

Yadkin Valley District

Western North Carolina Conference



United
Women
in Faith

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From **Rhita Newcomb**, *District President*

Greetings!

It has been an exciting six months, I hope you are becoming more familiar with our new name, United Women in Faith! We have been blessed this year celebrating together in-person for our Mission Study, Prayer Breakfast and MNO Wear a Hat Bring a Hat. I love meeting with you and learning about your units/circles and all the ways you dare to be bold with your resources: time, prayers, and talents. Being a supportive sisterhood is believing in a God of abundance and your generous giving is making the difference in uplifting women, children, and youth in the world.

We gathered at Assembly in Orlando, FL, with the theme “Turn It Up” in-person and virtually and heard some amazing speakers. We were able to have our in-person Spiritual Growth Retreat, Come to the Water at Lake Junaluska - Yay!! Those that were able to attend either in-person or on-line stream were spiritually fed by the powerful Rev. Tammy Ingram and the uplifting music provided by our very own Donna Cooke and Amy Johnson. 163 registered for the event and Yadkin Valley lead the way with forty-two attending. I hope you will be able to attend our Yadkin Valley District Annual Celebration – *Finding Joy in the Journey*, August 20, 2022, Faith UMC, 10:00am - Noon with special speaker and musician, Catherine Ritch!

I also want to make you aware that for your health and safety Mission u will be held virtually, the dates remain the same July 14-16. Our mission curriculum will give us the opportunity to immerse ourselves into the text Luke 13; *Who Can We Be Together?* I hope you will be able to join us for a meaningful connection, building community and to know justice through Jesus. We will also continue our celebration from Assembly, Turn it Up! on September 9-11 at Lake Junaluska for WNCC Annual Celebration. So, let's Turn It Up!!!

We are part of a connectional church and staying connecting to one another is an important part of who we are as United Women Faith. Please remember that I and your Nurturing Partner are available to you through an email or phone call if you have any questions. You will find your Nurturing Partner listed in this newsletter.

We are a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood with a focus on women, children, and youth. We act for justice and transform communities. Invite others to join us because we believe love in action can change the world!

Make sure to check out our new website UWFaith.org.

From **Debra Lawson**, *District Vice-President*

Greetings UMIF,

As I write this my heart misses my mother who passed away June 14 of this year. She was a true example of humility, kindness, and woman of faith. Even though I'm sad I have joy in knowing her love for me and for my Christian values. Remember Catherine Ritch who will be the guest speaker. She has lost both her father and mother. They were also true examples of Christian faith. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

I look forward to our annual celebration on August 24. We have changed the Hands on Mission to be new or slightly used kitchen utensils for the Agape project. Look through your utensils and if you have utensils that are duplicates or not used, and they can be donated for Hands on Mission. Please make plans to attend this celebration. I know you will be uplifted by Catherine's music and reflections.

See details of the Annual Celebration on page 3.

From **Glenda Beauchamp**, *District Leadership Development*

Greetings Ladies,

I think our district and conference meetings have just been wonderful this year. Kudos to the ladies involved! I know we have missed them the last two years but the ladies are certainly bringing us back with great vigor. The Spiritual Growth Retreat was very uplifting, very spiritual and so much fun. Hopefully you will be able to attend the rest of our meetings this year.

The Leadership Development Committee will soon begin to make final plans for Leadership Development Day. There will be so much more than just gathering information about your new office. Please put the date on your calendar and plan to see us at Pine Grove in November.

May God Bless you with all things good!

We serve.
We advocate.
We make a difference.

Finding **JOY**



in the Journey

Yadkin Valley District Annual Celebration

August 20, 2022 10 am – Noon

Faith United Methodist Church
1645 Griffin Road, Rural Hall, NC

Catherine Ritch, Speaker and Special Music

Business

Election & Installation of Officers

Hands-on-Project: Items for Mission Response Center (kitchen towels
dishcloths, new or gently used kitchen utensils)
Offering going to Undesignated Giving

Registration deadline: August 10.

Please email or call Debra Lawson with the number attending from your unit

Email: debralawson083@gmail.com Phone: (336)816-3006

Out of concern for our members, proof of COVID-19 vaccination will be required to attend this meeting. Face coverings will be required. These requirements are subject to change.

