



# United Women in Faith

## Western North Carolina

We believe love in action can change the world.



### Communications Upcoming Events

#### Uwharrie District Events

April 11, 2026: Prayer  
Breakfast –New London UMC,  
New London  
Speaker: Rev. Tammy Ingram

United Women In Faith Assembly  
in Indianapolis, Indiana:  
May 15-17, 2026  
This is only held every 4 years!  
The theme is  
Dream It! Believe It! Do It!

Last day to register is April 13th .  
Contact Vickie Brown if you are  
interested in going. Some ladies  
from our conference  
are carpooling.

Western NC Conference Spiritual  
Growth Retreat: Lake Junaluska  
June 11-13th 2026  
Speakers: Rev. Lucy Robbins &  
Rev. Holly McKim

**See Calendar on page  
13 for more events  
this year.**

Spring is a season of renewal, and a quiet invitation to open our hearts to new beginnings. Our journey with God unfolds layer by layer showing His creativity, care, and love. It gives us Hope in ways that surprise and delight us. We received much hope as we participated in the Uwharrie District Mission Study: Practicing Hope Together on February 21 st at St. Luke UMC in Asheboro. LaDonna Butts and Kimberly Teague did a wonderful job describing what hope is, what refugia is, and how hope is a ritual and a seed. We also learned how we grow and practice hope. Each participant received a faith, hope, and love bracelet and a little bag of hope. Everyone said the mission study not only met expectations but went beyond their expectations. Comments were: “Great speakers, great topic—inspirational & affirming.”

We are looking forward with much excitement to our prayer breakfast on April 11 th at New London UMC at 206 South Main Street, New London, NC 28127. Rev. Tammy Ingram will be our speaker, and she is the Senior Pastor of Saint Matthews UMC in Greensboro. She is elated to use her ministerial gifts to proclaim the word of God to inspire audiences to become faithful, fruitful disciples for Jesus Christ. Pastor Tammy endeavors to “live out” her favorite scripture from Luke 4: 18-19. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives & recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed. To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord”. I have heard Pastor Tammy at a Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska & the Spirit was definitely in the place that day!!! You don’t want to miss this dynamic spiritual opportunity on April 11 th !!!

Don’t forget March 23rd is the birthday of United Women in Faith. It would be a wonderful time to give to this great mission organization. Please give to the Legacy Fund so that UW Faith may continue being the hands and feet of Jesus to so many in need: locally, nationally, & internationally. You can give to the Legacy Fund for the birthday of UW Faith or to honor or remember your mother or another special lady on Mother’s Day.

On April 11th at our Prayer Breakfast, we will be using the blessing basket to raise money for missions. There will be no registration fee charged for this event. Instead, we will have a blessing basket at the registration table. Please bring an envelope with a special blessing that you have received in your life. You can sign the card or not—whichever you prefer. Please explain how different your life would be without this special Divine gift or blessing. Try to envision what your life would be like and how your world would change without certain blessings in your life. This will be a time to give whatever amount you would like to missions & to thank God for your special blessings.

**UWF President Sarah Lee**



So I look forward to seeing you on April 11 th as we have a very spiritually enlightening message, and share our blessings as we give offerings to help others in need. In Rev. 3:20 Jesus says, “ He will share a meal with us.” He’s inviting us into a personal, trusting relationship. “Eating with God” is a metaphor for intimacy, acceptance, and spiritual nourishment—being united with Him, receiving His guidance and experiencing His love. It’s an invitation to walk in daily fellowship, hear His voice, and be transformed by His presence. We are discovering the closeness, care, and life-giving sustenance only He can provide. Peace and blessings for each of you as you walk with our Lord during this Lenten season.

## Committee on Nominations

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### Why Say Yes.....

I am often asked why I am so involved in United Women in Faith or why I volunteered from the beginning..... and my immediate response, right off the cuff, is.....why not?

But that seems so simple and unfair, but it is the truth.

Why not be part of an organization whose mission is to help others? Why not be part of a sisterhood that promotes spiritual growth and leadership development? Why not devote time and energy to a group that keeps its pulse on current events and social action issues? Yes, serving on the local, district, or conference level can be extremely time-consuming, but the reward is greater than one can ever imagine.

