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Message from the District President *Jamie Smith*



GREETINGS UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH,

Greetings my FAITHFUL FRIENDS!

I hope all of you were able to attend the Mission Study on March 28, to enjoy the fellowship of our sisterhood and learn more about **PRACTICING HOPE!** Hope is much needed during these days of turmoil throughout this world, affecting so many areas where our UWFaith members are working to make the world a better place for women, children and youth. As we practice keeping our hope alive may we use our prayers to lift up all those who are struggling to find their

hope in what seems to them a hopeless situation.

As I am writing this article, we are in our Lenten season. I recently heard a college student say she planned to apply to Duke Divinity School after college graduation. She has experienced negative reactions from some fellow classmates who believe women can not be allowed to preach. A few days after I heard that, I was reading Sacred Stillness – A Women’s Lenten Devotional Journal. I want to share a part of Day 26. “Women were the central witnesses to the death and resurrection of Jesus. On the other hand, the disciples were absent and showed up after Easter only on the mountain as the women had instructed them. A woman anointed Jesus for burial (Matthew 26:6-12). Pilate’s wife advocated for Jesus’ life (27:19), the women held vigil with Jesus as he endured the cross (27:55) and they kept watch at the tomb (27:61). On the first Easter, Mary Magdalene and Mary returned to Jesus’s grave to find the tomb empty and became the first evangelists of the gospel. He elevated the status of women in His dealings with them, which undoubtedly drew them to Him.”

“...His favor and love extend to us, calling us His beloved children. Can you hear the voice of Jesus singing over you, celebrating you and thanking His Father for you? He does!”

Women were used throughout Jesus’ ministry. Why can we not continue to be of service to him through all we do for the least of these, both locally, nationally and worldwide, as He left instructions for us to do? I hope, and I believe we can!

I look forward to seeing, and I HOPE to see ALL of you at our Prayer Breakfast on April 25!

I thank each of you for everything you do to fulfill our promise of United Women in Faith

Joy and Blessings,

Annual Prayer Breakfast

Yadkin Valley District

United Women in Faith



When: April 25,2026

Where: Bunker Hill UMC- Kernersville

Registration and Breakfast: 9:00-9:45

Program: 10:00-11:30am

Special Music: Brooks Temple Choir

Speaker: Darlene McClendon

Theme: Practicing Hope

Light continental breakfast will be served

Reservation to Berthina Thomas by April 11, 2026, at 336-671-1954 or berthinathomas@windstream.net

Hands on project – Hygiene Kits for Western North Carolina



\$\$\$ Notes from the Treasurer

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

We completed Q1 collections and submitted our Q1 remittance to the Conference in March. We sent

\$11,995.00 or 11.9% of our Pledge to Mission thus far, so we are behind in our giving at this point.

Hopefully, we will improve as the year goes along. Total Mission Giving paid to WNCC was \$15,556.00.

The 2026 Conference Financial Goal is “Each local unit will make and meet their pledge to mission for the year.” Ensure that your local unit holds a pledge service and encourage everyone to make a pledge no matter the size. The 2026 Love Offering dedication will be “a gift to mission in honor of those who are dreaming, believing, and doing on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world”.

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

Ashley Perdue

Yadkin Valley District Treasurer



Greetings Sisterhood,

We have just celebrated the Holy Season of Easter. I hope you have been renewed. I hope you had fellowship with your family and church families. My Lenten devotions were centered on being meek. Being meek does not mean you are weak. Meekness is something that you would not think would be part of a leadership role. But it is very important. This is one of the characteristics of Christ. At the last supper he performed the washing of the disciples’ feet. He told them he came to serve them. Let us pray for each other to be better leaders and to be servants.

Please mark your calendar for Energize, Educate, and Enlighten in October 24th. It will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church, King, NC. There will be more information about this meeting coming. I would really like to hear from you on how to make this meeting enjoyable and educational. This is a good way to meet, have fun, and learn. I look forward to seeing you there.