From **Valerie Prim**, *District Spiritual Growth Chair*

What a joyful time this past Spring was as United Women in Faith went to in-person events. The Yadkin Valley UWF experienced community coming together in unity to be revived, refreshed and renewed.

In late April our "A Day Apart/Prayer Breakfast" was graciously hosted by Main Street UMC-Kernersville. They provided a wonderful breakfast which was followed by worship, where we celebrated the lives of our "sisters in Christ" who passed away in 2021. The service was a true blessing of music, by Aaron and Katherine Reel, a faith story message given by Katie Riddle, and Holy Communion by Rev. Mike Gehring.

A special heart filled thank you goes out to the Pat Cunningham and Donna Ireland who contributed their time, talent, and gifts to make this event a blessing to all in attendance.

From **Cathy Smith**, *District Spiritual Growth Chair*

I've received notification that the Mission u sessions scheduled next month at Pfeiffer University have been cancelled due to increasing Covid numbers. If you've registered to attend, your registration fee will be refunded. The good news is that the sessions will be available virtually. Please go to the conference UWF website and register for a virtual session.

wnccumw.org/events/mission-u-2022



Who Can We Be Together?
Building Communities
of Hope and Joy

Mission u 2022

Online registration for our VIRTUAL Mission u 2022 is OPEN!
July 14-16, 2022 via ZOOM
Three Full-time classes, and Two One-Day Overview classes

2022 VIRTUAL Mission u Class Options

All classes will be via Zoom.

From **Polly Caudle**, *District Membership Nurture and Outreach*

What an amazing group of 50 + women in the Yadkin Valley United Women in Faith that came to the Wear A Hat and Bring a Hat Tea. I took 576 hats and one wig to the Cancer Service after the tea and they were excited to receive them. Martha Isenberg was our speaker and we heard about her experience with Cancer in the past several years. We also learned about which teas are the best to drink for different times. The tea was on June 4 at Pine Grove UMC in Winston Salem. Thank you United Women in Faith.

I am looking forward to our Walk For Mission 2022 for this fall. It has been so hot this summer and fall is the perfect time to enjoy the outdoors. A sheet is enclosed (see page 8) for you to let me know what you did and how much money that you raised for the mission. Sometimes it is very hard for us to get together, so I think that you might want to Walk for Mission in your local unit. The Walk for Missions can be one of your meetings and you can rock, jog, walk or swim. I usually get my miles or time by jogging in the pool. I look forward to seeing all the ways that you are raising the money for missions.

Have you been able to connect with your Nurturing Partners (LUV)? We want our members to know more about our studies and answer any questions that they might have. They might be interested to know more about Mission U since it will be virtual this year..

One purpose of the United Women in Faith is " to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church " We are thankful UMCOR is doing their part in helping the people of Ukraine. What can we do? I am teaching a class in Ukrainian Pysanky (the art of waxing eggs in religious symbols) on August 6 at 10:00 am in the Pine Grove UMC Fellowship Hall. The cost will be \$3.00 for the supplies. Supplies will be furnished, but you must bring your raw white eggs and they must be washed in vinegar and water. I need everyone to register. While we work with the eggs, you will also learn more about the Ukrainian people and why they need help. We can also make a contribution to the Ukrainian as one of our missions See page 6.

Wear A Hat and Bring a Hat Tea



From **Joyce Irby**, *Winston East Missional Network*

Updates for the Winston East Missional Network

Our missional network project, Pathway2K Is now an official summer program for the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School System. All summer school programs will receive backpacks and P2K supplies are now covered with a few exceptions. This summer, the network will provide 300 yoga mats, bottles of blue dye and golf pencils.

Due to pastoral and other possible changes, we are not sure of future plans; however, the school system has asked our churches serve as host sites for the Ready Freddy Program. We will be meeting soon to see what we need to do.