I will be honest and say that I worried deeply about being around ladies who did not look like me or were from different socioeconomic backgrounds. Initially, I was concerned about the inter-generational relationships and how a baby boomer would fit in these dynamics. I was apprehensive about being with preachers and teachers, doctors and lawyers, those more educated than little 'ole me. At the beginning, when I entered a gathering and saw the makeup of the room, I briefly questioned my purpose, but little did I know that I was supposed to be at that spot.....at that time. There was a blessing waiting for me, I just had to go in and get it.

Yeah, it was a mindset change. But it worked. It always worked in my favor.

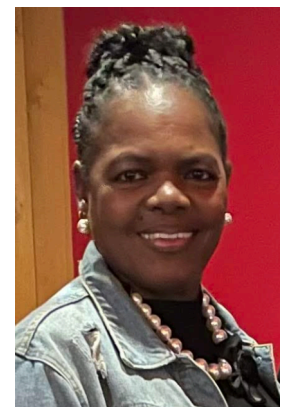
Joining United Women in Faith did a few things:

- challenged me to grow spiritually and strengthened my faith
- introduced me to people that might never otherwise have crossed my path
- created opportunities that I did not see
- tapped into skills that I did not know I had
- inspired me to become the best version of myself
- and so much more.

All of this was gained by taking the first step and agreeing to serve with United Women in Faith. Anyone thinking of getting involved, I urge you to say yes. I can honestly say that it can be a game-changer in your life. If you serve with your heart, only great things can happen. There will be a support system to help and guide you when and where needed. New doors will be opened, and new lives will be enriched because you said yes to United Women in Faith.

Feel free to reach out to me with questions or comments. Better yet, connect with a member of the nominations committee. You will be glad you did.

Lovingly submitted,  
Tonya Lanier  
A United Woman in Faith for Life



## Membership, Nurture, & Outreach

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

**What is Moving 4 Mission?** A fundraising initiative by United Women in Faith (UWFaith) where groups raise money while doing physical activities together — walking, running, dancing, chair exercising, Zumba, hiking, or any chosen activity.

**Who Can Participate?** Everyone is welcome regardless of ability. All participants must sign a waiver and photo release form.

**How Are Funds Raised?** Through suggested admission fees at events. Every dollar supports UWFaith's mission work.

**How to Get Involved:**

- Host or attend a local, district, or conference Moving 4 Mission event
- Donate through your local unit or nationally
- Create a personal fundraising link
- Credit your conference, district, and local unit when giving



**Useful Links:**

- Start a fundraiser: <https://unitedwomeninfaith.donorsupport.co/-/XNFULKJA>
- National giving link: <https://www.uwfaith.org/?form=move4mission>

With warm weather arriving, now is the perfect time to start planning — Let's Get Moving for Missions!

The list offers creative ways to raise funds through two main themes — active movement and crafting/knitting:

**Movement-Based:**

- Sponsored hikes (individual or group) based on miles completed
- A 24-hour solo relay on a local trail with per-lap donations
- Guided hike tours charging donation-based entry fees

**Rocking Chair Events:**

- Individual rocking chair marathons with hourly pledges
- A communal Rock-a-Thon held virtually or in person

**Knitting & Crafting:**

- Knit-a-Thons with pledges per completed item
- Craft sales and virtual craft fairs selling handmade goods online
- Knitting workshops with a suggested entry fee
- Custom knit requests fulfilled for donors who contribute a set amount
- Knitting items for charitable donation to raise awareness and funds

All activities are designed to engage participants at various skill and fitness levels while generating donations for the Move 4 Mission cause.

**Why Invite a District or Conference Officer to Your Local Unit:** It's a great opportunity to gain resources, strengthen relationships, share concerns, fulfill Mission Today criterion #22, and enjoy fellowship.

**How to Invite an Officer:**

- Reach out to your assigned Nurturing Partner — each local unit has one who should already be in contact with you throughout the year. Invite them to meetings, events, or United Women in Faith Sunday.
- To invite a different officer, find contact information in your district or conference newsletter.
- Check district newsletters for a list of Nurturing Partners and their assigned units.
- Contact your district president if you can't locate your Nurturing Partner's information.

