



United
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Western North Carolina

Blue Ridge District Newsletter
United Women in Faith

Purpose: UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and 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.



The Blue Ridge District cordially invites you to:

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1507 Oak Grove Church Road
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Greetings Blue Ridge District United Women in Faith:

Spring is almost here and so is our UWFaith 2026 Annual Prayer Breakfast! For UWFaith members, the prayer breakfast is a harbinger of spring.

This year's breakfast is being held at Oak Grove UMC. Registration and breakfast will be held in the fellowship hall. The resource room will be open prior to and after the service. After breakfast, attendees will move to the sanctuary for worship.

The registration fee will be \$10.00, which will include breakfast; gluten-free items will be available. In order to make food preparations, we have set **Wednesday, April 8**, as the deadline for registration and payment. **We cannot accept onsite registration.** Please complete the enclosed registration form and return to Gwen Harris, 215 Grand View Lane, Burnsville, NC 28714, as soon as possible. Include names of those who passed away in 2025 so that we can remember them at the memorial service. Call or email me with any questions you have.

****Child care will be provided as explained on the registration form.**

As always, we are having a special hands-on project. For this event, we will be collecting items to put into gift bags for the employees of Brooks-Howell Home. Here are some suggested items: \$10 Ingles gift cards, tissue packets, small hand sanitizers, and individually wrapped snacks.

We will take a love offering to undesignated giving in honor of the continuing relief efforts in the wake of Hurricane Helene.

The UWFaith members of Oak Grove are excited to be hosting the prayer breakfast. You are sure to enjoy what they have planned for us.

Sincerely,

Gwen Harris, Spiritual Growth Coordinator (gwenaharris68@gmail.com) Cell-(828) 208-4589

Prayer Breakfast registration on next page.

BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT UWFAITH'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Oak Grove UMC, Ellenboro, NC

Saturday, April 18, 2026

(written directions on page 17)

Please complete this registration form for your United Women in Faith Unit.

Registration **deadline is Wednesday, April 8, 2026. The registration fee is \$10.00, which will include breakfast. Gluten-free items will be available.** Due to food preparation, it is imperative we receive your information by April 8. **We will have no onsite registration.**

Make checks payable to **Oak Grove United Women in Faith** to reduce handling and paperwork. We are requesting each unit issue one check, if possible, to cover registration fees for all members attending.

Return this registration form along with registration fees (checks) to me:

Gwen Harris, 828 208-4589 (Cell) ~ gwenaharris68@gmail.com
215 Grand View Lane
Burnsville, NC 28714

Please remember: Sign-in starts at 8:30 am. Breakfast is served from 8:30 - 9:15 am.

Name of those attending the Prayer Breakfast: (required to pre-register all attendees)

Cost \$10.00 per person

_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Total Number Attending: _____

Registration Fees Amount Enclosed: _____

Names of your unit members who passed away in 2025 (requested for our **Memorial Service**):

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Childcare will be offered **if** we receive a request from the unit. If you require childcare, please complete

this information: Number of Children: _____ Age Range: _____

A Message from Your President

As I sit writing this, I am looking out the window at one of my dogwood trees that is in full bloom. That makes me know that we are in the Easter Season when we celebrate the Resurrection and all things being made new again.

This is an exciting time for Blue Ridge District United Women in Faith. We had great discussion at our first Book Study on February 21. Thank you, Jennie Greenway, for your leadership.



On March 21, we had our first in-person gathering for our Mission Study since before COVID. Our own Deaconess Tracey Owens did an outstanding job in leading this study. Abernethy UWFaith did an outstanding job as our hostesses. Thanks so much for everyone's attendance.



We are looking forward to hosting the Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, April 18, at Oak Grove in Ellenboro. There will be simplified directions on page 17 of this newsletter. I hope all of you plan to attend. Your unit presidents should have received the registration information from Gwen. Please let one of us know if you did not.

I recently finished compiling the local unit reports for 2025 to send to the Conference UWFaith. It looks like we ended the year with 751 members. Thank you to all of you who sent your report to me. We had an active year. What amazes me is all the work that is going on in your local units. In addition to continuing to meet District pledges and giving, there were at least 100 different areas of mission that your units contributed to locally. I will try to highlight some of those at the Prayer Breakfast and during the year.