Hope you all have a wonderful spring.

Love in Christ,



Welcome Spring!

I don't know about you, but I don't think I have ever been quite as excited for winter to turn into spring—pollen and all. I usually love winter. I pull out my cozy sweaters, curl up with a squishy blanket, and spend quiet evenings reading or watching old movies.

But this year was different. Between the relentless cold, an ice storm, and a snowstorm that dumped 15.5 inches in my neck of the woods, I was done with winter long before it was done with me.

And then came that first hint of spring—a budding tree, a warm breeze, a single daffodil. God's turning of the bleak into the beautiful. Every year, this transformation stops me in my tracks, reminding me of the Resurrection: of darkness giving way to light, and of hope rising where despair once lingered. A particular song* captures that joy perfectly, echoing the miracle of morning that follows even the longest night.

Then came the morning! Night turned into day;

The stone was rolled away; Hope rose with the dawn.

Then came the morning! Shadows vanished before the sun;

Death had lost and life had won, for morning had come.

Hallelujah! He is risen!

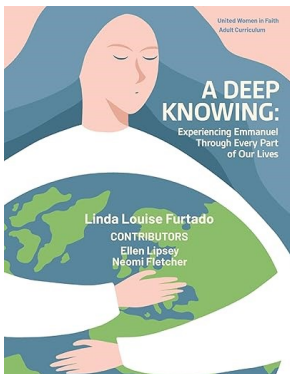
NOTE: A flyer for our annual *Wear A Hat/Bring A Hat Tea* is included in this newsletter. The tea will be held on *Saturday, May 30* at *Pine Grove UMC* in Winston-Salem. Please encourage your unit members to attend and to bring a friend along as well! Be sure to *Wear A Hat* and *Bring A Hat*** to donate to *Cancer Services of Winston Salem*.

Hope to see you there. God Bless!

Leslie Porter

Mission U 2026

Experiencing Emmanuel



The Western NC Conference will be meeting at the Catholic Convention Center in Hickory, NC on August 21-22. The conference has asked us to order the books online from Amazon. They are available for \$14.99 or you can get a digital copy for \$5.99.

Yadkin Valley District
United Women in Faith
Invites you to attend the

6th Annual
Wear A Hat /
Bring A Hat Tea

Saturday,
May 30, 2026

11am - 1pm

This annual tradition supports

Cancer Services
of Winston-Salem,

an organization that provides hats
free of charge to cancer patients in
our area.

