



United Women in Faith

Western North Carolina

We believe **love in action** can **change** the world.



Upcoming Events

Mission Study Bible Study
led by LaDonna Butts,
St. Luke UMC in Asheboro
February 21, 2026

Prayer Breakfast at
New London UMC
with
Rev. Tammy Ingram
April 11, 2026 .

Moving for Missions
May 23rd at Central, Denton
May 30th - Dan Nichols Park
Salisbury

As we begin 2026, we have a lot of exciting things in store for us! This is the year for United Women in Faith Assembly, which only happens every 4 years! I have been to 2 Assemblies: 2010 & 2014. It was a wonderful experience both times! It was close to what I imagine heaven will be like. There were ladies there from all over the world. We worshiped, prayed, sang, and fellowshiped all together. It was wonderful to meet new women from all over the world and experience new forms of worship. Please try to go if at all possible—it is May 15-17th at Indianapolis, Indiana, and the theme is Dream It! Believe It! Do It!. There may be a bus going from our conference—more info on that coming soon! It will be an experience that you will always remember—don't miss this opportunity to experience Assembly 2026!!

We have some great District events coming up! Feb. 21st at St. Luke UMC in Asheboro, we will have our Mission Study, and it will be the best one yet! The Theme is Practicing Hope Together & which is something we are especially doing now. LaDonna Butts & her daughter Kim will be leading our study this year, you know LaDonna always does a Fantastic Job! Please come experience new and creative ways to practice hope, and there will be some very special gifts that each participant receives! Our Prayer Breakfast will be at New London UMC on April 11th, and the speaker will be Rev. Tammy Ingram from St. Matthew's UMC in Greensboro. Tammy spoke at the conference, Spiritual Growth Retreat and is a dynamic speaker! You don't want to miss her! Our Prayer Breakfast is always very special, as planned by Cindy Carter, our Spiritual Growth Coordinator. Our own Uwharrie District Superintendent Rev. In -Yong Lee will be our speaker for our District Annual Celebration at Main Street UMC in Albemarle on August 15th. This is always a very special event when we celebrate all the things we have accomplished & install new officers for 2027. Then our final event of the year will be the leadership training on Nov. 7th & we always have an exciting theme for it—2024 it was a Train Journey & last year, it was Soul Care. So be on the lookout for information coming soon on more about this final event. Mark your calendars for Assembly & all the other District events coming up! I hope to see you at all of them!!

UWF President Sarah Lee



God calls us to be His Light in this darkened world. We are the hands and feet of Jesus that help women, children & youth throughout our communities, nation, & the world.

There are several very strong & meaningful prayers on the last page of the Jan./Feb 2026 Response.

Please be sure to read these & pray this one with me now:

“God who makes a way: give us the strength to carry out the work to which you have called us. Make us faithful to your mission of peace and justice, especially when we work with those most in need of your gentle ways.

Amen

Membership Nurture & Outreach

Hi, I'm Gina Scheller, and I am new to the Membership Nurture & Outreach team. I attend Wingate UMC in Wingate, NC, and look forward to meeting and working with the United Women in Faith team.

Currently, we have our Moving for Missions events scheduled as follows:

- May 23rd at Central, Denton
- May 30th - Dan Nicholas Park, Salisbury
- June 6th - Belk Tonawanda Park, Monroe
- June 27th - Grimes Park, Lexington
- July 11th - Randolph Mall, Asheboro

Please share this information at church, the gym, book club, nail and hair salon, and any other places you have conversations with women. Please encourage people to participate and let them know that movement of any type "counts"! More to come in future Newsletters!
Gina

Committee on Nominations

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Now is a time of looking back on what we accomplished and looking forward to what we can accomplish in 2027. We have so many talented and dedicated women in our district. And we need your talents and abilities to fill openings. I can honestly say being on the Uwharrie District Team has been a blessing to me. I have met so many faithful women. At this time, we have 5 positions open for our District Team to be complete for next year 2027. These are: President, Vice-President, Communications, Treasurer, Mission Education and Interpretation (MEI) and Nominations.

If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, please let me (Cindy Newport):
704-985- 0404 or cnewport74@gmail.com
or SarahLee at 704-984-0165 or accnurse@rocketmail.com
know and we will be happy to discuss our needs for each position.