Lucy Earls, President

Vice President's Message

Hymn of Promise

*In the bulb there is a flower;
In the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!*

*In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.*

- Natalie Sleeth UMH #707

The *Hymn of Promise* is one of my favorite hymns in the United Methodist Hymnal. It is considered to be one of the most memorable hymns written by an American United Methodist, Natalie Sleeth. The hymn accurately describes the seasonal change from winter to spring, but also applies to the time between Good Friday and Easter.



I am an avid gardener, and I recently attended an excellent garden symposium in Cleveland County. Dr. Allan Armitage from Athens, Georgia was the keynote speaker. One of my favorite things he said was “gardeners always have something to look forward to.” Basically, we always have hope.

Being a Christian is a lot like being a gardener. We always have something to look forward to, and we always have hope. When life gets tough, it can be hard to remember that winter is followed by spring. However, we know that God walks with us through the winters of life and that we will eventually get to spring.

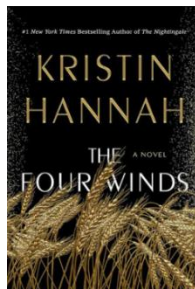
May you experience the beauty of spring and the joy of Easter.

I wish you a wonderful 2026!

Stephanie Goudreau

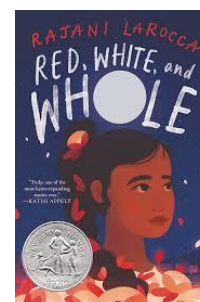
Program Resources

Hi to all of you! Here we are in the midst of spring with summer just around the corner! I am looking forward to two of our upcoming book studies!



The first being on Saturday, May 2, when we will discuss *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. This book is in the category Social Action and is from the 2023 list. The story revolves around the resilience of Elsa, who is battling the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl in this historical fiction selection. This study will be on Zoom and registration information can be found at <https://wnccumw.org/districtevents/>

I will also be conducting a book study at the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska June 11 - 13. Book selection for that study will be *Red, White and Whole* by Rajani LaRocca. This book focuses on the story of Reha, an Indian-American girl who is struggling with her identity while her mother is fighting cancer. This book is a youth title and is in the category of Spiritual Growth.



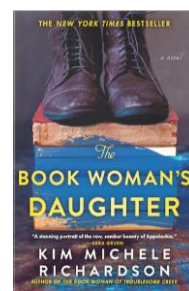
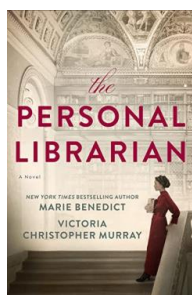
Please remember that you can find information about this year's book list as well as previous book lists at <https://uwfaith.org/resources/reading-program/>. You can also find other resources such as podcasts, webinars and ways to connect to other readers.



Happy Reading!

Jennie Greenway, Secretary of Program Resources

Upcoming Book Study books:



Spiritual Growth



On April 18, 2026, United Women in Faith from all across the Blue Ridge District will be meeting at Oak Grove United Methodist Church in Ellenboro, NC, for the annual prayer breakfast.

Jan Brittain, an outstanding preacher, has agreed to be our guest speaker. See her picture and biography on the next page. All the information

about the details for registration are on the front page of this newsletter. Directions to the church can be found on page 17. The district executive team is planning the memorial service. The UWFaith of Oak Grove are deciding on a menu; the men are spiffing up the grounds. Chris Clawson, the pastor, is excited because for years he's been eager for his unit to host the breakfast. Expectations are high for a wonderful event.

We who are responsible for the preparations are like the family in “Field of Dreams” who turned their cornfield into a baseball field after being told by a mysterious voice, “If you build it, they will come.” We will have everything ready, but most importantly, you need to come! You can socialize with friends you may not see but a few times a year. You can enjoy a good breakfast prepared by men and women eager to be your hosts. And you can hear an inspiring message by Jan Brittain based on the theme, “Inspired by Faith—Committed to Action.”

We are ready! Please come!