Questions? Contact Kim Eller at

[kimelleryobev21@gmail.com](mailto:kimelleryobev21@gmail.com), WNCC UWFaith Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator.

## Historian




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With spring upon us, I hope you have time to get outside and enjoy this new season. There will be lovely flowers, birds, butterflies and so much more. There will be bright sunshine and blue skies. We will be wearing vibrant and bright colors. What a wonderful backdrop for picture taking. What a time for making memories. I encourage you to do a little self-care and soul-searching by taking a walk outside (lets ignore the pollen) and taking a picture. This will be a moment frozen in time.

The 2026 Mission Study was a great success. A few historical moments were captured in the photos below.

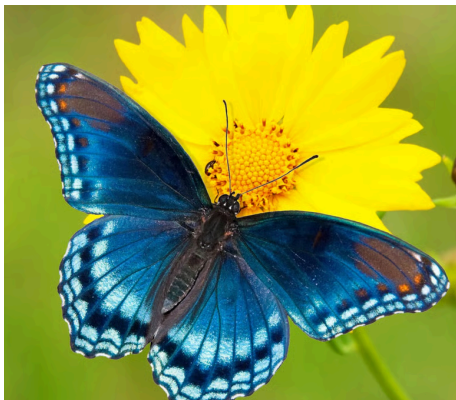
Please send me any photos of your unit for the Uwharrie photo album.

Feel free to email them to [wandacraven269@yahoo.com](mailto:wandacraven269@yahoo.com) or mail them to: Wanda Craven, 269 Baney Drive, Lexington, NC 27292. Or hand them to me the next time I see you at a district meeting or event. I will be waiting.

Love,

Wanda Craven

Uwharrie District Historian



## 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](http://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(uwf.org/read)**

Women in Faith can equip themselves for the personal and spiritual challenges they face.

To provide resources and encourage learning toward that goal, the 2026 Reading Program offers a list of books in five categories: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth.

Women in Faith are encouraged to select books from this list to read throughout the year. Participants can receive recognition for their efforts by accessing the reading list at [uwf.org/read](http://uwf.org/read), setting a goal, and locating books. For reluctant readers, audiobooks are allowed and small group discussions are encouraged. To alleviate cost, use your local public library or contact the Resource Center at the Western NC Conference UMC in Huntersville, NC. Go to [resourcecenter@wncumc.org](mailto:resourcecenter@wncumc.org) or call 704-535-2260. They will gladly assist.

The Uwharrie District Women in Faith recognizes participation in the Reading Program following end-of-year reporting by local unit presidents in December. Therefore, those who read during the 2025 Reading Program reported their reading in December of 2025 and will be recognized during the Uwharrie District Annual Celebration on Saturday, August 15, 2026. Last year, over 30 women reported completion of their programs and will receive individual recognitions.

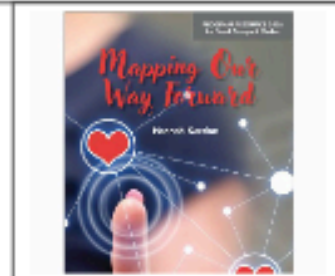
As Secretary of Program Resources, I encourage all local units to promote the 2026 Reading Program.

Local presidents, please contact me at [sharperstep@roadrunner.com](mailto:sharperstep@roadrunner.com), if you have any questions or need assistance in sharing the program.

- 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

**Program Resources**

*Mapping Our Way Forward* by Hannah Kardon is the primary program resource for Women in Faith. This current resource for small groups and circles can be purchased on the [uwf.org](http://uwf.org) website. Print version is \$14.99 and bundle (print and digital) is \$19.99.



**Response Magazine**

[uwfaith.org/resources/response-magazine](http://uwfaith.org/resources/response-magazine)

Digital for 1 year (6 issues)	\$24.00
Print for 1 year (6 issues)	\$32.00
Single issues print (Shipping not included)	\$6.00
Single issues digital	\$4.00

**Book Reaction**



*Heart of Fire* was inspiring. Just think— a seven-year-old Japanese girl who could not read or write in English grew up to be a U.S. Senator.  
 Gail Whittington  
 Pleasant Hill UMC



*The Light She Feels Inside*, a children's book, introduced this adult to women who truly made a difference. It is an especially good resource for parents and educators  
 Sharon Johnson

If you or your UWF local unit, has a beloved resource/practice/book reaction that you would share, email ideas to Sharon Johnson at [sharperstep@roadrunner.com](mailto:sharperstep@roadrunner.com). Thanks!!

