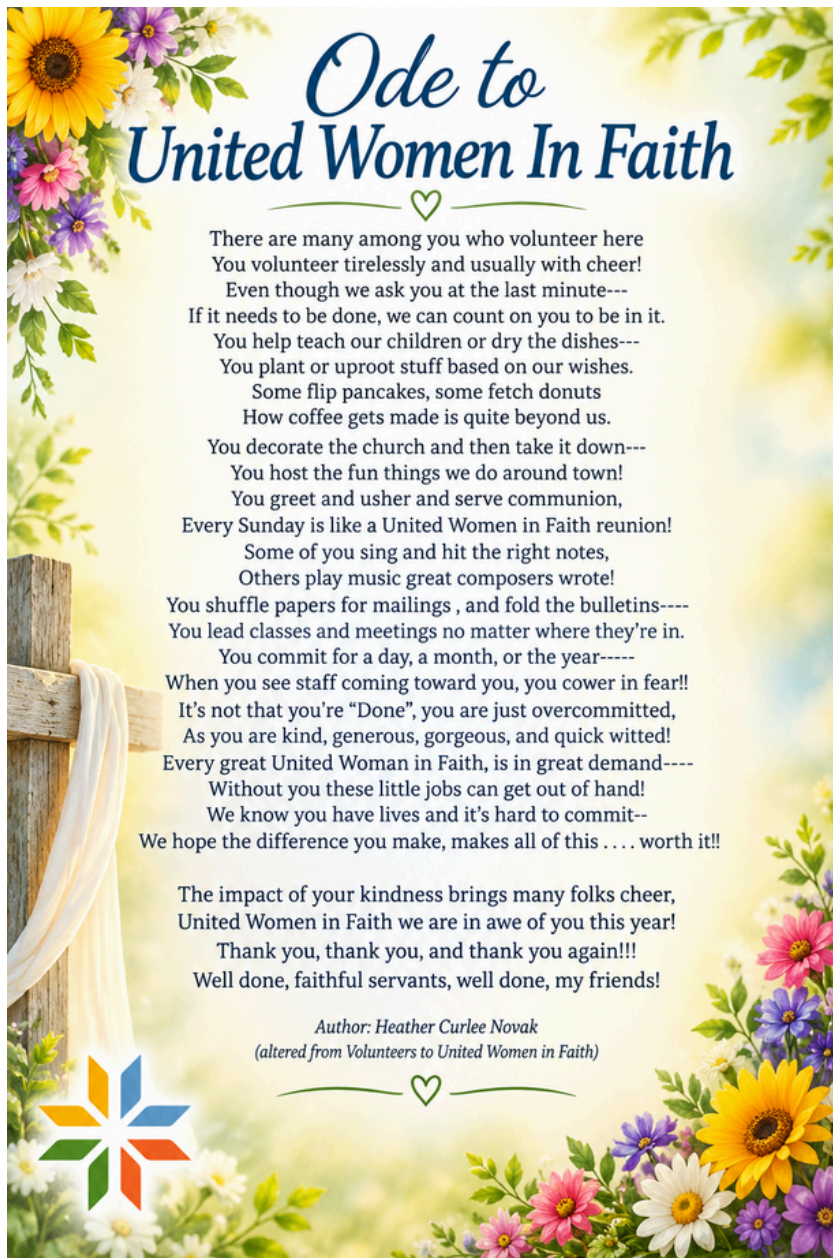




United Women in Faith

Western North Carolina

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



Ode to United Women In Faith

There are many among you who volunteer here
You volunteer tirelessly and usually with cheer!
Even though we ask you at the last minute---
If it needs to be done, we can count on you to be in it.
You help teach our children or dry the dishes---
You plant or uproot stuff based on our wishes.
Some flip pancakes, some fetch donuts
How coffee gets made is quite beyond us.
You decorate the church and then take it down---
You host the fun things we do around town!
You greet and usher and serve communion,
Every Sunday is like a United Women in Faith reunion!
Some of you sing and hit the right notes,
Others play music great composers wrote!
You shuffle papers for mailings , and fold the bulletins---
You lead classes and meetings no matter where they're in.
You commit for a day, a month, or the year----
When you see staff coming toward you, you cower in fear!!
It's not that you're "Done", you are just overcommitted,
As you are kind, generous, gorgeous, and quick witted!
Every great United Woman in Faith, is in great demand----
Without you these little jobs can get out of hand!
We know you have lives and it's hard to commit--
We hope the difference you make, makes all of this . . . worth it!!

The impact of your kindness brings many folks cheer,
United Women in Faith we are in awe of you this year!
Thank you, thank you, and thank you again!!!
Well done, faithful servants, well done, my friends!!

Author: Heather Curlee Novak
(altered from Volunteers to United Women in Faith)

Communications Upcoming Events At a Glance

Uwharrie District Events

Tour with us to the Bethlehem
Center October 15th. Thursday
morning at 9 am.