Gwen Harris, Coordinator

Jan Brittain's Biography

Kneeling on the concrete floor of a summer camp in the mountains of NC, Jan Brittain committed her life to fulltime Christian service at the age of 16. Of course, at that time, she did not know any women pastors and assumed her commitment would take her overseas as a missionary. But God had other plans. Jan has served churches of all sizes and in a variety of locations --- country, urban, suburban, mountain, farm, and finally a regional church at Lake Norman.



And though, not in the way she anticipated, Jan has done her share of overseas work. She began her ministry by serving churches in Bristol, England, and has worked with churches and ministries in Guatemala, Bolivia, Kenya, Uganda, Jamaica, and Haiti. Jan has preached on 4 continents and in some notable settings, including the New Room (the oldest Methodist Church in the world), at the 200th anniversary of the oldest Methodist Church in Bolivia, in the Duke Chapel, and in Stuart Auditorium at Lake Junaluska.

She retired in 2022 and has served in two interim appointments since then. Jan's background in Christian Education and her degree in Business Administration, along with her nearly 4 decades of professional ministry, are resources that are still serving the local church and the larger church. Her focus is on preaching and teaching in a variety of settings and facilitating the success of other clergy.

Jan enjoys traveling about in her RV. She has a devotional blog -- graceinbitsandpieces.wordpress.com.

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

Jan summarizes her personal theology this way:

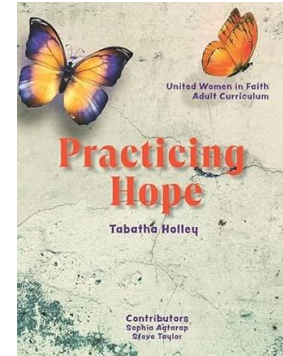
1. *God's motivation is always love.*
2. *Jesus Christ's death on the cross is the means to our salvation. His resurrection is the promise of our eternity. We cannot save ourselves and, praise God, we do not have to.*
3. *There are three absolute essentials for effective and faithful living: time spent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

Mission Education & Interpretation

On Saturday, March 21, 2026, Blue Ridge District UWFaith enjoyed a Mission Study hosted by Abernethy UMC in West Asheville. We were led by Deaconess Tracey Owens who is an active member of First UMC in Marion, NC, and is member of the Leadership Team at Brooks-Howell Home as the Director of Resident Services. She also serves as the Blue Ridge UMFaith Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator.

Our study was *Practicing Hope*, by Tabatha Holley. Tracey led us through the eight sessions in the book with scriptures, slides and small group discussions. Our topics were:

- *What is hope?*
- *Where is hope? Where does it live? What makes it hard?*
- *Rooting hope.*
- *Hope is a ritual (even when it is hard)*
- *Hope is a seed*
- *Growing hope*
- *Joy in practicing hope.*



In our small group discussions we answered questions about hope in our lives and what it means to have hope. We talked about our families and growing up with hope and sharing it daily.

Tracey introduced us to “refugia” and its influence on hope. Interesting topic, for sure! She introduced us to Soul Work and Breath Work, as well as other interesting topics about hope. Participants experienced a rewarding time of fun and fellowship, as well as great food.

Tracey is an outstanding teacher/leader who took time to insure that all participants were involved. We thank Tracey for her inspiring work with our Mission Study, as well as her work locally and in the district.

We also need to thank Abernethy UMC co- presidents, Robin Jones and Cheryl Whitworth, and Chuck, Robin’s husband, for hosting us. They made the fellowship hall look beautiful! They provided drinks and snacks and space in the refrigerators for our delicious salads.

Robin and Cheryl found last minute needed items.

Robin set up Tracey’s PowerPoint and provided tech support and Kathy Woods monitored the chat on Zoom. Thank you to everyone who made this a great day!