Soul Care & Leadership Training



Spiritual Growth

How has your life been changed by scripture? Notice I did not ask "when" because I believe the scriptures have the power to change each of our lives every day. If you participate in the Adult Bible Studies Light, Life, Salvation by Betsy Haas from Cokesbury (I have it in Sunday School), then the first Sunday of January, you studied John 14:1-14. In the scripture, Jesus taught his disciples (and us) that He is the way, the truth, and the life. Betsy Haas tells us that Jesus used the Greek word "zoe" for the word "life." Zoe refers to "a special quality of life: a restful life of hope and abundance that only Christ can bring. It is an eternal life that is in the present reality of living." I must admit that before I learned that, I always thought my life now was the other kind of life, bios, which refers to existence, and that hope is in the afterlife. Wrong! My life has changed just knowing that Jesus wants for me (and you) a joyful, exuberant resurrection life NOW and for eternity!

I'm excited for the new year because I know the Uwharrie District Team is planning a great Mission Study Bible Study led by LaDonna Butts at St. Luke's in Asheboro on February 21. Be sure to register. And then in April, you don't want to miss the Prayer Breakfast at New London with speaker Rev. Tammy Ingram on the 11th. I'm looking forward to seeing you for some great food, fellowship, and spiritual growth.
Cindy Carter

Western North Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Conference Goals 2026

- * Financial Goal: Each unit will make & meet their pledge to Mission
- * Love Offering Dedication: A "Gift to Mission" in honor of those who are dreaming, believing, and doing on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world.
- * Each unit adds 3 new members for 2026

Continue telling our story!



Oct 25th, 2025 Empire Charge Prayer Breakfast(Piney Ridge UMC, Pleasant Hill UMC & Stout's Chapel UMC)
Lois Harris is the President of this group.



Historian



A new year.....a new way to look at things.....a wonderful time to capture memories. With the New Year well underway, I hope that each of you took a few minutes to capture memories this past year. It might have been at Christmas, Thanksgiving, Halloween, or what about the 4th of July? I love pictures taken at birthday parties, baby showers, or retirement celebrations. Oh, yeah, if you have attended a United Women in Faith event, by all means, take a few pictures. Not only will a photo seal the moment, but it will also produce a great memory.

As we move into a brand-new year, don't forget to take lots and lots of pictures. Send them to me for our district photo album, and I will be happy to share an event coming near you.

Keep taking those pictures.....there are memories to be made.

Wanda Craven

Uwharrie District Historian

WNCC United Women in Faith SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Do you know a student who is a member of a WNCC United Methodist Church?

Will they attend one of the United Methodist supported institutions in our conference (**Bennett College, Brevard College, Greensboro College, High Point University, Pfeiffer University**) for the fall semester 2026?

Then they are eligible to apply for a WNCC United Women in Faith scholarship!

Contact the scholarship committee chairperson for an application:

Tonya Lanier
710 Burgess Street, Lexington, NC 27292-4214
336-470-1100 (cell) / Email: sonshiners61@gmail.com

Applications are due by **March 1, 2026**.

Interviews will be conducted via Zoom on **March 14, 2026**.

You can support our scholarship program by:

- Referring students.
- Praying for our students and UM supported institutions.
- Contributing to the general scholarship fund as districts, units, circles, or individuals.

Please contact me if you need additional information.

Blessings,

Tonya Lanier
WNCC United Women in Faith Scholarship Committee Chairperson

The Legacy Fund

Beginning a new year is both exciting and uneasy. With a blank slate to a fresh start, 2026 would be an ideal time to do different things. Supporting the Legacy Fund could be added to that list. This initiative will support United Women in Faith for many years to come. Gifts to the endowment fund will grow and sustain our capacity to serve and advocate. A modest gift of \$18.69 (or more) can be used in many, many ways.

- Supply books for an international scholarship recipient in the Philippines
- Purchase baby chicks to create entrepreneurship opportunities for women and youth in Mozambique
- Provide healthy snacks to an after-school program for children living in poverty... and so much more.