See more on page 7

District Annual Celebration
Pictures on pages 8, 16,& 19



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



**UWF
President
Sarah Lee**

As 2026 comes to a close, I will complete my 4 years as Uwharrie District President. It is a bittersweet time. As I look back over the 16 years of serving on the Uwharrie District, it holds many memories & wonderful sisters in faith that I have met on this journey. I started in 2010 serving on Nominations for 2 years when it was Albemarle District. Then I did a 3 year term of Social Action Coordinator finishing out a term for someone else. Then we changed to Uwharrie District and I served as Membership, Nurture, & Outreach Coordinator for 4 years. Then 3 years as VP and name changed from United Methodist Women to United Women in Faith. Then I served the past 4 years as President. Organizations grow through change. I am looking forward to working with my local unit at Norwood First UMC & doing more things with my family & grandchildren. It is very exciting to see a full slate of officers on our District Team going into 2027! There are some very talented and spirit-filled ladies that will be leading Uwharrie District forward into the future. We have a wonderful District and have done many, many things to help women, children, & youth locally, internationally and throughout the world in past years.

Thank you all (57) for coming out to Macedonia UMC for our Annual Celebration on August 15th! It was really a celebration of all the hard work that the local units had done in 2025. Rev. Dr. In -Yong Lee did a fantastic job as well as the Children's Choir of Macedonia. Everyone seemed to love the Theme: How Sweet it is to be loved by Jesus! This was shown in the music, candy on the tables, and with the candy installation of officers! It was very exciting to be able to fill all the positions of officers this year since many have not been filled in the past! Thank you to each one that has taken a position on the District Team. I'm sure you will grow spiritually as God leads you in the work of this team helping women, children, & youth locally, nationally, & around the world. I hope that many of you will use the Sabbath Practices Ministry Kit for Children that you were given to celebrate your Children's Sabbath in October. Congratulations to Central Denton for winning the Mission Recognition Pin for raising the most money with the Movin for Missions Walks!

Nov. 7th will be our last event of the year and will be titled: "The Three E's: Education(training local unit officers, Exercise: (Ladonna Butts: Jazzercise with Jesus); & (Emmaus Walk)with Kimberly Teague. This event will be held at First Salisbury and it will be fun, educational & spiritual. Please come and bring your local officers so that they can be trained and make your local unit stronger & better. I guarantee that there will be some new things you will learn to take back to your local units! There will be some surprises—one of which will be a networking time when you can learn about successful things that other units have done for fundraising or spiritual growth events. Be sure & put your office on the registration form when you register for this meeting so that we will know how many we have coming to learn in each office category: President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, etc, We are looking forward to seeing each of you at this great event! You will be able to take back many ideas to use in your local units. You don't want to miss it!

I would like to close, thanking each of you with the poem on the front page that I used at Annual Celebration titled: "Ode to United Women In Faith"



Committee on Nominations



The Legacy Fund

The Nominations Committee is so very pleased and excited that our sisters in Christ came forward so that we could present a complete slate of officers for 2027. Some of these positions have been vacant for years so having them all filled will make a well-rounded team without extra burdens on anyone trying to cover more than one position. We are so thankful to those who agreed to continue their responsibilities.

Offices that are newly filled are:

President: Vickie Brown

Vice-President: Mary Ann Cheek

Spiritual Growth: Tonya Lanier

Membership/Nurture/Outreach: Gail Whittington

Communications: Andrea and Ollie Mohammad

Nominations: Shirley Bryson and Kim Ewing and Carolyn Harris



The Legacy Fund is our UWF Future!

Let's continue to promote the Legacy Fund across our conference and within the Uwharrie District. If you or your unit has never given, now would be an excellent time. If you have donated in the past, if you can, please give again. The Legacy Fund will secure us a future, many, many years from now. According to our Conference Liaison, Lynne Gilbert, giving through June 30, 2026, is \$590,701.12. Our Legacy giving for 2026 is \$15,805.76.....so far. The cumulative amount in the Legacy Fund now is \$57,020,632.06, which is 95% of our \$60 million national goal. Which means we are \$2,979,367 away from our target. This is a great accomplishment and a reason to celebrate. Yeah!!

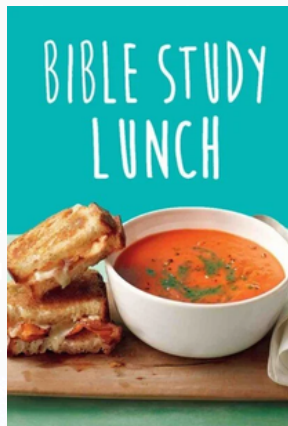
As shared before, give something to the Legacy Fund in memory of a special person.....in honor of a family member....to celebrate someone's birthday or graduation.

With the holiday's quickly approaching, give the Legacy Fund as a Christmas gift to that person who has everything. Thank you for continuing to give. Your generous contribution will sustain us for many years to come.

Toodles,

Tonya

Your Legacy Fund Representative



Way to go Cindy & her ladies!! Great article in Response magazine! Gloria Price did a great job with the write up & a great picture of the unit at Bethlehem Waxshaw! It's on page 31 & I attached a picture of the group & then one with the group & article! Keep up the good work ladies! So proud of you all!

Love & blessings,
Sarah



United Women in Faith members at Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Waxhaw, North Carolina, raise funds with their annual bazaar; support a backpack ministry, and carry out other ministries in their church and community.

Raising Funds in North Carolina by GLORIA PRICE

United Women in Faith members at Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Waxhaw, North Carolina, begin early in the year to get ready for their annual bazaar.

