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Next Newsletter Deadline:

January 10



Message from the District President *Jamie Smith*

I send Fourth Quarter Greetings to my UWFaith sisters!



Blessed! I have been blessed this year! In the closing of this first year as President of Yadkin Valley United Women in Faith, I want to thank all of you who helped to make it the best it could be for me!

August and September have been a busy time for our Conference and District UWFaith.

107 ladies gathered at the Catholic Retreat Center in Hickory for Mission u August 21-22. Pictured below are our Yadkin Valley sisters. Our study was



“Experiencing Emmanuel”. Study leaders were Sandra Williamson, Tracey Owens and Joy Prim. Dean Nancy Litton and Assistant Dean Rhita Newcomb were instrumental in helping to make this retreat phenomenal! We had lots of discussion participation, great fellowship and spiritual sisterhood! The music director was Beverly Myers from Pine Grove UMC in Winston Salem. If



you attended the study, it counts towards Spiritual Growth in our reading program.

Our District Annual Celebration was planned by Vice President Barbara Crofts and her committee. We gathered at First United Methodist in Mocksville on August 29. Our theme was “God is Our Light—May Our Light Shine as Bright as Ever Throughout the Year”. Our speaker was Reggie Helton, Development Officer of the Methodist Home for Children.

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Rhita Newcomb installed our officers. Our 2027-2028 Social Action Representative is Nicole Marting. Returning officers for another two-year term are: Spiritual Growth – Berthina Thomas; Membership, Nurture and Outreach – Leslie Porter; and Communications – Jean Wall. Our Program Resource officer is to be installed later. Our budget was approved unanimously while remaining unchanged in 2027 with our Pledge to Mission being \$100,000 and our Administration & Membership Development is \$14,050. Our “Hands On” was school supplies for our five counties in our District totaling \$1,910.00. The closing Communion Service was consecrated by Rev. Lori Ann Brown. Great meeting!





Yadkin Valley District



Energize, Enlighten and Educate

Leadership Development Day

Saturday, October 24, 2026



Trinity UMC King
725 West Dalton Rd.
King, NC 27021

Registration: 9:00 a.m.
Program Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
No Cost to Attend

Event Highlights

Guest speaker from the Art Shac

Hands-on project

Light refreshments

Training

Bingo

Hands-On Project

Please bring gently used hobby items. See the website for a list of items needed.

www.theartshac.org

At this time, holiday décor is not needed.

Special Drawing: One unit will receive the *2027 Daily Prayer Guide and Program Book*.

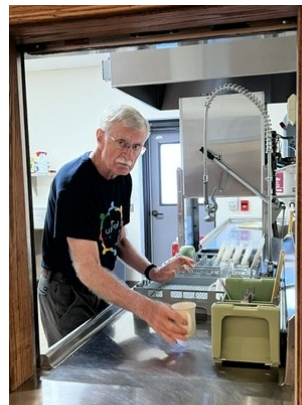
Join us for fellowship, learning, service, and fun! No charge but let Debra know you are coming,

debralawson083@gmail.com



The **Annual Meeting** at First UMC in Mocksville was held on August 29 with 25 churches represented and 55 ladies attending. Our theme was

GOD IS OUR LIGHT focusing on Psalm 27. New officers were installed.



Speaker for the event was Reggie Helton from the Methodist Home for Children and he was well received. His presentation was very informative with questions from our ladies regarding services offered for children and foster families. We thank First UMC church ladies for hosting this event and providing a great spread for us to enjoy prior to the business session.

We also thank Rev. Lori Bowen for the Invocation and Communion Service.

Tommy Dunn was our audio visual man.

Looking forward to future district events and encourage all ladies to attend and bring a friend or neighbor to all our events. If I remember this correctly: **Dream It, Believe it, Do It** is what we are to be thinking about. **Lets Dream** of increasing our numbers....**Lets Believe** We Can make it happen....and then lets do all we can to **DO IT!**

The Annual Report Dedication went to Debra Brooks.

