Way to go! Deposit \$1.00.	Visited a garden and smelled the flowers? Add a coin per garden or flower.	A nickel for every window you have in your home today, and a dime for every door.
Vitamins or medicine? Add a coin for each pill you take.	Internet access? Blessings for connecting Add a coin for email, and the web.	Pets in your life? Add them up, give a coin per animal!	A nickel a pair States you visited in your life? Add a coin for each state or country	Visited the dentist this year? Add 50 cents for a healthy smile	Cell phone, regular phone? Count your connections....add a coin for each phone.	Own a car? a bike? a scooter? a wheelchair? Count the wheels and multiply by 5 cents.
How many times you have been in church this week? Ten cents per "time"	Books or magazines you've read this month? Add 25 cents for each.	\$1.00 for each random act of kindness you perform this month	Enjoying the Fall season? Deposit a dime for every time you noticed God's creation this month	Isn't electricity wonderful? Count the lamps in your home, and add a coin for each.	A warm bed is a gift that many in the world do not have. Add a coin for each bed in your home.	Over 1.2 billion people in our world don't have access to clean water. I DO...add \$1.00
Money in your savings account? Divide by 10, 100, 1,000, or more, and make a gift to your box.	Have you seen or heard any birds or wildlife today? Add a coin for each bird or animal.	Over 2 billion people around the world live on less than \$2.00 a day. Give \$2.00.	Plants in your home? Add a coin for each bit of greenery	Letters or cards in the mail? For each piece of mail today, add a coin.	Celebrate with joy the most precious gift of all...Jesus Christ! Make a special gift today.	An extra treat for my World Thank Box. Give generously!

Each day, give a small amount to your World Thank Offering box.

You can surely think of other ways that God's abundant grace touches your life...each and every day. Put your World thank Offering container in a place where you will see it often....and make spontaneous gifts throughout the year for God's blessings.

UWFaith WNCC Uwharrie District 2026 Calendar

Jan. 10 Deadline for District Newsletter articles 1 st Quarter

Jan. 24 Uwharrie Team Meeting 10-12 in person District Office

Feb. 21 Mission Study: St. Luke UMC, Asheboro NC Registration 9:30; Mtg 10:15-2:15 Speaker: LaDonna Butts Hands on Project: Menstrual Kits

Mar 1 Scholarship application deadline before March 15 WNCC Scholarship Committee Meeting

Mar 7 Deadline for District newsletter articles 2 nd Quarter

Mar 14 Uwharrie Team Meeting: 10-12 (Zoom)

Mar 23 Mission Giving Day All UWFaith Members

April 11 Uwharrie Prayer Breakfast ; New London UYMC, New London, NC; Registration 9:30, Mtg 10:15-12:15

Speaker: Rev. Tammy Ingram, St. Matthew's UMC, Greensboro) Hands on Project: Hygiene Kits

May 15-17 UWFaith Assembly: Indianapolis, Indiana: All UWFaith Members

May 23 Uwharrie Movin for Missions 1: 9-11: Central Denton

May 30 Uwharrie Movin For Missions 2: 9-11: Dan Nicholas Park, Salisbury

June 6 Uwharrie Movin For Missions 3: 9-11 Belk-Tawanda Park, Monroe

June 6 Deadline for District newsletter articles 3 rd Quarter

June 11-13 WNCC Spiritual Growth Retreat: TBD

June 18-21 WNCC UMC Annual Conference: Lake Junaluska

June 27 Uwharrie Movin for Missions 4: 9-11 Grimes Park, Lexington(team meeting to follow 12-2 First Lexington UMC meal provided

July 11 Uwharrie Movin for Missions 5: 9-11 Randolph Mall, Asheboro

July 25 Uwharrie Team Meeting 10-12 (zoom)

Aug 15 Uwharrie District Annual Celebration, Registration 9:30; Mtg: 10:15-12:15 Speaker: Rev. In-Yong Lee (Uwharrie District Superintendent) Uwharrie District Office (Albemarle) Hands on Project: Menstrual kits

Aug 21-22 Mission U Catholic Conference Center, Hickory : All UWFaith members

Sept 5 Deadline for District newsletter articles 4 th quarter





Sept 12 WNCC Annual UWFaith Celebration Location TBD

Oct 4 Uwharrie Team Meeting; 10-12(zoom)

Oct 10,26 Ubuntu Days of Service (various locations)

Oct 17 Leadership Development Day Location TBD (Zoom)

Nov 1 Uwharrie District Training for Local Unit Officers Registration 9:30; training 10:15-12:15 Location TBD Uwharrie Team Meeting following training.

 Team Meeting	 Missions
 Deadlines	 Walks

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October 18, Leadership Development Day (zoom) & in person at Taylorsville UMC, Taylorsville, NC

November 8, Uwharrie Learning & Sharing Event: Soul Care—Caring for Yourselves & Others: registration 9:30 am, Training :10:15-12:15 Location: Central Denton UMC with Uwharrie District Team Meeting to follow.