It is a time for church members and the community to fellowship and buy gifts for the coming season. More importantly, it is the unit's biggest fundraiser for the many projects they support each year. There are approximately 40 members in the unit, and they are divided into three circles. Each year the circles decide which needs they're able to meet. Those needs are varied; I would like to share some with you.

Each week the Backpack ministry serves six children in the elementary school nearest to the church. Our unit helps to support that ministry,

along with the needs of a Blessing Cart, which provides food for families in our community who are in need.

Operation Reach Out is an organization that seeks to share the gospel through a daily lunch and Bible study. They offer support in various ways to individuals and families in crisis. Every Christmas, gift bags are prepared for the clients at Union Diversified Industries, a nonprofit that strives to enhance the quality of life for adults with developmental disabilities. Last Christmas we prepared 79 bags!

These are just some of the ways we strive to be followers of Christ. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve. ■

Gloria Price submitted this article on behalf of members of United Women of Faith at Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Waxhaw, North Carolina.



Program Resources

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Reading Program: Accolades and Anticipation

During the recent Women in Faith Uwharrie District Annual Celebration in Lexington, 35 women were recognized for their participation in the 2025 Reading Program. Kudos to Bethlehem UMC in Waxhaw for having 25 participants who read five or more books during 2025. Also, congratulations to Gloria Price of Bethlehem UMC and Tonya Lanier of St. Stephen UMC for successfully completing Plan IV, reading 20 or more from the prescribed booklist during the year.

If you are currently participating in the 2026 Reading Program, you still have a few more months to achieve your goal. The president of your unit will send in your accomplishment during the 2026 Annual Report in December, and recognitions will be made during next year's Annual Celebration.

There is still time to read! Both the 2026 and 2027 Reading Program Catalogs may be accessed at <https://uwfaith.org/resources/reading-program/>.

2026 Program Resource Finale

Mapping Our Way Forward by Hannah Kardon, continues to focus on Scripture which leads toward putting faith into action. September, "Re-orienting Ourselves," discusses the value of seeing situations from different perspectives and highlights the Reading Program. October, "Grace, Not Punishment," explains women's work to end mass incarceration. Then, in November, "Thanks for Every Part" encourages women to work toward free and fair elections. Closing 2026, "Following a Star" pushes women to examine their core values as they look toward the future.

2027 Program Resource

It is time to prepare for 2027. Next year's Program Resources for United Women in Faith can be accessed in two ways: hard copy and digital.

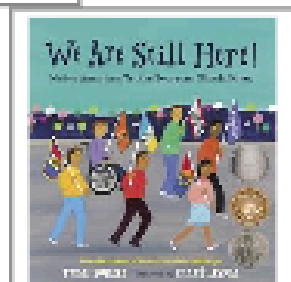
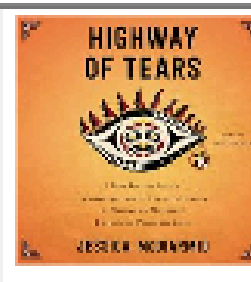
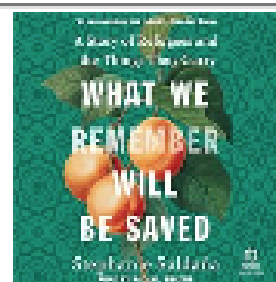
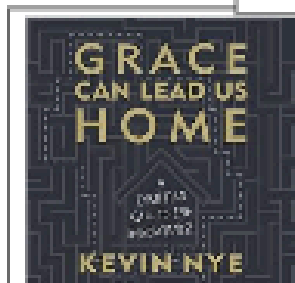
For units that want book (hard copy) access, Women in Faith's Program Resource for 2027, **An Unfolding Welcome: Hospitality as Sacred Gift & Shared Practice** by Esther Parajuli, is already available at Amazon. Go to amazon.com and click on Kindle Books. Search United Women in Faith 2027. The Program Resource can be purchased in paperback for \$14.99. The **Daily Prayer Guide 2027: Welcomed & Welcoming** can be accessed in the same location for \$19.99.

For units that wish to access materials digitally, please join at uwf.org. Create your log-in to access the entire array of United Women in Faith resources online. By logging into uwf.org/digital, you can access the Program Resource, **Response** magazine, Podcasts & Webinars, Mission u Training Courses, Prayer Guide and all other resources in one location. The Program Resource for 2027 in digital format will be available before the end of September.

"Brightlights" in Waxhaw

Check out page 31 in the September/October edition of **Response** to see the article about our own Bethlehem UMC Women in Faith unit. The article in the "Brightlights" section of the national publication details their numerous fundraising and service activities. The light they shine within our district inspires us all.

2026 Reading Program Possibilities



2027 UWFAITH WNCC
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in Faith**



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Western North Carolina

Ubuntu Day of Service

**Take a tour of the
Bethlehem Child Care Center
520 N Cleveland Ave
Winston-Salem, NC 27101**

October 15, 2026 9am

**Register at Mission u or Annual Celebration
or email Vickie Brown @
vickiebrown961@gmail.com**

**If you wish to bring donations, please bring items for
the day care and school supplies.**



U • B • U • N • T • U
"I am human because you are human"



Spread your wings and Tour with us to
the Bethlehem Center October 15th.