*Would you like to learn how to paint
Ukrainian eggs (Pysanky)?*

When: Saturday, August 6th at 10:00 am

Where: Pine Grove UMC - Fellowship Hall

Instructor: Polly Caudle, District MNO Coordinator

Cost: \$3.00 for supplies. However, you must bring 4 raw white eggs cleaned in water and vinegar. (Not in soap)

Deadline: August 1, 2022. You must register by contacting Polly Caudle at pcaudle26@gmail.com

From **Barbara Crotts**, *District Nominations Chair*

Greetings to all UWF

I have just finished a class on Spiritual Gifts.....so my question to you who are reading this...What do you consider as your "gift"? Are you an avid reader? Are you someone who enjoys making pictures or documenting the comings and goings of meetings? Do you enjoy decorating a worship table to help convey the message of the meeting or program that is happening at our district events? There are many ways that we can contribute to the happenings of our district events. How can you use your Spiritual Gift?

Granted, this was not what our class was about....using our gifts for this particular thing. But I hope our United Women in Faith will consider what their gifts are and help us to bring Fresh Faces and Fresh Ideas to our team. We have some new faces to add to our team for the coming year, but there is always room for others to join and take an active role. There is such a great fellowship in our UMW...or UWF and it is a gift to ourselves to be a part of it.

Blessings to all.

Nominations for 2023 –2024

Treasurer	Ashley Perdue
Communications	Berthina Thomas
Nominations	TBD

From **Deborah Brooks**, *District Communications*

Hello United Women in Faith

Have you been practicing our new name? Remember it's United Women in Faith....not of Faith. You can do it.

Have you checked out the downloads available on our conference website? You can get forms, past program books, Mission Today criteria etc. Go to **wncumw.org**. Place your cursor on **Mission Resources** and click on **Download Available**. Lots of good stuff.

Continue to send updated addresses and/or officer changes. This helps keep costs down on returned mail.

Have a wonderful summer.

Walk for Missions – 2022

Yadkin Valley United Women in Faith

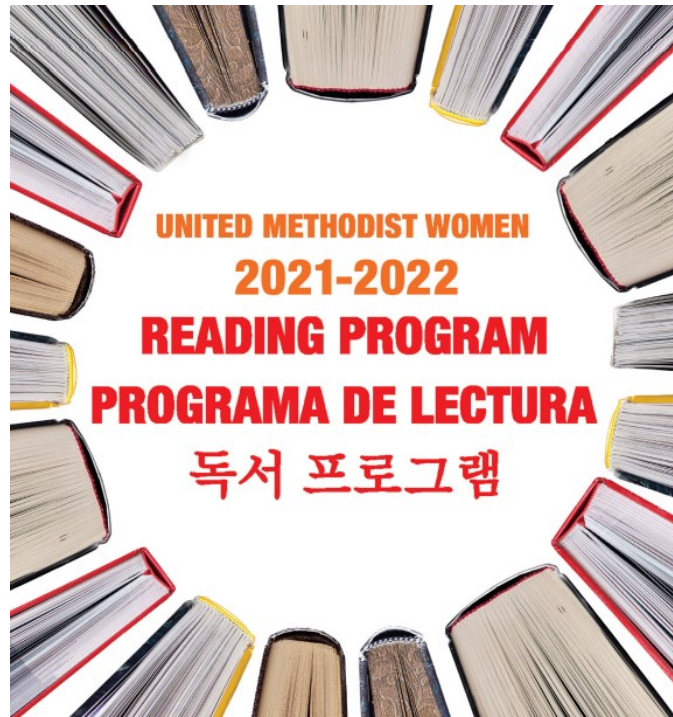
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Collect your money, and mail your form and sponsor money to your District Treasurer.



2022 Reading Program

The Reading Program is a cherished tradition that brings together members to explore, share and discuss books.

There's something for everyone—the Reading Program is available for:

- Adults, youth, and children
- Enlightening subjects in diverse genres, including:
 - Education for Mission
 - Leadership Development
 - Nurturing for Community
 - Social Action
 - Spiritual Growth

response magazine and the Faith Talks podcast are part of the Reading Program.

Reading Program [Reporting Form](#)

View [previous Reading Program catalogs](#)

[Suggest a book](#)



UNITED WOMEN In FAITH

Western North Carolina Conference

Annual Celebration

Registration:

(Begins June 21, 2022)

- All registration is online. There will be no on-site registration.
- All attendees must be fully vaccinated and up to date on COVID boosters. Go to www.wnccumw.org for more details
- Get a DISCOUNT! Register early! Online registration, June 21 through August 15 is only \$25.00 per person! August 16 through September 7, registration is \$40 per person. Use the online registration link on our website at www.wnccumw.org.
- Registration fees are non-fundable and, because of our COVID 19 safety measures, registration fees are also non-transferable
- Register yourself AND others! Our online registration is for one person at a time, but one person can do multiple individual registrations using the same email address. Thanks for helping other members of your local unit to register online — especially those who may not use a computer!
- Contact us if you have a question about registration.

