



# THE UMW APPALACHIAN DISTRICT NEWS

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019



**March 23, 1869 ~ March 23, 2019**

150 Years in service of God's mission on behalf of women, children, and youth!  
We are approaching **our 150th Anniversary on Saturday, March 23, 2019**. How will you celebrate?

- ◆ **Plan a celebration!** What if **EVERY local unit** had a **celebration** during March! Have a birthday party, a special UMW Sunday, a festive luncheon, a service project, a fun-raiser, etc. Check out the **Let's Celebrate** idea sheet on our website at [wnccumw.org/legacyfund/](http://wnccumw.org/legacyfund/). Be creative! Invite others! Tell our story! **Celebrate!**
- ◆ **Join in the Day of Giving** on our anniversary, March 23, 2019! Invest in the next 150 years!
- ◆ **Stretch during 2019 by making a gift to The Legacy Fund every month!** Challenge others to do the same! Consider giving \$18.69 per month, or more!
- ◆ **Honor persons** by presenting them with the special 150th Special Mission Recognition pin, or the 150th necklace. You could even **order them for yourself!**



## THE LEGACY FUND: Invest Now...Impact the Future!



**Our Western North Carolina Every Member  
Legacy Fund Goal:**

That every member make a gift to

**The Legacy Fund**

**of at least \$18.69 per year,**

over and above her Pledge to Mission,  
for five years.

**LEGACY FUND *and* MISSION GIVING? YES, BOTH!!!**

## President's Message:

### United Methodist Women 101 + Membership

United Methodist Women is the largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members whose mission is fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders and advocating for justice. Members raise up to \$20 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world.

United Methodist Women principles and values include:

- Promoting the empowerment of women, children and youth.
- Promoting anti-racism and multiculturalism.
- Promoting inclusion and equity.
- Promoting fair labor practices.
- Promoting economic and environmental stewardship and sustainability.

The Vision of United Methodist Women is: Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world. We cannot continue to promote & do these things unless we continue to grow in Membership!! We must encourage, support, and recruit young women to join this organization!! I challenge you to think of ways to recruit & support young women so that this organization can continue to grow & provide faith, hope & love in action for many women, children, & youth around the world. We must nurture the women we have in our circles & investigate ways that we can invite others to join us! Start teen circles & look for ways to encourage young women to join our organization. Any woman who commits herself to the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women and to engage in mission, study, personal growth and social action can join. You don't have to be United Methodist or meet an age requirement to be a member.

I would be happy to come and talk with your group about ways to recruit members. Please contact me or any of our district members to discuss ways we can grow in our membership.



I want to encourage everyone to attend as many District and Conference meetings and events. I had no idea what all United Methodist Women do in our communities and the world. We are celebrating all year our 150<sup>th</sup> year. Please let us know how your units are planning to celebrate. Invite a District or Conference officer to attend your celebration.

A few things to look forward to in 2019; the Mission Study, the Prayer Breakfast, Mission Walks, Spiritual Growth Retreat, and more. Remember to invite one of the District or Conference officers to a meeting or event you are having. We need more love visits in 2019 and just want to answer any questions you have. If your Nurturing Partner has not been in contact with you please contact Denise Harris, Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach. We also need more of our units to pledge and meet their pledge in 2019. If you have any questions as how you can do this please just give us a call; we know you can!

Lorraine Burns

Because  
**Teamwork**  
Makes **Mission**  
Work!



### **Be a Part of the Appalachian Team**

We are looking for women who are interested in serving on the district team. Because we all do our part, no one person has to do it all... For 2019 we will be looking for **several officers**. If any district position appeals to you, or you know someone who would be great at any of them, please don't hesitate to call or email any of the current officers.

They will be able to give you the full details of the position. You'll see that they are much easier than you think.

### **Vice-President:**

VP stands for vital programming...Ring in the New Year 2019 with "Sisterhood of Grace".



The program book for this year is celebrating 150 years of sisterhood and we are focused on helping women and girls around the world to be leaders; we are focused on providing opportunities and resources for spiritual growth; we are working for justice and providing educational experiences; and we are organized to promote growth for effective witnessing in action. Our vision is to turn faith, hope and love into action for women, youth, and children everywhere. Look at the program book and pick the parts that help your local unit to grow in purpose. Use your preferred excerpts from the monthly programs.