Thursday morning at 9 am.

Let's view the facility and visit the
children in Action

Please bring if you so desire: as school
supplies are needed and appreciated.

Location: 520 N Cleveland Ave.

Winston Salem NC 27101. Please

RSVP to Vickie 336-596-5523



Year End Report forms will be
emailed or can be picked up at the
Officer Training. End of year
reports are due December 15,
2026

Historian

Ok Ladies.....I need more pictures!

Our photo book is looking good, but I need more smiling faces. I was able to snap a few grins at our Annual Celebration. These pictures will be added to the album. But I need snapshots from what is happening in your local unit.

So my challenge to each unit is to send me at least one photo of your ladies....it could be an outing....your Woman's Day....a bible study. What about having someone capture you during a book review or putting kits together? Do your ladies walk for mission or serve a community meal? I know you ladies are doing great things, I just want to have these memories for future reflection.

Let me know if you have questions or comments. Keep the pictures coming.

Wanda Craven

Uwharrie District Historian



Uwharrie District members attending Mission U



Wadesboro group at Annual Celebration



Vickie Brown on left recognized for serving as Conference Mission Education & Interpretation Coordinator for 3 years & Cathy Ward on right served on Conference Nominations Committee for 4 years.

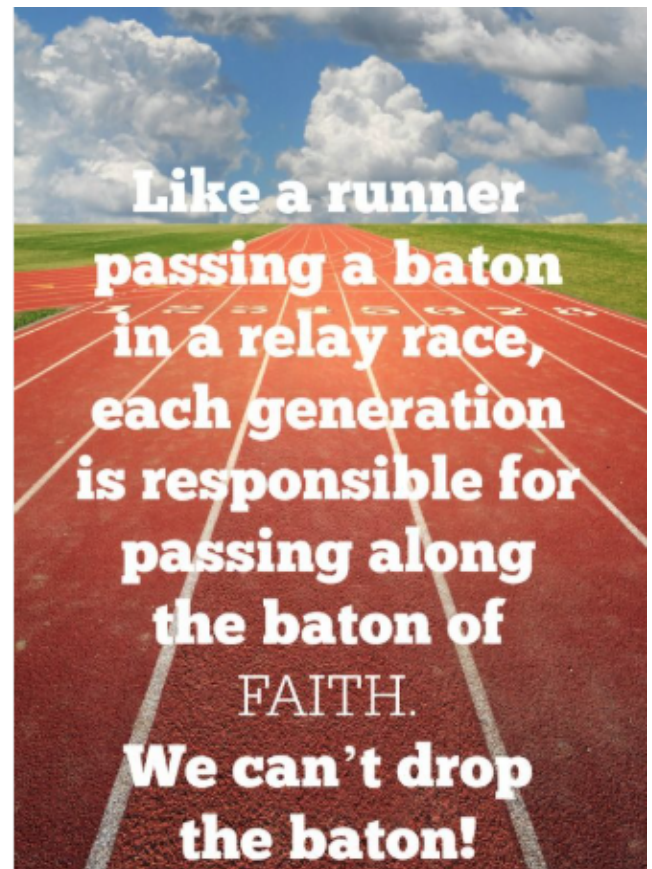
2027 Tentative Calendar for Uwharrie District Team

January 2027 Jan. 9 Deadline for District Newsletter Articles for 1 st Quarter Jan. 23 Uwharrie District Team Meeting: 10-12 (In Person) Uwharrie District Office(1100 West Main St. Albemarle)	February 2027 Feb. 20 Mission Study: Linwood UMC, (4700 Old Linwood Rd. Registration: 9:30; Meeting 10-2:00 pm. Speaker: Sandra Williamson Hands on Project: Menstrual Kits (bring bag lunch) (MEICoordinator plans)	March 2027 March 1 Scholarship application deadline March 6 Deadline for District Newsletter Articles for 2 nd Quarter March 13 Uwharrie District Team Meeting: 10-12 (Zoom) March 23 Mission Giving Day all UWFaith Members
April 2027 April 10: Uwharrie District Prayer Breakfast: Bethany UMC Albemarle (2411 US-52) Registration 9:30 Meeting 10:15-12 Speaker-TBD(SGrowth plans)	May 2027 May 22: 9-11; Uwharrie Movin for Missions 1 Central Denton: (276 West First ST. Denton) May 29: 9-11: Uwharrie Movin for Missions 2 Dan Nicholas Park (6800 Bringle Ferry Rd., Salisbury)	June 2027 June 5 : 9-11 Uwharrie Movin for Missions 3 Belk Tonawanda Park(2171 B Shive Drive, Monroe) June 5 Deadline for District Newsletter Articles for 3 rd Quarter June 17-20 WNCC UMC Annual Conference: Lake Junaluska June 26: 9-11 Uwharrie Movin for Missions 4 Grimes Park(25 Hege Drive, Lexington, NC)(team meeting to follow)
July 2027 July 10 9-11 Uwharrie Movin for Missions 5: : Asheboro Mall(1437 East Dixie Dr. Asheboro) July 24 Uwharrie District Team Meeting: 10-12 (Zoom)	August 2027 August 14 Uwharrie District Annual Celebration: Location & Speaker: TBD Registration: 9:30 Meeting 10:15-noon(VP-plans) August 21-22 Mission U: Catholic Conference Center, Hickory: All UWFaith Members	September 2027 Sept. 23-25 Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat: Lambeth Inn: Lake Junaluska Sept 4 Deadline for District Newsletter Articles for 4 th Quarter Sept 11 WNCC UWFaith Annual Celebration: Location & Speaker TBD
October 2027 Oct 2 Uwharrie District Team Meeting: 10-12 (Zoom) Oct 10, 24 Ubuntu Days of service: various locations TBD Oct 16 Uwharrie District Leadership Development Day; (Zoom)	November 2027 Nov 6 Uwharrie District Training for Local Officers; Registration 9:30; Meeting 10:15-noon; Location & speaker TBD(President & all plan) (Team Meeting to follow training)	