As we look down the road at a fresh number of days, include giving to the Legacy Fund, and encourage your family and friends to do the same.

For information about Gift Planning - the 1869 Society and making a planned gift or other type of gift to The Legacy Endowment Fund, visit:
uwfaith.org/legacy.

One of my favorite sayings is..." there's a blessing in the giving." Let's make 2026 the year of Legacy Fund Giving.

Thanking you in advance,

Tonya Lanier

Uwharrie District Legacy Fund
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Program Resources
Sharon Johnson



2026 Reading Program

It's Easy and Free!!!

1. **FREE** download the 2026 Reading Program Catalog at uwfaith.org/read. It is a **FREE** resource. You can obtain the catalog, view previous Reading Program catalogs, retrieve the reporting form, and suggest a book all in one location.
2. Obtain books for **FREE!!**
 - All six counties in the Uwharrie District have public library systems. If the book is not on the shelf, libraries connected to an interlibrary system (like Sandhills Regional Library System in Anson County or NC Cardinal in Davidson County) will access books for you from across the state, all at **no cost** to you, the library patron.
 - The Resource Center at the Western NC Conference of the UMC in Huntersville, NC, is a great resource for **FREE** books, especially for the UWFaith Reading Program which is featured as a separate listing on the website for easy access. Go to resourcecenter@wnccumc.org. or call 704-535-2260. (Direct purchases may be made at bookshop.org/shop/uwfaith.org)

It's Individual and Connectional!!!

1. Set an **individual**, realistic goal that is best for you. Only you know your ability, time, schedule, and obligations. Set yourself up for success!
2. Find an accountability partner, a friend who plans to commit to the program also. You do not have to read the same books at the same time, but just having that **connection**, an encourager to share the experience, will make a positive difference.
3. **Connect** with a small group of Women in Faith who are reading the same book simultaneously. The 2026 Reading Program Catalog contains discussion questions following each book selection. **Connectional** times of reflection enlighten and inspire all who are willing to share.

It's a PLAN!! Starts with the Categories!

The **five** categories are Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, Spiritual Growth

- Plan 1 – 5 books, 1 book per category
- Plan 2 – 10 books, 2 books per category
- Plan 3 – 15 books, 2 books per category
+ 5 additional books from any category
- Plan 4 – 20 books, 2 books from each category
+10 additional books from any category



UWFaith-Pleasant Hill UMC in McFarlan, NC often uses Women's Studies from Amplify Media (amplifymedia.com). Our favorite author/presenter is Jennifer Cowart. Check it out!! If your group has a beloved resource or practice you would share, email ideas to Sharon Johnson at sharperstep@roadrunner.com. Thanks!!

Response Magazine, print and digital formats, may be found at UWfaith.org/resources/response-magazine/

DISTRICT SOCIAL ACTION

Happy New Year, 2026 is going to be a year for Social Action locally, state, nationally, and internationally. We have many challenges to our society at present, including adequate food, shelter, medical care, safe child care, and so many other needs. The United Methodist Church and United Women in Faith have always responded to the needs of our communities, state, nation, and world community, and we will continue going forward.

During the 2024-2028 quadrennium, UWFaith will be focusing on two social issues. One is Climate Justice “Just Energy for All” and ending the incarceration/criminalization of communities of color. Later in the year, I’ll focus on these issues, but right now I’m going to focus on Voting. 2026 is an election year. In North Carolina, we will be electing a U.S.Senator, U.S. representatives, county and local officials, as well.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE? If not, why? If you aren’t registered to vote, you have several options. If you have a valid NC Driver’s License, you can complete your voter registration through the NCDMV website. You can go to your county Board of Elections and register there (you’ll need a driver’s license, Military ID, or official ID card.) There are some options regarding your photo ID, but the staff will help you. These options are to make it easy for you to register and vote. Bottom line, you have to have a voter ID.

Social Principles of the UMC
adopted 1972 paragraph 164.B

Tuesday, March 3, is primary day in NC. You have until 25 days before the primary to register. As I count, that will be February 5, which is a Saturday. Early voting for the NC primary starts February 12 through February 28. You can register to vote at the early voting locations, but you’ll need an official ID to vote. If your address has changed, you’ll need documentation if you haven’t updated your official ID. They’ll accept several types of confirmation for your correct address: a bank statement or a bill sent to your correct address. Your precinct may have changed as well, so you’ll need to know this if you plan to vote on primary or election day. Each county will have at least two early voting sites, so check with your local Board of Elections for this information.