## DISTRICT SOCIAL ACTION

The primaries are over, and I hope all of you voted. There may be some runoffs in your District, so please vote again if this is the case. Keep encouraging your church members to vote in the fall election as well.

As part of United Women in Faith's 2024-2028 focus on environmental stewardship — rooted in Genesis 2:15 — Here are some practical ways to care for God's Creation, I am inspired by author Mary Alice Monroe's concept of "Light One Candle."

Key suggestions include:

- Recycling — Use curbside bins or county recycling centers for household goods, and return plastic bags to grocery stores that accept them.
- Reduce plastic — Switch to reusable tote bags, water bottles, and thermoses. Plastic bottles are the world's top pollutant. Tap filters are a good alternative to bottled water.
- Protect waterways — Don't litter in oceans, lakes, or beaches. Pick up trash when visiting and teach children to do the same. Be mindful that agricultural runoff and fertilizers also contaminate water.
- Avoid balloons — Never release them outdoors, as they are deadly to wildlife.
- Vehicle maintenance — Keep your car and air conditioner in good working order to reduce your carbon footprint.
- Church & community action — Use reusable dishes at events, hold environmental programs at circle meetings, and utilize resources from the Women's Division and United Methodist Church.

Contact: Marsha McCrary Garwood | 704-418-1947 |

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THINK GREEN!



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# Newsletter Report

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2026



## Mission Study 2026- Community Outreach Update

Mission Education and Interpretation is the process of teaching and informing people about missionary work both locally and globally. Its goal is to encourage individuals to participate in outreach, prayer, and service while helping them better understand the church's mission in the world. Through education and storytelling, churches inspire members to support mission efforts and create positive social change.

### **Purpose of Mission Education:**

The purpose of Mission Education and Interpretation is to connect people with the mission of the church. It helps members understand how faith can be practiced through service, compassion, and community support. By learning about mission work, individuals are encouraged to grow spiritually and help others in need.

### **Mission Education often includes:**

- Studying Bible-based lessons and curriculum
- Praying for mission work and missionaries
- Supporting mission programs through giving and service
- Learning about local and global outreach efforts

### **Mission Study 2026 Collection**

During the 2026 Mission Study, several churches came together to support community outreach efforts by collecting important care supplies.

Participating churches included:

- Jordan Memorial UMC
- St. Luke UMC
- Bethlehem UMC

### **Items Collected:**

- Jordan Memorial UMC: 3 Menstrual Kits – \$6.00
- St. Luke UMC: 2 Menstrual Kits
- Bethlehem Church: 10 Hygiene Kits – \$154.00

These donations will help provide essential hygiene products to individuals and families who need them most.

### Closing Message:

“THANKFULNESS IS THE BEGINNING OF GRATITUDE. GRATITUDE IS THE COMPLETION OF THANKFULNESS.”

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE LADIES AND CHURCHES WHO PARTICIPATED AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE MISSION STUDY 2026 COLLECTION. YOUR GENEROSITY AND DEDICATION HELP BRING HOPE AND SUPPORT TO MANY PEOPLE IN NEED!

## Prayer Breakfast April 11, 2026

New London UMC  
206 S. Main St.  
New London, NC



Pastor Tamara Ingram is a native of Greensboro, NC. She graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and continued her education at Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, NC where she graduated with a Master's Degree in Divinity.

Pastor Tammy is an Elder in Full Connection of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. As the proud Senior Pastor of Saint Matthews United Methodist Church-Greensboro, she is elated to use her ministerial gifts to proclaim the Word of God to inspire her audiences to become faithful, fruitful disciples for Jesus Christ.

Additionally, she is the Convener of the Religion and Race within the Western North Carolina Conference of the UMC. In this role, she works to shape a more just and inclusive church that pursues equity, dignity and justice in Jesus' name.