Spiritual Growth Cindy Carter



It is with a sad heart that I say goodbye to serving with this team of Uwharrie sisters in Christ. I feel this group has accomplished so much with Sarah's leadership. Planning four gatherings for you each year has been rewarding and most creative. My first year on the Board on Nominations was quite a learning year for me since I was pretty new to Methodist Women. Then Sarah approached me to leading Spiritual Growth and I said let's do it. I would not have been able to carry it off without help and support from fellow team members. The first year is always the toughest but I was quite proud of what we put together with Rev. Norma Villagrana at Flag Springs in Asheboro and remembering our loved sisters who are no longer with us with candles. Then my second year serving came together at Wingate with Rev. Jan Brittain and remembrances made with butterflies. This year we gathered in New London with Rev. Tammy Ingram; a special visit from Mary, Mother of Our Lord; and peace cranes to remember our loved ones. It was such a pleasure getting to work with the ladies from these churches to bring you a delicious breakfast and fellowshiping with them and over 50 ladies from all over the Uwharrie District. Do you remember the beautiful offerings of music from each of these churches? What a treat! I'm going to miss coordinating these exciting gatherings but I'm looking forward to attending Tonya's Prayer Breakfasts! Serving in Christ, Cindy Carter



Uwharrie District Officer Training -Three E's Education, Exercise, Emmaus Walk November 7,2026
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 **October 30, 2026**

Church Name:_____

Address_____

City_____ County_____ Zip Code_____

President of Local Unit_____ Phone_____

Number attending Officer Training_____

**Registration fee is \$5 per person. Please let us know how many will be attending by
so we can plan accordingly for food preparation, by October 30, 2026**

Please list the names of attendees and what office they hold.

Attendees _____



Our Mission Focus continues to be...

"Feminine Hygiene Kits"

**Note: We do except loose Hygiene items to assemble
in kits as needed.**



\$\$\$ Notes from the Treasurer



Uwharrie District Local Units Giving in
All 5 Channels for 2026:
Jeanette Mixon, Uwharrie District
Treasurer

1. Bethlehem Waxhaw
 2. Central Denton
 3. Central Monroe
 4. First Asheboro
 5. First Lexington
 6. First Norwood
 7. Jordan Memorial(Ramseur)
 8. Morven(Morven)
 9. Pleasant Hill UMC—Seagrove
 10. Piney Ridge, Stout's Chapel,
Pleasant Hill: Empire Charge
 11. Peasant Hill –McFarlan
 12. Providence Salisbury
 13. St. Luke(Asheboro)
 14. Fairview Denton
 15. First Salisbury
 16. First Wadesboro
 17. Macedonia(Lexington)
 18. Milford Hills(Salisbury)
 19. North Kannapolis(Kannapolis)
- Quarterly Summary Total shows \$10,000 has been
given toward pledge of \$30,000



UWFaith WNCC Uwharrie
District
2026 Calendar



Oct 10 Uwharrie Team Meeting; 10-12(zoom)

Oct15 Ubuntu Days of Service
Bethlehem Childcare Center, Winston Salem

Oct 17 Leadership Development Day
Location TBD (Zoom)



Nov 7 Uwharrie District Training for
Local Unit Officers Registration 9:30;
training 10:15-12:15 1st Salisbury
217 S. Church St.Salisbury NC 28144
Uwharrie Team Meeting following
training.



A Journey of Love and Service

Looking Back at Four Years

- ☐ *We gathered in prayer to lift spirits high.*
- ☐ *We shared a warm cup as the hours flew by.*
- ☐ *We studied God's word and grew wise in His grace.*
- ☐ *We filled with pure joy every meeting and place.*

Working with Our Hands

- ☐ *We baked for our neighbors to sweeten their day.*
- ☐ *We packed up relief for the lands far away.*
- ☐ *We planted new seeds in the community plot.*
- ☐ *We stitched up warm quilts for the comfort they brought.*

Walking Forward Together

- ☐ *We stood up for justice with courage and care.*
- ☐ *We gave to our missions with coin and with prayer.*
- ☐ *We held hands in darkness to weather the grief.*
- ☐ *We sang out our praises in holy belief.*

A Final Blessing

- ☐ *Thank you for walking this pathway with me.*
- ☐ *Please keep these sweet memories deep as can be.*
- ☐ *Continue God's work with a smile on your face.*
- ☐ *Go forward with love in His comforting grace.*

Sarah Lee





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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Uwharrie District Officers Program Contacts