Contact Leslie Porter at 336.686.5102 or

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Yadkin Valley UW Faith



Annual Celebration



August 29, 2026

First UMC Mocksville

310 N. Main St.

Mocksville, NC

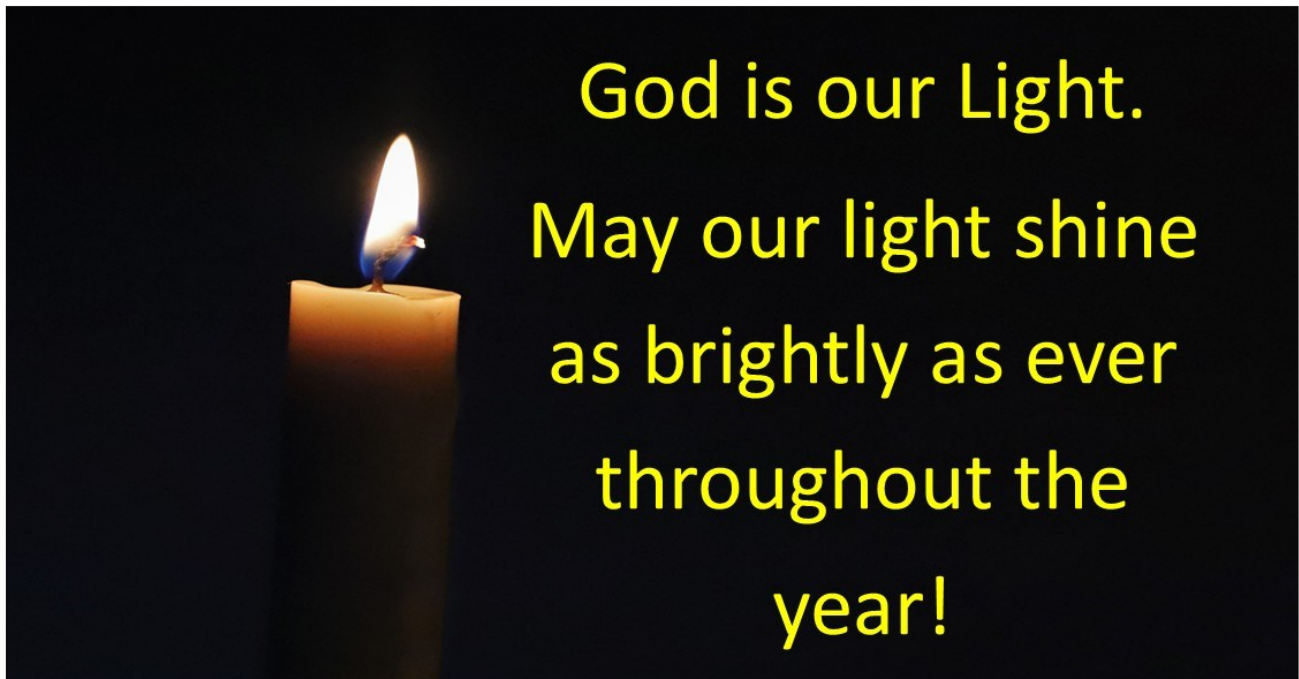
Registration: 9 to 9:45 with light refreshments

Program: 10:00

Hands on Project: School Supplies

Speaker: Reggie Helton, Development Officer for the Methodist Home for Children.

RSVP: Barbara Crotts, 336-940-8001, call or text.





Gail Caudle

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done" – Proverbs 19:17

Happy Spring! Just look around and you will see all of God's beauty that he provides us with daily. The birds singing with glory in their voices and the flowers blooming toward the sky. What an amazing picture he paints!

That's kind of the way we are here with our UM Faith district team. We have ladies with different talents that make the district team awesome. We give God all the praise and glory for what we can accomplish, and we are always reaching for the sky for things we can do for others. We continue to work together to provided for the women and children in need.

So, if you are looking to be a part of this team and share your talents, we would live to have you join us and the reward you take from the team is truly a blessing.

We are looking to fill a couple of positions this year, so if you interested or know of someone that might be interested, please have them contact me at gacaudle01@windstream.net or 336-705-9462.



I was honored with an invitation to Mrs. Lucille Asburn's 98th birthday party, February 22, 2026, with special entertainment by Elvis!! Lucille is a member of Morris Chapel UMC in Walkertown and has been the President of the United Women in Faith/United Methodist Women at Morris Chapel UMC for 52 years. The fellowship hall was filled with people wishing Lucille a happy birthday, you could tell she was loved. Lucille asked in lieu of presents to bring an item for their food pantry. Lucille is an inspiration to me and to all that serve with her and to the United Women in Faith organization. Her dedication and faithful service showed in her serving as the president

for so many years making sure we support women, children, and youth, locally, nationally, and globally. She decided to retire from this position this year but I am sure she will be there to help guide the next president. I also learned at her birthday celebration that she has been in charge of her church's bazaar for 50 years, a remarkable woman serving the Lord and with a beautiful smile. I always enjoyed receiving her year-end reports in her beautiful handwriting. A Huge Thank you Lucille for your dedication and faithfulness. Yadkin Valley United Women in Faith love you!