She is a servant of the Lord, and she is dedicated to representing Jesus Christ to the fullest, all-day, and everyday-- readily serving God and the people of God. Pastor Tammy is married to Rev. Rodvegas Ingram. They are the proud parents of 2 sons Marc (Charity) and John Cameron. Their latest and proudest titles are that of MiMi and Paw Paw to their 3 granddaughters: 10 year old Katelyn, 6 year old Carmen and 4 year old Charlie.

Pastor Tammy endeavors to "live out" her favorite scripture that comes from Luke 4:18-19

"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed: To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

## Spiritual Growth Cindy Carter

Hello to my Sisters in Christ! I am really enjoying this gorgeous Spring weather. The warmth of the sun, the cloudless Carolina blue sky, the trees budding out, the flowers blooming, all those signs of Spring and renewal and resurrection, all pointing to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and to hope. And that brings us to our next district event, our Prayer Breakfast on April 11. The theme is Discovering Hope Together. I hope you are as excited as I am that we can look forward to Rev. Tammy Ingram as our speaker. We have another special guest as well Mary, the mother of our Lord will also be with us. Wow! This will be a very special time together, so get your reservations in, and we'll see you in New London.

Serving in Christ  
Cindy Carter  
Uwharrie District Spiritual Growth

Spiritual Growth Coordinator: Cindy Carter

Prayer Breakfast

Registration Form: Please complete and return to

Uwharrie District Treasurer: Jeanette Mixon 235 Woodbrier Drive, Lexington, NC 27292 Email: mixonjx@yahoo.com  
by the registration deadline of **March 29th**.

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

President of Local Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending Prayer Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_

**Attendance is FREE — no registration fee required! However, we do ask that you let us know how many will be attending by March 29th so we can plan accordingly for food preparation.**

Please list the names of attendees

Attendees \_\_\_\_\_  
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### *Blessing Basket*

#### Fundraiser for Missions

1. Each person writes their blessing on a card and places it in an envelope to put in the basket at registration along with their mission donation. The donation would depend on how special the blessing is for you.
2. Each person explains on the card how different her life might be without this special, often Divine, gift or blessing.
3. The card can be signed or not—whatever you prefer
4. Some of the blessings will be shared during the worship section of our Prayer Breakfast.
5. Try to envision what your life would be like, and how your world would change, without certain blessings in your life.



The Love Offering — During the worship service, we will receive a love offering for missions. Please give generously so that other women, children, and youth may also be blessed.

## \$\$\$ Notes from the Treasurer



Our Q1 remittance was sent in on March 9 th . Year-to-date, we have paid \$2,427.50 against our Pledge to Mission so far, which is 8.09%. 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 \$3,468.40. 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 11 th. I look forward to seeing you at this event.

You can give online on the WNCN UMW website. It can be found on the very top line on the Home Page GIVE NOW or at <https://wncnwmw.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

Jeanette Mixon  
Uwharrie District Treasurer

### Why Leave a LEGACY?

Glad you asked. Leaving a legacy ensures that future generations of Women in Faith will have an impactful, full and positive life. Persons today care enough to give so that tomorrow's children have transforming lives. Lives that allow them not to just exist but thrive. Leaving a legacy will connect stories while providing a foundation to build upon. We all will leave a legacy, whether intentional or not, whether, positive or negative, by how we treat people and by what we value.

In Western North Carolina, so far, through September 2025, we have given \$565,365.65. As of September 30, 2025, the Legacy Endowment fund had reached \$51,994,013.00! This shows that we are just \$8,000,000.00 short of our bold goal of \$60 million.

I hope you plan to give a gift to The Legacy fund. Every gift of every size moves us closer to our goal. A gift to The Legacy Fund is not just for its monetary value but it invests in the next generation of bold women who live their faith by showing up and taking action in service of mercy, love and justice.

Make a gift to the Legacy Fund through your local unit United Women in Faith treasurer or online on the national office website at <https://uwfaith.org/give/legacy-fund/>

- By phone: 800-278-7771 (8 am-6pm EST, M-F)
  - By check: note "Legacy Fund" in memo and mail to: United Women in Faith, Attn: Legacy, Church Center for the United Nations, 777 United Nations Plaza, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10017
  - Be a Legacy Builder by making a gift of at least \$18.69 per month
- Learn more on our website at <https://wncnwmw.org/legacyfund>.