Barbara Crotts

Vice President



Greetings, it is officially Fall. Fall comes with cooler temperatures and shorter days. Fall is also a time to reflect on the beauty of God as we see the change in the leaves, with the bright orange, red and yellow colors. As we transition from Summer to Fall, remember how blessed we are. This summer the United Women in Faith were busy planning events that keeps us inspired to continue to do the work. As we continue to do the work of the United Women in Faith, remember to check in with your nurturing partners as well as your family and community. As the United Women in Faith continues to grow, we need the support of you all, so that we can thrive as we enter another season. I pray this season is full of **Love in Action**, the way of the United Women in Faith.

Berthina Thomas

Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Greetings Sisters in Christ,



Hope you have had a good summer and are ready for fall. We are so fortunate to live where we have four seasons. Looking forward to seeing you at our last district meeting for 2026. We have planned a meeting that will **educate, enlighten, and energize** you in your existing or new position. I would like to know if you are planning on attending. This will help to make sure we have enough food and materials for attendees. If you could please let me know by October 17. Please see the flyer attached for more information

Love in Christ

Debra Lawson



"But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God"— John 3:21

It's hard to believe we are heading into the fall season of this year. Seems like only yesterday that we dealt with ice/snowstorms and then, extremely high temperatures, but now we are enjoying some cooler mornings.

I would like to encourage you to become a part of this amazing, very talented district team of ladies who work together to ensure we are doing God's work through helping women and children in need. You don't have to have any type of degree, just be willing to share your ideas/knowledge or suggestions with the committee/team and attend meetings and events within the district.

We are still looking to fill the position of Program Resources, there again you don't need any type of degree. Some of your responsibilities would be promoting the reading program, reading books yourself and writing an article about the book for our newsletter, have materials available at meetings and events for sale and attend meetings and district events.

So, if you are interested or know of someone that might be interested in either of these positions, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,

Gail Caudle

Nominations Chair

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Western North Carolina Conference
United Women in Faith
53rd Annual Celebration
Celebrating 157 Years in Mission



Guest Speaker:
Emily Jones,
 National
 UWFaith Exec-
 utive for Racial
 Justice



Tim Webster spoke on Redirecting Incarcerated Youth.



Jamie, along with all the district presidents were recognized, and each presented their own district goals.



Our own **Montessa Thomas** read the scripture from Luke 18:1-8. Our own **Rhita Newcomb** did the Soul Care Moment. The editor was too busy taking deep breaths to remember to get a picture of that. Yadkin Valley was well represented. More pictures are available on our Facebook page:

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<https://www.facebook.com/YadkinValleyDistrictUmw>



Greetings Sisters in Christ,

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 will continue.

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! We are Unstoppable!

Blessings. Rhita

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[2027 Reading Program Catalog](https://uwfaith.org/)

<https://uwfaith.org/>

Search, “2027 Reading Program”

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● Are there other ways to receive Reading Program reporting credit?

Yes, you can also receive Reading Program reporting credit for:

- Listening to the *Faith Talks* podcast: 1 credit in Spiritual Growth for 2+ episodes
- Listening to the *Voices From the Field* podcast: 1 credit in Education for Mission for 2+ episodes
- Reading **response** magazine: 1 credit in Nurturing for Community for reading one year (6 issues)
- Being part of a Mission u:
 - 1 credit in Spiritual Growth for reading a Mission u study on your own
 - 2 credits in Spiritual Growth for joining a Mission u study together with others, as a leader or participant
- Movies and television programs based on current Reading Program books are also eligible for credit. In determining the category for credit, identify the category of the original book and apply credit for the film to the same category.

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 Crofts
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 Crofts	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 Crofts	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 Crofts
	Yadkin College —Ashley Perdue
	New Beginnings —Rhita Newcomb



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2026 District Calendar of Events for Yadkin Vallely

United Women in Faith

Oct. 3 Ubuntu Day 10:00 AM at the Bethlehem Center.

Oct. 24 Energize, Enlighten, & Educate, Trinity UMC, King, NC , 9:00 to noon. All members and visitors are invited. We will have special activities for those who are not officers.

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

Oct. 15 Tour of Bethlehem Center at 9 AM. Contact Vickie Brown if interested at vickiebrown961@gmail.com

Oct. 17 Leadership Development Day, LDD All District Officers
(Virtual/in person) (location TBD)



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Jean Wall

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