Lovingly submitted by Rhita Newcomb

Yadkin Valley District Mission Study



Our Mission Study event was held on March 28 at Sherwood Forrest UMC. The Sherwood Forrest UW Faith were exceptional hostesses. We had 51 ladies in attend-



ance, representing 22 churches. Brenda Tuttle and her team, Rhita Newcomb, Mary Jo Brewer, and Jamie Smith did a wonderful job of pulling everything together. Our speaker was Deacon-



ess Tracy Owens. She was an engaging and dynamic leader. We collected feminine supplies for distribution at our county schools. Over \$1,200 worth of supplies were donated. Barbara Crotts took supplies to Davie County, Mary Jo to Forsyth County, Debra Lawson to Stokes, Ashley Pardue to Davidson, Jamie to Surry and Rhita to Yadkin County.





Save the Date:

Winds of Change

Western North Carolina Conference
United Women in Faith
Spiritual Growth Retreat
June 11-13, 2026
Lake Junaluska, NC

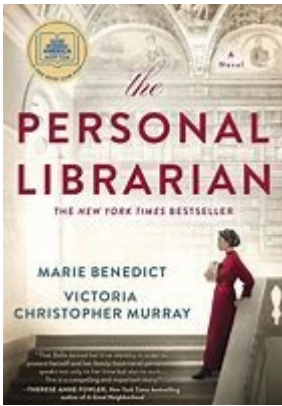


Session Leader:
Rev. Lucy Robbins



Mission Session Leader:
Rev. Holly McKim

Barbara Crotts



Ladies of United Women in Faith, I have just finished a "must read" from the Nurture category.

The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria C. Murray.

A remarkable novel about J.P.Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation.

In her twenties, Belle da Costa Greene is hired by J.P.Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and art works for his newly built Pierpoint Morgan Library. Belle becomes a fixture in New York City society and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world, known for her impeccable taste and shrewd negotiating for critical works as she helps create a world class collection. But Belle has a secret, one she must protect at all costs She was born not Belle da Costa Greene but Belle Marion Green, the daughter of the first black graduate of Harvard and well known advocate for equality.

Belle's complexion isn't dark because of her alleged Portuguese heritage that lets her pass as white- her complexion is dark because she is Black. This is a story of an extra ordinary woman famous for her intellect, style, and wit, and shares the lengths she must go to, for the protection of her family and her legacy, to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives. That Belle denies her true identity in order to protect herself and her family from racial persecution speaks not only to her time but also to ours.

This story will inspire you and break your heart as you read this novel.

[United Women In Faith at](#)

[Amazon | Theology & Doctrine Books](#)

United Women In Faith for all believers. Explore our spiritual collection at Amazon. Strengthen your walk in faith. Discover faith-building resources at Amazon.



Greetings Sisters in Christ,

I hope you were able to give during our Day of Giving on March 23, 2026 our 157th birthday!! If you were not able to give on March 23, you may still make a donation.

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generous and continuing support of Mission Giving and The Legacy Endowment Fund!

Your mission giving supports the current work of United Women in Faith around the world, making a difference in the lives of women, children and youth. As a permanently invested endowment, the Legacy Fund will be an ongoing source of income, providing the assurance that our important work can always continue.

Our conference cumulative giving to the Legacy Fund through December 31, 2025, is \$574,895.36, third in the nation, that is something to celebrate. We set a goal of \$60 million and the national Legacy Fund has reached \$53,819,136.00. YAY!!! I know we are going to reach our goal very soon, thanks to you.

You may give anytime during the year by making a one-time gift or sign up for monthly giving. Every gift you make regardless of the amount makes an impact for generations to come. There are many ways to give to the Legacy Endowment Fund. We now have three giving societies, The Legacy Builder giving \$18.69 a month or more, Friends of Legacy major gift pledges of \$5,000.00 or more and 1869 Society planned giving donors.