A legacy depends on you!

Tonya Lanier

Uwharrie District Legacy Representative



## UW Faith WNCC Uwharrie District 2026 Calendar

 <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>June 6 Uwharrie Movin For Missions 3: 9-11 Belk-Tonawanda Park, Monroe June 6 Deadline for District newsletter articles 3rd 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</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) Location to be determined. 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>	 <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>United Women in Faith Western North Carolina</p> </div>
 <p><b>BLESSING of the ANIMALS</b> May 30 Uwharrie Movin For Missions 2: 9-11 Dan Nicholas Park, Salisbury</p>	<p><b><u>Movin 4 Missions 2026 Uwharrie District Mission Walks</u></b> *_Vickie Brown: May 23rd Central Denton Park: Denton Vickie Brown: May 30th Dan Nicholas Park Salisbury with the blessing of the animals.</p>	<p>*Cindy Carter June 6th Belk Tonawanda Park: Monroe * Donna Owens: June 27th: Grimes Park: Lexington *Jeanette Mixon: July 11th Randolph Mall, Asheboro</p>



**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!**



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Western North Carolina

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5 levels of giving / Mission Information

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Church	MBR	Nurturing Partner	President of Local Unit	Phone number of President
Bethany, Albemarle	21	Cindy Newport	Deborrah Hinson	980-581-0167
Bethlehem, Waxhaw	47	Denise Henton	Cindy Carter	423-612-1421
Franklinville/Franklenville	12	Sharon Johnson	Sue Saunders	336-824-4439/336-301-0041
Rock Grove, Salisbury	0	Wanda Craven	New	
First, Salisbury	59	Cindy Newport	Brenda Loflin	704-798-6730
Oakboro, Oakboro	11	Cindy Newport	Deborah Bonilla	253-656-1465
New London, New London	10	Deborah Bonilla	Deborah Eady	704-463-5721
Ansonville, Ansonville / Cedar Hill, Concord	0	Krista Herold	New	
Wingate, Wingate	12	Cindy Carter	Denise Henton	980-328-6103/704-289-8689
Central, Monroe	56	Cindy Carter	Cheri Barker	704-242-4851
Linwood, Linwood	10	Donna Owens	Carolyn Thompson	336-3026335
Marshville, Marshville/Anson	8	Denise Henton	Jane Ellickson	704-624-5468/704-292-7519
Providence, Salisbury	33	Jeanette Mixon	Barbara Howard	704-633-6675
Central, Denton	29	Jeanette Mixon	Cathy Ward	336-880-1057
Cotton Grove, Lexington	7	Lillian Marshall-Sally	Janie Sink	
First, Lexington	16	Donna Owens	Marsha Garwood	704-418-1947
Jordan Memorial, Ramseur	26	Jeanette Mixon	Betty Jo Armfield	336-963-2792
Gilboa, Marshville	8	Denise Henton	Beth Scheller	704-441-4539
First, Asheboro	84	Marsha Garwood	Helen Shore	336-963-0326
McCrary Chapel, Ramseur	10	Marsha Garwood	Brenda Goldston	
Memorial, Monroe	0	Deborah Bonilla		
Waxhaw, Waxhaw	0	new-Cindy Carter		
Milford Hills, Salisbury	71	Krista Herold	Betty Jo Hardy	704-636-6119
Wesley Chapel, Misenheimer				
Central, Albemarle	12	Marsha Garwood	Rosemary Nelson	704-607-2360
First, Norwood	13	Deborah Bonilla	Millie Little	704-678-6628
Badin, Badin	0	Lillian Marshall-Sally		
Central Spencer	28	Donna Owens	Lynne Purvis	704-239-8217/704-638-9492
First Wadesboro	12	Sharon Johnson	Sue Barr	704-694-2239/704-695-4228
Morven, Morven	7	Sharon Johnson	Betty Ratliff	704-254-1554
Pleasant Hill, McFarlan	7	Krista Herold	Lois Cox	704-465-8346
Oak Grove, China Grove	8	Sarah Lee	Amy Walters	980-521-1602
*Royal Oaks, Kannapolis / South, China Grove	0	Sarah Lee		
Macedonia, Lexington	26	Tonya Lanier	Sherry O'Neil	336-239-9245
St. Luke, Asheboro	25	Wanda Craven	Vanessa Brooks	336-301-6822
Empire Charge UWFaith: Piney Ridge-Seagrove, Pleasant Hill-Seagrove, Stout's Chapel-Ramseur	18	Tonya Lanier	Lois Harris	336-879-3362
Pleasant Hill, (Empire Seagrove) Empire Circuit	7	Tonya Lanier	Deborah Matthews	336-465-3104/336-879-2893
Fairview, Denton	12	Wanda Craven	Carolyn Jones	336-859-4742
St. Stephen, Lexington	24	Lillian Marshall-Sally	Wanda Craven	336-425-5105