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5 levels of giving / Mission Information

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Bethlehem, Waxhaw	47	Denise Henton	Cindy Carter	423-612-1421	
Franklinville/Franklenville	12	Mary Ann Cheek	Sue Saunders	336-824-4439/ 336-301-0041	
Rock Grove, Salisbury	0	Vickie Brown	New	New	
First, Salisbury	59	Andrea Mohammad	Brenda Loflin	704-798-6730	
Oakboro, Oakboro	11	Cindy Newport	Deborah Bonilla	253-656-1465	New
New London, New London	10	Gail Whittington	Deborah Eudy	704-463-5721	
Ansonville, Ansonville	8	Krista Herold	Carla Shankle	704-694-8036	
Cedar Hill, Concord					
Wingate, Wingate	12	Sharon Johnson	Denise Henton	980-328-6103/ 704-289-8689	
Central, Monroe	56	Denise Henton	Cheri Barker	704-242-4851	
Linwood, Linwood	10	Donna Owens	Robin Swing	336-596-0939	
Marshville, Marshville	8	Denise Henton	Jane Ellickson	704-624-5468/ 704-292-7519	
/Anson					
Providence, Salisbury	33	Andrea Mohammad	Barbara Howard	704-633-6675	
Central, Denton	29	Jeanette Mixon	Cathy Ward	336-880-1057	
North Kannapolis	7	Donna Owens	Angie Griffin	704-793-6366	
First, Lexington	16	Jeanette Mixon	Marsha Garwood	704-418-1947	
Jordan Memorial, Ramseur	26	Marsha Garwood	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	New
McCrary Chapel, Ramseur	10	Mary Ann Cheek	Brenda Goldston	336-824-2041	
Memorial, Monroe	0	Vickie Brown	New	New	
Waxhaw, Waxhaw	0	Vickie Brown	New	New	
Milford Hills, Salisbury	71	Marsha Garwood	Betty Jo Hardy	704-636-6119	
Central, Albemarle		Rosemary Nelson		704-607-2360	New
First, Norwood	13	Cindy Newport	Millie Little	704-678-6628	
Badin, Badin	0	Cindy Newport	New	New	
Central Spencer	28	Shirley Bryson	Lynne Purvis	704-239-8217/704-638-9492	
First Wadesboro	12	Sharon Johnson	Sue Burr	704-694-2239/704-695-4228	
Morven, Morven	7	Gail Whittington	Betty Ratliff	704-254-1554	New
Pleasant Hill, McFarlan	7	Krista Herold	Lois Cox	704-465-8346	
Oak Grove, China Grove	8	Ollie Mohammad	Amy Walters	980-521-1602	
*Royal Oaks, Kannapolis	0	Vickie Brown	New	New	
/ South, China Grove					
Macedonia, Lexington	26	Tonya Lanier	Sherry O'Neill	336-239-9245	
St. Luke, Asheboro	25	Kim Ewing	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	New
Pleasant Hill,(Empire	7	Wanda Craven	Deborah Matthews	336-465-3104/336-879-2893	
Seagrove) Empire Circuit					
Fairview, Denton	12	Carolyn Harris	Carolyn Jones	336-859-4742	
St. Stephen, Lexington	24	Lillian Marshall-Sally	Wanda Craven	336-425-5105	
Midway UMC Kannapolis		Ollie Mohammad	Terry Prather	704-792-8334	New
Mt. Olivet(Concord)		Donna Owens	Connie Phillips(NEW)	704-577-9300	New

SOCIAL ACTION SEPTEMBER 2026

My last focus for our Uwharrie District Newsletter 2026 is the Charter for Racial Justice. The Charter was adopted by United Methodist Women in 1980 as a Guide for the entire United Methodist Church to support and advocate for Racial Justice in the United States and Global Village. This dedication to Racial Justice remains alive today because we continue to see the injustice of Racism throughout the World.

Local Units are encouraged to have a program annually on Racial Justice. It's a great opportunity to include other church members to learn about this important mission of the UMC.

The latest information on the Charter for Racial Justice is available on the United Women in Faith website. There's lots of information to share with your local unit and church. Please complete the Justice Today Criteria in this newsletter and each local President is to turn it in with their End of Year Report. You can be a Gold, Silver, or Bronze Unit based on how many criteria you have done throughout the year.

EARLY VOTING BEGINS IN NC ON OCTOBER 15 AND GOES THROUGH OCTOBER 31.

Election Day is Tuesday November 3. At present a registered voter will need a photo identification. Official North Carolina class C Drivers License meets the requirement. A driver's license with an expiration date from July 2025 will be accepted due to the backlog of getting a new one at the license bureau. **THOSE NEEDING TO VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THERE MAY BE CHANGES AS WE MOVE CLOSER TO ELECTION DAY!** I will update the official photo identifications that are acceptable as we get closer to early voting. Consider providing a ride to those who need to ride to get to the polls. A voter may vote curbside and not have to enter the building. If a voter encounters a problem with voting, they can request a Provisional Ballot. This will be sealed and sent to the Board of Elections to be reviewed for eligibility and counting. But first while at the polls ask to see the chief judge concerning the problem and if the chief judge can't resolve it ask them to call the Board of Elections while the voter is there so they can go ahead and vote.