Voting is a right but also a responsibility. We the people have that right, many places in our Global Village doesn’t have that right, particularly our Sisters around the world. When you go and vote, early voting makes it so easy. Take your children or grandchildren with you and let them watch you vote. When they turn 18, then they’ll look forward to participating in this most important duty of Americans. I do have one question—why was the 26th Amendment to the Constitution passed in 1971? It’s important history.

Just some info on me—I grew up in Lexington, NC, moved away, but still lived in NC. I returned to Lexington in 2021. I grew up at FUMC in Lexington and rejoined when I came back home. Social Action and standing up for Women and Children around the world have always been a central part of my life. I live, eat, and breathe Social Justice! I am still an RN I’m retired after 43 years of nursing.

Please contact me for any questions, concerns, or ideas. I also love to talk!

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Menstrual Kits are the highest priority at this time.

Interim Mission, Education, & Interpretation

Coordinator: Donna Owens

Hi, my name is Donna Owens. I have been appointed as the Interim MEI (Mission, Education, and Interpretation Coordinator) for the United Women In Faith. As the MEI Coordinator, my role is to encourage everyone to bring hands-on projects to events and to collect them. Let's work together to make this a success, and I look forward to working with each and every one of you! Attached below are items we have previously collected and will be collecting throughout this year .

Hygiene Kit

Value: \$12.00 per kit

Hygiene Kit Materials

- * 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
 - Do not remove from packaging.
 - Personal advertising not acceptable
- * 10 adhesive bandages (3 / 4 by 3 inches)
 - Common household bandages acceptable
- * One one-gallon size re-sealable bag
- *Do not add toothpaste when assembling kits

Assembly Instructions

- * Lay hand towel flat on a 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.
- * Grasp the bundle tightly and roll over the remainder of the towel.
- * Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag, remove air, and seal.

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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.

Packing Instructions

- Please send a single check to the Sager Brown Depot or the affiliate warehouse that will receive your donation of hygiene kits.
- The check amount should cover the total number of kits times \$2.00 for the cost of toothpaste and shipping.
- On the memo line, please indicate that the funds are an additional donation to cover costs associated with relief supply kits.

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Menstrual Hygiene Kit

Value: \$24.00 per kit

Menstrual Hygiene Kit Materials

- One one-gallon size re-sealable bag
- Two 2oz bottle hand sanitizer
- Three 4-gallon bathroom trash bags
- One travel pack of wet ones
- 10 Tampons (5 regular and 5 super absorbency)
 - o Unscented
- 10 Sanitary Napkins
 - o Unscented
 - o Long super ultra-thin
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)
 - o No Ivory or Jergen's soap
 - o Do not remove from packaging.
- One pack of flushable wipes (42 count)
 - o Unscented
- Six laundry detergent sheets
 - o Laundry detergent sheets should be placed inside of a small plastic storage bag prior to being added to the kit.

Assembly Instructions

- Start with a one-gallon resealable bag.
- Place one pack of the flushable wipes and wet ones in the bag.
- Place three 4-gallon bathroom trash bags and the 10 sanitary napkins in the bag.
- Then, add the smaller items in the plastic bag, remove air, and seal.

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.

Packing Instructions

- Please send a single check to the Sager Brown Depot or the affiliate warehouse that will receive your donation of menstrual hygiene kits.
- The check amount should cover the total number of kits times \$2.00 for the cost of shipping.
- Do not place check inside the box of menstrual hygiene kits. Please mail under a separate cover. On the memo line, indicate that the funds are a donation to cover costs associated with relief supply kits.

For the most up to date and accurate Relief Supply Kit List, go to

<https://umcmmission.org/umcor-relief-supplies/>.

\$\$\$ Notes from the Treasurer

2025 Mission Giving Update

I'm pleased to share our Uwharrie District's mission giving results for 2025: Pledge Achievement: We reached 54.98% of our \$30,000 pledge goal (set in July 2025), contributing \$16,494.50.