Mission Study  
February 21st, at St. Luke UMC



LaDonna,  
Thank you and  
Kimberly for an  
excellent program  
Saturday. It was  
my first mission U  
and, thanks to you,  
it will not be my  
last. Sharon



I have met women  
today who have shown  
me so much love. My  
hope is strengthened  
by these Women in Faith.  
Sharon Johnson  
Pleasant Hill UMC



**Save the Date:**  
*Winds of Change*  
Western North Carolina Conference  
United Women in Faith  
Spiritual Growth Retreat  
June 11-13, 2026  
Lake Junaluska, NC



Session Leader:  
Rev. Lucy Robbins



Mission Session Leader:  
Rev. Holly McKim

**Internationally**

United Women in Faith supports partners that are enhancing the capacities of local and regional women leaders and supporting economic development programs for women and youth. We provide academic scholarships and support regional missionaries. Our international work empowers women and youth to find local solutions and make positive, measurable change in their communities.

**We Believe  
Love in Action  
Can Change  
The World**

**Nationally,**

National mission institutions are community centers, colleges, and residences providing vital services to vulnerable communities – empowering women, caring for children, and offering residences for special needs children and youth.

**2026 Conference Love Offering**



United Women in Faith Workshop in Dehli



United Women in Faith

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:  
WNCC United Women in Faith

On-line Love Offerings can be made through December 31<sup>st</sup> at:  
**wncumw.org**

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

**United Women in Faith  
Western North Carolina  
Conference**



**2026 Love Offering**

A Gift to Mission in honor of those who are dreaming, believing, and doing on behalf of women, children, and youth across the world.

Annual Celebration  
September 12, 2026

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Hickory, N C

United Women in Faith interprets James 2: 14

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?”

*And*

I Corinthians 10: 31

“Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

**faith**

**action**

**sisterhood**



Reading Program at N Rampart Community Center in New Orleans



Children at Alliance Center in Charlotte N C on the way to the dentist

## Districts and Units Walking for Mission Giving



Mission Giving



# Walk for Mission

## Where Your Dollars Go

- Every dollar raised in the Walk for Mission will be used to support the mission and ministries of United Methodist Women.
- United Methodist Women is an organization of approximately one million members. The organization's purpose is to foster spiritual growth, develop leaders and advocate for justice. Members raise nearly \$18 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children, and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world.
- Thank you for your support!

## Walk Details

- This sponsor form allows you to begin raising funds for the Walk for Mission. Please use it to sign up sponsors! Ask friends, neighbors, and co-workers to sponsor you.
- Ask your sponsors to pay when they pledge. This will ensure the most money for mission with women, children and youth around the world. Sponsors should make their checks payable to: WNCC UMW.
- You can participate by walking where you are! Walks can take place at churches, parks, fitness centers-Be Creative!-Use this as a Mission Education moment. Gather your sponsors, and collect the money, and mail your form and sponsor money to your District Treasurer.



# Walk for Mission 2026

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

District Name \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print all information)

Walker's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Office Use Only – Do Not Write in These Spaces

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Total Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# Of Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Make additional copies of this form as needed)

SPONSOR'S NAME (Please Print)	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	E-MAIL ADDRESS	\$ PLEDGED	\$ PAID
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