PLEASE VOTE AND ENCOURAGE YOUR MEMBERS AND CHURCH MEMBERS TO VOTE. IT IS A RIGHT AND PRIVILEGE WE CANNOT TAKE FOR GRANTED.

Marsha McCrary Garwood

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District Annual Celebration

Thank You Ladies

FOR ALL YOU DO

From:
MEI Donna Owens

Menstrual Kit:



St. Stephen	7	—	\$112.00
Pleasant Hill	6	—	\$96.00
Norwood	3	—	\$48.00
Providence	4	—	\$64.00
Wingate	3	—	\$48.00
♥ Total: 23			— \$368.00 ♥

Hygiene Kit:



Bethlehem UMC	47	—	\$658.00
♥ Total: \$658.00			♥

Value of Each Kit:

Menstrual Kit \$16.00 | Hygiene Kit \$14.00

♥ We also collected \$25.00 from Jordan Memorial for UMCOR missions.

♥ A donation from a Walmart employee of \$20.00 to Wingate UMC.

These items were collected at our
♥ Annual Celebration. ♥

Membership, Nurture, & Outreach Sarah Lee, District President

The Movin 4 Missions walks for 2026 have been very successful. Congratulations to the winner of the special mission recognition pin which was Central Denton for raising \$ 425.00.

All 5 walks: Central Denton, Dan Nicholas Park, Grimes Park, Belk-Tonawanda Park, and Asheboro Mall were all well attended and each raised a large amount of money to support work for women, children, & youth. Thank you to all who participated by walking or doing some other means of moving for missions and to all those who donated toward this special effort.

Don't forget to continue to nurture your members and reach out to bring new members in through the Fall & Christmas seasons: Ideas that would be helpful are an Advent by Candlelight service, Birthday Party for Jesus, Have secret sisters & celebrate by giving each a gift at your final circle meeting/Christmas party, have a presentation of all different kinds of nativity scenes in your church fellowship hall—invite the church and community to come in and see all of these and have refreshments. You could also have a live nativity outside for the people to see as they come in. Many people collect nativities from all over the world—this would be a time to share , learn, and grow together learning about each one. It could be a fund raiser or no charge. Sometimes when I have done this we ask for a donation to a local charity: homeless shelter(money or socks, gloves), women's domestic violence homes, etc.

Also don't forget to contact your Nurturing Partner if you need a speaker for the next few months.

There are 125 things that you can do to recruit new members—this will be given to each President at the training event on Nov. 7th .

One of the goals this year has been to add 3 new members for 2026—you will still have time to do this after getting these ideas at the training!!!



Presenting special mission recognition pin to Cathy Ward, President of Central Denton for raising the most money with Movin for Missions walk.



District Annual Celebration



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It's not too late to become a Gold, Silver or Bronze Unit!!!



United Women in Faith
Justice Today Report (Charter for Racial Justice)



Unit _____

Submitted by _____

Unit Status

- ☐ **Gold Unit** having completed 6 or more of the following actions
- ☐ **Silver Unit** having completed 4 or more of the following actions
- ☐ **Bronze Unit** having completed 2 or more of the following actions

Unit Programming

- ☐ Devoted a meeting to studying and discussing the Charter for Racial Justice Policies
- ☐ Used a program on racial justice/human rights from the UWFaith Program Book and/or "Resources for Racial Justice: Tools for United Women in Faith Leaders" handbook
- ☐ Participated in a Bible study on racism
- ☐ Watched the video "Charter for Racial Justice." Copy available in each District (study guide available)
- ☐ Gave a book report on a Reading Program book selected from the Social Action area
- ☐ Invited an international guest to come and speak about their home country
- ☐ Regularly shared local newspaper articles relating to racism (both positive and negative)
- ☐ Regularly shared articles from **response** relating to racism

Unit Enrichment

- ☐ Displayed Charter for Racial Justice Policies AND lifted up at least one issue at each unit meeting
- ☐ Supplied each member with a copy of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies
- ☐ Purchased and discussed two United Women in Faith Reading Program books about a different culture or written by someone of a different racial or ethnic background
- ☐ Participated in a qualifying United Women in Faith Mission Study
- ☐ Studied in-depth a particular issue relating to the Charter for Racial Justice Policies, i.e., racism, immigration rights, voting rights, racial/ethnic profiling
- ☐ Attended as a unit OR an individual gave a report to the unit about the experience of attendance at a music program or theatre performance by person of a different culture, race, or ethnic background

Beyond the Local Unit:

- ☐ Gave a Special Mission Recognition pin to someone who works to promote racial justice
- ☐ Sent one (1) member to Mission u
- ☐ Held a postcard writing party encouraging legislation favorable to the economically challenged
- ☐ Experienced worship with a church of an ethnic background different from your own.
- ☐ Hosted an international tasting party, cultural fair, or other event
- ☐ Planned a worship experience for your unit or church with an emphasis on racial justice, i.e., United Women in Faith Sunday



Mission Today 2025
Western North Carolina Conference U
Women in Faith

The purpose of becoming a Mission Today Unit is to:

- Energize United Women in Faith to be more involved in mission through prayer, study, and action. Increase contacts between units and mission personnel and mission projects so members understand where their money goes.
- Encourage the use of mission resources through UWFaith. Expand concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

What is a unit? A unit is any organized group of UWFaith within a church or district. Some units are composed of several circles or members from different churches which periodically meet as a unit. **How does a unit become a Mission Today unit?**

To be recognized as a Mission Today unit (Gold, Silver, or Bronze), a unit must complete a number of the following criteria as indicated in the chart below. Activities conducted between January 1 and December the reporting year will be recognized at Annual Celebration the following year.