Additional Mission Support:

- Western North Carolina Conference mission giving: \$24,526.34
- Legacy Fund sent to National Office: \$1,453.21
- Total giving (designated and undesignated): \$31,117.68

Thank you for your dedication to your unit and our district. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference in our mission work.

If you have questions regarding what any of these categories mean, please don't hesitate to ask me or any District Officer.



Treasurer Report

As I start my 4th year as your Treasurer, I look forward to hopefully seeing many of you in-person this year at District and Conference events. The 1st event will be on February 21st, at St Luke UMC in Asheboro. The speaker will be LaDonna Butts. I have heard her speak in the past and know that you would really enjoy this Mission Study. I would love to see everyone there. Until then, let's still do what we can to help women, youth and children locally and around the world.

If you need anything from me or have any questions, please feel free to call, text, or email me.

Blessings,

Jeanette V. Mixon,

Uwharrie District Treasurer

To All Unit Treasurers:

Please submit the following items to me as soon as possible if you haven't already:

- Your unit's 2025 list of pin recipients and GTM/GIM card recipients.
- Your 2026 pledge form with updated contact information.

If you need any forms, just let me know.

Important reminder: First-quarter remittances are due by February 28th. I'll send you a letter around February 1st with details about what to include.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or need assistance—you can call, text, or email me anytime.

Options for Unit Giving

If your unit is not meeting in person, you have two convenient ways to contribute:

Online: Visit the WNCC UMW website and click the "GIVE NOW" link at the top of the home page, or go directly to All online gifts will be credited to your unit.

By check: Send your check directly to me and note your unit name on the check. Your contribution will be credited to your unit's giving.

For units meeting in person: You can continue using the normal quarterly remittance process.

UW Faith WNCC Uwharrie District 2026 Calendar

 <p>Jan. 10 Deadline for District Newsletter articles 1 st Quarter Jan. 24 Uwharrie Team Meeting 10-12 in-person District Office</p>	 <p><u>Feb. 21</u> Mission Study: St. Luke UMC, Asheboro NC Registration 9:30; Mtg 10:15- 2:15 Speaker: LaDonna Butts Hands on Project: Menstrual Kits</p>	 <p><u>Mar 1</u> Scholarship application deadline before March 15 WNCC Scholarship Committee Meeting <u>Mar 7</u> Deadline for District newsletter articles 2 nd Quarter <u>Mar 14</u> Uwharrie Team Meeting: 10-12 (Zoom) <u>Mar 23</u> Mission Giving Day All UW Faith Members</p>
 <p>April 11 Uwharrie Prayer Breakfast ; New London UMC, 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</p>	 <p>May 15-17 UW Faith Assembly: Indianapolis, Indiana: All UW Faith 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</p>	 <p><u>June 6</u> Uwharrie Movin For Missions 3: 9-11 Belk-Tonawanda Park, Monroe <u>June 6</u> Deadline for District newsletter articles 3rd Quarter <u>June 11-13</u> WNCC Spiritual Growth Retreat: TBD <u>June 18-21</u> WNCC UMC Annual Conference: Lake Junaluska <u>June 27</u> Uwharrie Movin for Missions 4:9-11 Grimes Park, Lexington(team meeting to follow 12-2 First Lexington UMC meal provided</p>
 <p>July 11 Uwharrie Movin for Missions 5: 9-11 Randolph Mall, Asheboro July 25 Uwharrie Team Meeting 10-12 (zoom)</p>	 <p>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 UW Faith members</p>	 <p>Sept 5 Deadline for District newsletter articles 4th quarter Sept 12 WNCC Annual UW Faith Celebration Location TBD</p>
 <p>Oct 3 Uwharrie Team Meeting; 10-12(zoom) Oct 10,24 Ubuntu Days of Service (various locations) Oct 17 Leadership Development Day Location TBD (Zoom)</p>	 <p>Nov 7 Uwharrie District Training for Local Unit Officers Registration 9:30; training 10:15-12:15 Location TBD Uwharrie Team Meeting following training.</p>	

Mission Education & Interpretation Interim Coordinator: Donna Owens

Uwharrie District Mission Study: Practicing Hope



Mission Study Event – February 21, 2026

Join us for an inspiring and enriching mission study at St. Luke UMC, 169 Burns St., Asheboro, NC.