We know that programs help us to become... sharing helps us to grow...and talking about exciting new outreach ideas helps us to be involved in that which God would have us to do for His kingdom here on earth. So, reach for the stars; 2019 awaits!!! God smiles when we seek His plan for our lives and our units. Happy 2019!

Shalom - Just text if you need me and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you.

Katie Burns, (828) 446-5962

### **Secretary:**

Happy New Year! It is so hard to believe that 2019 is here already! I enjoyed meeting the unit secretaries that attended the Leadership and Membership Development at Elkin UMC in November, 2018. For those who could not attend, we emphasized that as a unit secretary, **YOU** are important. You are counted on to provide concise, accurate, and informative accounts of unit meetings through your minutes. You work for the Unit President and you should receive guidance from her on details she requires in the performance your duties. You serve as custodian of all records and official papers and, if you have not already, you need to send a list of elected unit leaders to the UMW District Secretary (me) with addresses, phone numbers, and emails. If I can answer any questions or if you need assistance, please feel free to call or email me.

Blessings,

Jan Taylor; j.kay.tay@gmail.com; 336-957-3024 (h); 336-468-0313 (c)

## Communications:

I encourage you to monitor our WNCC UMW Website ([www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org)) to keep up with Conference and District events (you can also link to our Appalachian District UMW Website from this site or go to [www.appumw.com](http://www.appumw.com).) Our first event for 2019 will be a District event (Prayer Breakfast on March 23 at Wilkesboro UMC, which is also a celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of UMW), followed by our District Mission Study, “Embracing Wholeness” on April 13 (at Rose Chapel UMC in Statesville); then, at the Conference level, we have Legislative Day (E to the third power: Educate, Engage, Enact) at St. Andrews UMC in Winston Salem, NC on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

If your unit has not completed and submitted a list of your 2019 officers to Lorraine Burns or me, I encourage you to do this. We use these lists to ensure we pass on important District and Conference UMW information to unit officers so this info can be passed on to all unit members.

If your unit has any pictures or info to pass on about mission projects, please share these with me to include in the newsletter as space permits.

**Grace Chapel UMW** shared their hands-on mission for January 2019:

Shut-in & Widow/Widowers fruit baskets delivered with a visit, a promise of prayers & love throughout the year.

From left to right are:

Jean Kistler, Donna Teague, Margo Bowman, Alice Zushin. (Not pictured Belinda Johnson, Beverly Curtis, Janis Fennel Tucker, Palma Jane Bumgarner, Karen Wilson, and Lorraine Burns.)

Thank you ladies – you are a blessing to many!



Blessings, Jan Taylor

## Social Action:

Greetings, My Follow UMW!

Updates and call to action...



**Excerpts from:**

### **United Methodist Women Urges Chevron to Defend EPA Methane Protections**

*UMWomen members and CEO Harriett Jane Olson mark their hometowns on a poster urging Chevron to cut methane emissions during Assembly 2018.*

Dec. 12, 2018, NEW YORK—United Methodist Women is sending member letters and a strong message from its CEO Harriett Jane Olson to Chevron CEO Michael Wirth, urging the company to publicly defend the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency methane rules now under threat of being rescinded.

“These emissions hurt the health of people, harm God’s earth and waste God’s resources,” Olson said. “Chevron assured us in person that it was committed to reducing methane emissions....”

In May, Chevron representatives told a United Methodist Women delegation that the company had signed the “Guiding Principles on Reducing Methane Emissions across the Natural Gas Value Chain.” These principles include a commitment to advocate for sound methane policy. Chevron, however, has not publicly opposed the proposed rollback of critical EPA methane rules...

United Methodist Women calls on Chevron to honor its commitment to sound methane policy by publicly advocating for the EPA methane rules.....

Methane, the main component of natural gas, is a powerful greenhouse gas that is 87 times more potent than carbon dioxide when released into the atmosphere...