Sandra Wells

2026 Calendar of Events

Events for ALL Members	District and Conference Officers
April 18 District Prayer Breakfast Oak Grove UMC – Jan Brittain speaker	
	<i>May 9 Mission u and Program Committees (location TBD)</i>
May 2 Zoom BR District Book Study – 10am – 11:30 am, <i>The Four Winds</i>	
May 15-17 Assembly 2026, Indianapolis, Indiana All UWFaith Members	
June 11-13 Spiritual Growth Retreat, Lake Junaluska All UWFaith Members	
<i>June 18-21 WNCC UMC Annual Conference, Lake Junaluska</i>	
	<i>June 27 Executive District Meeting 9:30 am at Addies Chapel UMC</i>
	<i>Aug 1 Finance Committee (location TBD)</i>
	<i>Aug 2 Executive Committee (location TBD)</i>
Aug 8 BR District Book Study on Zoom, 10 – 11:30 am <i>The Personal Librarian</i>	
Aug 15 District Annual Celebration 9:30 am Piney Mountain UMC	
Aug 21-22 Mission u Catholic Conference Center, Hickory	
Sept. 12, Conference Annual Celebration, Location TBD	
Sept 19 BR District Book Study on Zoom, 10 – 11:30am <i>The Bookwoman’s Daughter</i>	
	<i>Sept 26 District Executive Meeting 9:30 am at Brooks-Howell</i>
	<i>Oct. 17 Conference Leadership Development Day, All District Officers(In Person & Zoom)TBD</i>
	<i>Nov. 6 Orientation for new Conference Officers Nov. 7 Conference Committee Meetings Nov. 8 Conference Executive Committee meeting</i>

Ubuntu Days of Service: May be held any time during the year at the discretion of each District.

Treasurer

Greetings Blue Ridge District United Women in Faith!

I want to share with you some thoughts gathered from my friend Janice Eddie. For over 150 years the women of United Women in Faith have been at the heart of impactful mission work, embodying the spirit of service exemplified by the women in Luke 8:1-3. Just as Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and others supported Jesus' ministry, we too are called to support God's mission through our actions and generosity. Their unwavering dedication inspires us to continue their legacy of compassion and action.

Thank You ❁❁

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your first quarter reports. The reports that came after I sent my report to Bess will be reported in the 2nd quarter report. As I settle into my new position as district treasurer, I need to thank Martha Phillips for her fantastic training session, Bess Redmon for her patience, and Vera Jones, my daughter, for helping keep the reports in order.

As we look towards our 2026 Pledge to Mission goal of \$70,000.00, I pray that each of you will contribute as God has blessed you. We must remember our foremothers and their vision of providing for those who are unable to provide for themselves. Let us remember the vision of our predecessors ---to provide for those who are less fortunate. Your contributions are vital to the success of our programs and events. These initiatives enrich our spiritual journeys as members of United Women in Faith, providing opportunities for fellowship, growth, and a deeper connection to our shared purpose.

Let us reaffirm our commitment to serving as instruments of God's love and justice, fulfilling our purpose as United Women in Faith. Your support empowers us to continue this critical work. Together we can and will make a tangible difference in the lives of women, children, and youth.

Blessings,
Elizabeth Duncan



Membership Nurture & Outreach

Blue Ridge District United Women in Faith Newsletter – 2nd Quarter 2026
From Membership Nurture and Outreach

Please take the opportunity to invite your Nurturing Partner to one of your unit or circle meetings. They can provide the program and/or answer any questions you may have about United Women in Faith. They are your resource person and love to be invited to any of your unit events. Names of the Nurturing Partners are listed in this newsletter.

This year's Hand on Mission/Ubuntu Project is to provide goody bags for the employees at Brooks-Howell Home. We want to thank them for taking such good



care of the residents there. The following items will be collected at the District Prayer Breakfast and Annual Celebration: \$10 Ingles gift cards, individually wrapped granola bars, peanut butter crackers, or cookies, tissue packets, and small hand sanitizers. Seventy gift bags will be needed. Items were collected at the Mission Study on March 21st. Thanks for supplying these items that will be greatly appreciated.

Grace and Peace.

Tracey Owens

Useful Links:

UWFaith Reading Program: [Reading Program | United Women in Faith](#)

response Magazine: [response magazine | United Women in Faith](#)

WNC Conference Newsletter: [Conference Gram | WNCC United Women in Faith](#)

Brookes Howell Connection: [Brooks-Howell Serendipitor | WNCC United Women in Faith](#)

Resources: [United Women in Faith - Resources](#)

Betty Letzig turns 100!