Schedule:

- 9:30 am – Registration & continental breakfast
- 10:00 am – 2:00 pm – Mission study session (4 hours of participation required for study credit)

What to bring:

- Your Bible
- A journal and pen
- Bag lunch (drinks provided)

Registration fee: \$10 (covers gift and supplies for each participant)

Featured speakers: We're thrilled to welcome back LaDonna Butts, who always brings the study material to life with passion and insight. This year, she'll be joined by her daughter, Kimberly Teague. Together, they'll present a timely and powerful program perfectly suited for the season we're in. Mark your calendars—you won't want to miss this!

Mission Study 2026: "Practicing Hope"

Join us for a transformative study that reveals hope in unexpected places—what we call refugia. Like a flower pushing through a crack in the sidewalk or plants emerging from hardened lava flows, refugia are spaces where life persists against all odds, where isolated populations of once-widespread species find sanctuary and strength.

Through Scripture, we'll walk alongside biblical mentors who discovered hope in their darkest moments: Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb, the confused disciples, and the travelers on the road to Emmaus. Together, we'll journey from the disillusionment and despair of Christ's death to the vibrant, hope-filled community we see flourishing in Acts.

This isn't just a lecture—through table discussions, interactive engagement, and hands-on workshops, you'll experience a study that is as hopeful as it is unique.

Come discover where hope grows when you least expect it.

Mission Education & Interpretation

Registration Form: Please complete and return with a \$10 fee to Uwharrie District

Treasurer: Jeanette Mixon 235 Woodbrier Drive, Lexington, NC 27292 by the registration deadline of February 14th.

Church Name: _____ Address _____

City _____ County _____ Zip Code _____

President of Local Unit _____ Phone _____

Number attending Mission Study _____

Please list the names of attendees and send a \$10 registration fee for each person attending to cover the cost of supplies.

Attendees _____



About LaDonna Butts

LaDonna Butts is a dedicated member of Forest Hill UMC, currently serving as Membership, Nurture & Outreach Coordinator for her local United Women in Faith unit. Her service spans multiple levels of church leadership—local, district, and conference—and she is completing her final year as Dean of Mission U for the Conference.

While some may recognize her from "Jazzercising for Jesus," LaDonna is perhaps best known for leading Senior Chair Aerobics, affectionately called "Musical Chairs," a ministry she has faithfully led for the past 18 years. In 2024, she was honored with the Laity Service Award for her outstanding service.

LaDonna and her husband, Andy, recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. They are blessed with three children, including their oldest daughter, Kimberly Teague, and five wonderful grandchildren. With a recent engagement in the family, their immediate family has grown to 14 members who gather often, as nearly everyone lives locally.



About Kimberly Teague

Kimberly Teague is an active member of Forest Hill UMC, currently serving as Secretary for United Women in Faith. She also serves as church secretary at Epworth United Methodist Church, giving her a unique connection to both UW Faith units.

Beyond her work with United Women in Faith, Kimberly has been deeply committed to her Via de Cristo community. Since her Pilgrim walk in 2011, she has served on multiple weekends in various roles. This fall, she will be honored to serve as Rectora for the Women's weekend—a testament to her faithfulness and leadership.

Kimberly and her husband Curtis live in Concord, and they have one son who currently resides in Wilmington, NC.