Ways to Give to the Legacy Endowment Fund

- Make a gift to the Legacy Fund **through your local unit United Methodist Women / United Women in Faith treasurer.**

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

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

- **By phone:** 800-278-7771 (8 am-6pm EST, M-F)
- **Text** Legacy150 to 41444
- **By check:** note "Legacy Fund" in memo and mail to: United Women in Faith, Church Center for the United Nations, Attn: Legacy, 777 United Nations Plaza, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10017

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

Donating to the Legacy Endowment Fund will help to empowering and improving the lives of women, children, and youth locally and around the world.

Together we can do it! Building our Legacy together! Dream It! Believe It! Do It!

Blessings. Rhita



What's Assembly 2026 all about?

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

What awaits you at this empowering event?

OPPORTUNITIES TO:

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

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

Come be transformed at Assembly 2026!

For more information contact:



uwfaith.org/assembly



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2026 Yadkin Valley District United Women in Faith

Nurturing Partners

Ardmore — Rhita Newcomb	Mt. Pleasant, Boonville --Gail Caudle
Brooks Temple — Cathy Smith	
Brookstown —Jean Wall	Mt. Tabor —Mary Jo Brewer
Bunker Hill —Debra Lawson	New Home —Gail Caudle
Canaan —Cathy Smith	Oak Forest —Montessa Thomas
Centenary, WS —Mary Jo Brewer	Oak Grove —Barbara Crotts
Centenary, Clemmons —Ashley Perdue	Pine Grove, WS —Suzanne Cepello
Central, Thomasville —Ashley Perdue	Pisgah — Berthina Thomas
Concord, Mocksville —Montessa Thomas	Saints Home —Nancy Norton
Dobson — Jamie Smith	Sedge Garden —Jean Wall
Faith —Rhita Newcomb	Sharon —Brenda Tuttle
First, Mocksville — Barbara Crotts	Sherwood Forest —Mary Jo Brewer
First, Pilot Mountain Gail Caudle	Shiloh, Germanton —Debra Lawson
Harmony Grove —Jamie Smith	St. Andrews —Janet Sizemore
Lewisville —Leslie Porter	St. James —Gail Caudle
Level Cross —Montessa Thomas	St. Paul WS — Berthina Thomas
Liberty — Barbara Crotts	Stokesbury —Debra Lawson
Main Street — Debra Lawson	Stony Knoll —Jamie Smith
Memorial —Leslie Porter	Trinity —Rhita Newcomb
Morris Chapel —Rhita Newcomb	Union Ridge —Jean Wall
Mt. Carmel —Cathy Smith	Wesley Chapel —Barbara Crotts
	Yadkin College —Ashley Perdue
	New Beginnings —Rhita Newcomb



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2026 District Calendar of Events for Yadkin Vallely

United Women in Faith

- April 25 Prayer Breakfast, Bunker Hill, Kernersville 9 to noon.
- May 30 Wear a Hat, Bring a Hat Tea Pine Grove UMC, 10:30 to 1:00
- Aug. 29 Annual Celebration, First UMC, Mocksville 9 to noon
- Oct. 24 Energize, Enlighten, & Educate, Trinity UMC, King, NC , 9:00 to noon.

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

Resources: [District Events | WNCC United Women in Faith](#)

Year end report forms can be found here, in pdf and word.

District Facebook page:

[Yadkin Valley District United Women in Faith | Facebook](#)

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

2026 Calendar of Events for WNCC United Women in Faith

- May 15-17 Assembly 2026, Indianapolis, Indiana **All UWFaith Members**
- June 11-13 Spiritual Growth Retreat, Lake Junaluska **All UWFaith Members**
- June 18-21 WNCC UMC Annual Conference, Lake Junaluska
- Aug. 21-22 Mission u Catholic Conference Center, **All UWFaith Members**
- Sept. 12 Annual Celebration (location TBD) **All UWFaith Members**
- Oct 17 Leadership Development Day, LDD All District Officers
(Virtual/in person) (location TBD)



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