Mission Today Categories		
Gold	Silver	Bronze
Complete 10 criteria: 6 with asterisks* and 4 other**	Complete 8 criteria: 4 with asterisks* and 4 other**	Complete 6 criteria: 4 with asterisks* and 2 other
**Other may include items with asterisks		

Criteria:

- *1. Make and meet the unit Pledge to Mission. Send Pledge amount and funds to the District Treasurer.
- *2. Use the Daily Prayer Guide at each unit, general, or circle meeting to pray for mission personnel and mission projects. The Guide is updated annually and may be ordered from [UWFaith Resources](#). Daily Prayer Guide entries are posted on the [UWFaith Facebook Page](#).
- *3. Use at least two programs from the Program Resource book during the year. A new [Program Resource](#) printed every year and may be ordered from [UWFaith Resources](#).
- *4. Conduct or participate in at least one mission study (virtual or in person). Contact your District or Conference Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation to learn more about the studies. If members of your unit attend all sessions of Mission u or a District Mission Study and your unit takes an action growing out of the study (Gift to Mission, ministry related to the study, etc.), your unit will meet this criterion. *5. At least two members will subscribe to **response** magazine (1 member for units with fewer than 15 members; local subscription may count as one). Order information is provided at the bottom of p. 2. A one-year print subscription (includes digital subscription) is \$24; a one-year digital-only subscription is \$20. More information may be found at [https://uwfaith.org/resources/response-magazine/](#).
- *6. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice in at least two ways during the year. **If you are a "Justice 1 unit, you have met this criterion.** Possibilities include:
 - Read and discuss books and articles about other ethnicities and cultures.
 - Sponsor or attend an interethnic or intercultural event between two or more units.
 - Intentionally recruit women of various ethnic or cultural groups to be unit members and officers.
 - Use the Racial Justice resources available on our Conference website on the "Downloads Available" page under "Mission Resources" or at this link: [https://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/racial-justice/](#)

- *7. Have a program or take action addressing a United Women in Faith justice campaign (current campaign [Just Energy 4 All](#) and [Ending Mass Incarceration and Criminalization of Communities of Color](#)). More

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information may be found at [https://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/racial-justice/](#) *8. Add at least two new members (1 member for units with fewer than 15 members).

*9. Have a program from the [Social Principles of The United Methodist Church 2025-2028](#). This resource may be purchased at [www.cokesbury.com](#) for \$9.99 plus tax and shipping; available in paperback or eBook. *10. Contribute to all Five Channels of Giving (Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, and World Thank Offering).

*11. Recite the UWFaith Purpose at each general and/or circle meeting, including virtual meetings. *12. Contribute \$189.60 or more to the [Legacy Fund](#) during the reporting year.

13. At least one member of the unit will attend Mission u and report back to the unit on the experience. Virtual participation qualifies.

14. At least two members (one member for units with fewer than 15 members) will attend the District or Conference Annual Celebration and report back to the unit about the experience; virtual participation qualifies.

15. At least one person will join the United Women in Faith e-mailing list to receive and respond to advocacy information at least three (3) times a year. Attach the issue and action that was taken to Mission Today report.

16. Members will correspond with five people listed in the Daily Prayer Guide at least once a year. 17. Co-sponsor, with the local church, a "Children's Sabbath". This is a worship service highlighting the needs of children. Materials are available at [https://uwfaith.org/event/childrens-sabbath](#)

18. Include a "response moment" at each unit or circle meeting where an item from **response** magazine is shared as a way to tell the mission story.

19. Sponsor a teen member (ages 12 to 17) and/or a young woman member (ages 18 to 39) to at least one Conference event during the year.

20. At least two members (one member for units with fewer than 15 members) will attend a District Prayer Breakfast/Day Apart, Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat, or any other special District or Conference event (other than Ubuntu Day of Service). Virtual participation in any of these events qualifies.

21. At least two members (one member for units with fewer than 15 members) will participate in an [Ubuntu Day](#) event. Units may develop their own Ubuntu event in their communities.

22. At least two members (one member for units with fewer than 15 members) will complete Plan I of the United Women in Faith [Reading Program](#), and report to the unit on one of the books read. Find information here: [https://uwfaith.org/resources/reading-program/](#)

23. Invite a District or Conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings (may be virtual) and/or for a United Women in Faith Sunday. This qualifies as a local unit visit in the Nurturing Partners program.

24. Add one new teen (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman (ages 18-39) member or circle during the year.

25. 100% of the unit's active members will make a gift of at least \$18.69 to the Legacy Fund. 26. Meet the 2025 Conference Financial Goal. To increase our "Gift in Memory" giving by 10% over 2024 giving. 27. Support at least one local mission project and participate in at least one Conference hands-on mission project during the year. **List the local mission project on the Mission Today report.**

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