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Nurturing Partners

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1	Church	MB R	Nurturing Partner	30	Jordan Memorial, Ramseur/ La Luz de Cristo, Asheboro	29	Lillian Marshall
2	Olivet, Lilesville / Forestville, Lilesville		Cindy Carter	31	New Union, Asheboro		Lillian Marshall
3	Forestville, Lilesville		Cindy Carter	32	Rehobeth, Ramseur		Gina Scheller
4	Bethlehem, Waxhaw	52	Cindy Carter	33	Flag Springs, Asheboro	25	Marsha Garwood
5	Franklinville, Franklinville / Seagrove, Seagrove	11	Cindy Carter	34	Asheboro Circuit (Cox Chapel, Ramseur / Mitchell,		Marsha Garwood
6	Rock Grove, Salisbury	15	Cindy Newport	35	Asheboro / St. Marks, Asheboro)		
7	First, Salisbury	88	Cindy Newport	36	First, Asheboro	103	Marsha Garwood
8	Locust, Locust		Cindy Newport	37	McCrary Chapel, Ramseur	10	Marsha Garwood
9	Love's Chapel, Stanfield		Cindy Newport	38	Union, Waxhaw		New - Cindy Carter
10	Oakboro, Oakboro		Cindy Newport	39	Memorial, Monroe		new - Denise Henton
11	New London, New London	13	Cindy Newport	40	Trinity Monroe / Waxhaw, Waxhaw		New/New-Cindy Carter
12	Ansonville, Ansonville / Cedar Hill, Concord		Sharon Johnson	41	Milford Hills, Salisbury	78	Gina Scheller
13	Shiloh, Grant Quarry / Grace, Salisbury		Denise Henton	42	First Street, Albemarle		Deborah Bonilla
14	Wingate, Wingate	20	Denise Henton	43	Bethany, Albemarle	18	Deborah Bonilla
15	Hanna Chapel, Wadesboro		Sharon Johnson	44	Wesley Chapel, Misenheim	18	Deborah Bonilla
16	Poplar Hill, Wadesboro		Krista Herold	45	Central, Albemarle		
17	Cedar Grove, Norwood / Cedar Hill, Wadesboro / *Concord, Wadesboro		Krista Herold	46	Main Street, Albemarle / New Mount Tabor, Richfield		Deborah Bonilla
18	Gilboa, Marshville / Peachland, Peachland	8	Krista Herold	47	Porter, Albemarle		Deborah Bonilla
19	Central, Monroe	53	Sharon Johnson	48	Mt Tabor, Salisbury / Christ, Salisbury	14	Sarah Lee
20	Piney Grove, Denton / Pleasant Grove, Trinity		Donna Owens	49	Randall By the River, Norwood		Sarah Lee
21	Chapel Hill, Denton unit cont'd	18	Donna Owens	50	First, Norwood	37	Sarah Lee
22	Linwood, Linwood / Trinity, Lexington	10	Donna Owens	51	Stony Hill, Albemarle		Sarah Lee
23	Marshville, Marshville/Anson	9	Krista Herold	52	Badin, Badin		Sarah Lee
24	Providence, Salisbury	34	Jeanette Mixon	53	* Central, Spencer / Coburn Linwood Memorial, Salisbury	0	Sarah Lee
25	Bethel, Salisbury		Jeanette Mixon	54	First, Wadesboro (Anson Cooperative Parish - First, Wadesboro / Morven, Morven/Pleasant Hill, McFarland)	20	Sharon Johnson
26	Central, Denton	27	Jeanette Mixon	55	Morven, Morven		Sharon Johnson
27	Cotton Grove, Lexington	7	Lillian Marshall	56	Pleasant Hill, McFarlan	8	Sharon Johnson
28	First, Lexington	22	Marsha Garwood	57	Fountain Hill, Peachland / Mount Moriah, Marshville		Denise Henton
29	Cedar Falls, Asheboro / Mount Olivet, Seagrove		Gina Scheller	58	Oak Grove, China Grove	20	Gina Scheller
				59	Unity, Kannapolis		Gina Scheller
				60	*Royal Oaks, Kannapolis / South, China Grove	7	Gina Scheller
				61	Macedonia, Lexington	34	Tonya Lanier
				62	St. Luke, Asheboro	24	Tonya Lanier
				63	Empire Charge UWFaith: Piney Ridge-Seagrove, Pleasant Hill-Seagrove, Stout's Chapel-Ramseur	18	Tonya Lanier
				64	Pleasant Hill, (Empire Seagrove) Empire Circuit	5	Tonya Lanier
				65	Fairview, Denton	12	Wanda Craven
				66	Reeds, Lexington / Ebenezer, Lexington		Wanda Craven
				67	St. Stephen, Lexington	24	Wanda Craven
				68	Wesley Heights, Lexington		Wanda Craven



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