It was a joy to celebrate with Betty Letzig on her 100th birthday, February 18 at Brooks-Howell.



Joining her for a special lunch at Brooks-Howell were Dixie Liggett, Barbara Campbell, and Gwen Harris. Other guests included Betty's niece and nephew-in-law from Kansas City, their son from California, and Barbara Campbell's niece from the state of Washington. (Barbara's niece is seated next to Betty with the cake and the special card.

Happy 100th Birthday for Deaconess Betty Letzig! Betty celebrated her official birthday on February 18 with friends and family. There was also another celebration on February 22. Betty resides at Brooks Howell Home in Asheville and continues to be an inspiration to us all. Many of her United Women in Faith friends were able to attend these celebrations.

Thanks to Barbara Campbell for arranging these special events.

Happy 100th Birthday, Betty!



2026 NURTURING PARTNERS for BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT

- PLEASE ASK YOUR NURTURING PARTNER TO COME VISIT

Nurturing Partner	Church	Nurturing Partner	Church
Lucy Earls (828) 453-8566 (828) 223-1325	First Forest City Spindale, Saluda, Edneyville	Jeannette Byrd (828) 230-5308	Central Mills River
Stephanie Goudreau (828) 460-2463	Pleasant Hill-Marion Concord Clinchfield	Gwen Harris (828) 682-4589	Bald Creek Mars Hill Weaverville
Beverly Hill (828) 778-9309	Biltmore East Marion	Sandra Wells (828) 273-0726	Asbury Memorial Skyland Hendersonville First
Glenda Fuhrmann (828) 337-2617	Montmorenci	Jo Pyatt (828) 803-0363	Addie's Chapel
Tracey Owens (828) 246-6006	Black Mountain Groce Oak Grove	Martha Phillips (828) 467-3167	Spruce Pine Windom Marion First
Joanie Strohm (828) 707-8928	Piney Mountain Salem	Kathy Leftwich (919) 218-0586	St. Paul's Abernethy
Jennie Greenway (828) 289-1642	First Rutherfordton Gilkey Moore's Grove	Eva Farren (828) 231-3820	Grace Balfour
Susan Snell (828) 551-0736	S.O.W. in Faith (Oakley/Sardis)		

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

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



Blue Ridge District United Women in Faith 2026 OFFICERS

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<p><u>Conference Advisor</u> Joanie Strohm (Weaverville), 111Collins Road, Marshall, NC 28753, (828) 707-8928, ssjsmars@charter.net</p>			

**Simplified directions to Oak Grove United Methodist Church
1507 Oak Grove Church Road, Ellenboro, NC 28040**

From Asheville/Hendersonville area via Interstate 26 East: Follow I-26 East toward Spartanburg. Take Exit 67 toward US 74 East/NC 108 (Columbus/Rutherfordton). Keep left to merge onto US 74 East toward Forest City/Rutherfordton. Continue on US 74 East to Exit 187 (Ellenboro/Henrietta/Caroleen). Keep left and turn across the bridge onto Ellenboro-Henrietta Road. In 0.8 mile at the 4-way stop, turn left onto Oak Grove Church Road. The church is 1 mile on the right.

From Asheville toward Marion area via Interstate 40 East: Follow I-40 East to the Marion exit, Exit 85 (US 221). Turn right onto US 221 South toward Rutherfordton. Continue for 25 miles through the Town of Rutherfordton until you reach US 74 East. Take US 74 East to Exit 187 (Ellenboro/Henrietta/Caroleen). Keep left and turn across the bridge onto Ellenboro-Henrietta Road. In 0.8 mile at the 4-way stop, turn left onto Oak Grove Church Road. The church is 1 mile on the right.

Mapquest, Google, or your GPS may suggest other directions (especially from Marion or when you get into Rutherford County). This will either take you on some “country roads” or take you through the Towns of Spindale and Forest City on US 74 E Business or US 74 Alternate (College Avenue). These are not necessarily bad roads; just more turns.

Feel free to call Lucy if you get confused or need assistance that morning. 828-223-1325.

Blue Ridge District United Women in Faith
Kathy Woods
11 Azalea Rd
Arden, NC 28704

Mark Your Calendars for upcoming 2026 events

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