What: 49th Annual Celebration

Celebrating 153 Years in Mission

When: September 9-11, 2022

Registration begins 2pm; Program 6:45pm

Where: Lake Junaluska, Harrell Center

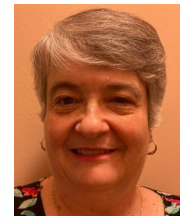
Keynote Weekend Speaker:

Tamara Clark, Treasurer and CFO, United Women in Faith



Mission Speaker: Tracey

Owens Deaconess serving at Brooks-Howell



Musician: Richard Ramsey

Hands-On Mission: Gift in Memory/Gift to Mission Cards and UMCOR Hygiene Kits

Turn It Up! Saturday Afternoon :

UWFaith Choir led by Richard Ramsey
New Wineskins led by Molly Welch
Jazzercizing 4 Jesus led by LaDonna Butts

Turn It Up! Highlights:

- Hosting Missionaries for Lunch
- The Celebration Continues...- Saturday Night Entertainment
- UWF Choir on Sunday
- Inspiration Point, Rose Walk, Susanna Wesley Garden, Biblical Garden, Corneille Bryan Native Garden, 2.3-mile Lakeside Walking Trail

Hostess District: Blue Ridge

Complete information about Annual Celebration is available on our website:

www.wnccumw.org

Mark your calendar!

Contact Persons:

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Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

Reservations Phone #:

1-800-222-4930 (Toll Free)

**Lake Junaluska
Reservations:
Housing Reservations
Open June 21, 2022**

To book Lake Junaluska
lodging for
Annual Celebration

Group Code : 86319

- **Call the Lake Junaluska reservations department at 1-800-222-4930.**
- Then select 1 for the Reservations Department, and the next available agent will be glad to assist you. The Lake Junaluska reservations team is on duty from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.



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2022 Annual Celebration

September 9-11, 2022 - Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Lake Junaluska Accommodations & Rates

The Terrace or Lambuth Inn*

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, mini fridge, coffee maker, elevator, free WI-FI) Room tax is 11%

Rates are per room, per day, room & meals, before applicable taxes

	The Terrace Room per night	Lambuth Inn Room per night	Weekend 5-Meal Package*
Single	\$125.00	\$120.00	+\$75.00
Double	\$125.00	\$120.00	+\$75.00
Triple	\$145.00	\$135.00	+\$75.00
Quad	\$165.00	\$150.00	+\$75.00

*Lake Junaluska operates The Terrace and Lambuth Inn on an American Plan, and meals are required with the room.

NOTE: NO SUNDAY Lunch will be provided in this package!

Apartments (meals optional)

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, free WI-FI, Plus 1 roll-away bed)

Rates are per room, per day, no meals, before 11% applicable taxes.

Single	\$95.00
Double	\$95.00
Triple	\$105.00
Quad	\$115.00

NOTE: PHOTO ID and CREDIT CARD required for EACH PERSON at Check-In Payment by Credit Card or Cash....NO CHECKS!

Lake Junaluska Lodging Information:

Event lodging reservation deposit is equal to the first night's lodging and is due at the time of reservation. Any rooms not reserved with a Lodging Reservations Deposit will be released into general availability 30 days prior to an event. Individual lodging reservations deposit refund policy: 15 days or more before an event receive a full refund minus \$15 processing fee; 14 days or less before an event will not receive a refund.

EXPRESS CHECK-IN: To expedite check-in time, pay room in full at time of reservation or when contacted via email in advance of meeting and make any roommate changes.

CHECK IN TIME for all facilities is 4:00pm; check out is 11:00am. Photo ID and CREDIT CARD for each person for incidentals required at Check-In. For those who do not have a credit card, the Lake suggests purchasing prepaid credit card prior to arrival.

Meal Information:

NOTE: NO Sunday Lunch in this package!

The room rate that shows on your confirmation letter is the room rate only, meals are an additional cost. Meals are optional for Apartments. Guests staying in Apartments may purchase package at \$75.00 per person for 5 consecutive meals. Children 4 through 11 years of age receive meals at half price, 3 years of age and under eat free. **A 5-meal package of \$75.00 per person will automatically be added for each person staying in The Terrace or Lambuth Inn (dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch & dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday).**

(7% NC tax and 8% gratuity will be added to all meal charges)

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Ways to Give to the Legacy Fund

- Make a gift to the Legacy Fund through your local unit 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, Treasurer’s Office 15th Floor, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115
- 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 800-278-7771.

2022 Nurturing Partners For Yadkin Valley District UMW

Antioch, Belews Creek Ann Ibrahim	First, Mocksville Pat Cunningham	Pinnacle Debra Lawson
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Bethesda, Lexington Faye Everhart	Johnsontown Kathy Chadwell	Sharon Polly Caudle
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Booneville Valerie Prim	Konnoak Hills Joyce Irby	Shiloh, Lexington Deb Brooks
Brooks Temple Cathy Smith	Lewisville Polly Caudle	Shoals Jamie Smith
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Concord, Mocksville Donna Ireland	Mt. Pleasant, Booneville Gail Caudle	Trinity, WS Glenda Beauchamp
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Dulin Debra Lawson	New Hope, WS Janet Sizemore	Whitaker's Chapel Faye Everhart
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Fairview, Thomasville Kathy Chadwell	Palmyra Debra Lawson	Yadkinville Deb Brooks
Faith Rhita Newcomb	Pine Grove, Kernersville Rhita Newcomb	
Farmington Mary Jo Brewer	Pine Grove, WS Glenda Beauchamp	

Frequently Asked Questions on United Women in Faith

Are we still a part of The United Methodist Church?

Yes! We are still the only official women's organization of The United Methodist Church, and our legal name will remain United Methodist Women.

What do we call ourselves now?

You are United Women in Faith! It's okay to ease into it; it's a big change. We'll have the new logo ready for download on our new website, and other materials are available there to help us all and transition together.

How were these decisions made?

Our new programs are fruits of the research the national office conducted over the past quadrennium along with prayerfully seeking to discern the times for our organization. The member-elected United Methodist Women board of directors, with input from the program advisory group, has guided the organization throughout this process.

We've conducted surveys, focus groups and interviews with more than 24,000 United Methodists and women of other denominations and Christian traditions. The changes and programs are data-informed and tested to address the needs and life stages of current members and new women.

Will these changes impact me and my local unit?

All of our traditional structures on the conference, district and local levels—circles included—remain intact. These

new tools and programs are additional options available to you and your unit to help you better nurture current members, recruit new women into the organization and manage your unit's finances.

Can we be members if our church leaves The United Methodist Church?

Yes. Changes to the bylaws allow for women to be involved and be leaders in our organization even if they become affiliated with another denomination. Our new name makes our organization more inclusive.

Where can I learn about all of the changes underway?

New Wineskins resources available on the website at uwfaith.org will give you an overview of the changes underway. Changes include the new name, new website, templates for Soul Care retreats, innovations to Mission u and Leadership Development Days, a national membership option, more targeted giving options, new online tools for treasurers and new and improved resources.

What is the New Wineskins Campaign?

United Methodist Women—now United Women in Faith—is again saying yes to being part of what God is doing in the 21st century by creating new and improved ways for women today to gather for faith, sisterhood and action for women, children and youth.

In other words, we are making new wine and new wineskins to fulfill our

role in God's mission today. The New Wineskins Campaign is about these exciting changes and spreading this great news with members during this time of transition.

Why the rebranding?

Brand is a term most often associated today with commercial marketing, but in reality, everyone has a brand. Brand is just a term to describe what people can expect to experience when they encounter you. Branding encompasses the things we do—our look, our actions, our messages—that help let people know who we are and what we deliver.

Rebranding United Methodist Women means we are refreshing the way we tell our story and updating our programs, resources and outreach efforts so that we better nurture current members and are more attractive to and welcoming of women of diverse backgrounds and life stages by meeting them where they are.

United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

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UPCOMING DISTRICT UWF DATES

August 20- District Annual Celebration
Faith UMC—Rural Hall 10:00am

Leadership Development TBD