In May United Methodist Women delivered almost 2,000 letters and met with Chevron staff, urging them to sign on to the guiding principles, and to reduce leaks across the supply chain.

*Posted or updated: 12/13/2018 12:00:00 AM*

Source: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/the-poor-peoples-campaign>

### **ACTION ALERT**



#### **Excerpts from: The Poor People's Campaign**

On the 50th anniversary of the Poor People's Campaign of 1968, the Rev. William Barber II resigned from his position as NAACP president in North Carolina and announced his leading of the new Poor People's Campaign. Partnered with the Kairos Center at Union Theological Seminary in New York, they have joined forces with other organizations to address the issues of economic equality across the United States. They call it a "moral revival of Martin Luther King's legacy."

The major elements of the Poor People's Campaign of 1968 were to pressure Congress to pass an economic bill of rights, the passage of full employment and guaranteed income legislation, \$30 billion annual appropriation for a war on poverty and the construction of 500,000 low-income housing units to rid the country of slums. The elements of the campaign were to be implemented in three stages: a nationwide boycott of major businesses to pressure business leaders to address economic disparity, nonviolent protests/mass arrests and the creation of a shanty town on the National Mall....

The 21st century Poor People's Campaign is seeking to build a unity across race, issues, gender, gender identity, sexual identity, age, faith and geography that can break through the politics that divide us. They believe that power lies in unity and poor people have the solutions when they come together as one. They believe that they will begin to break through the noise of racism, poverty, militarism and ecological devastation to demonstrate that another America is possible. "Not everything that is faced can be changed," James Baldwin reminds us, "but nothing can be changed until it is faced." The new Poor People's Campaign reminds us that the change that we need to address poverty lies within our unity.

*Posted or updated: 12/4/2018 12:00:00 AM*

Source: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/united-methodist-women-urges-chevron-to-defend-epa-methane-protections>

#### **Upcoming National Awareness Campaigns**

- **January**
  - Birth Defects Awareness Month
  - Poverty in America Awareness Month
- **February**
  - American Heart Association Month
  - Black History Month
  - National Cancer Prevention Month
- **March**
  - AIDS Awareness      Wednesday, March 20, 2019
  - Women's History Month

Source: <https://www.motivators.com/awareness-event-calendar.html>

Please feel free to reach out to me if you need a speaker for any of the National Awareness Campaigns, or anything Social Justice related.

Peace and Blessings,

Donna Parks Hill, [dmari@embarqmail.com](mailto:dmari@embarqmail.com), 336.466.1230

## Spiritual Growth:



### Prayer Breakfast

Growing spiritually is a constant when life is richly blessed with Christ-centered activities and especially as we grow through United Methodist Women. The Prayer Breakfast is a great way to come together with your Appalachian District Sisters and grow by deepening your faith journey. We celebrate 150 years of UMW and remember the UMW who completed their earthly journey and have now joined the everlasting celestial celebration of eternity with Christ. We are saddened and grieve, but they rejoice in their new found freedom and their completeness in body and soul.

Join us at Wilkesboro United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 23rd at 9 a.m. for breakfast, a memorial service, and a faith experience through message and song. As we feed the body and soul and we greet each other in Christian love and fellowship, may we feel the Spirit move us.



We welcome Reverend Holly Cobb Adams as she brings us a message of grace, hope and celebration. We remember our sisters who passed during the year 2018 in a Memorial Service of Sisterhood...”Far above rubies”. The woman in Proverbs 31 was more precious than jewels and wisdom is compared to the ruby in Job 28: 18, “No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls; for the price of wisdom is above rubies.” We honor these ladies and the wisdom that we inherited through them and their service.

### Registration

Be sure you submit the completed form (below) for those to be remembered at the Memorial Service by Monday, March 11. Please see registration info on the flyer on page 7. Cost per person of \$6 goes to the local unit hosting to cover the cost of the breakfast. Child Care will be available upon request. Thank you.

### Inquiries and Assistance

If you are new at serving in the position of Mission Coordinator of Spiritual Growth and need assistance, please contact me by phone or text (828) 234-0850, by email at [stopac69@gmail.com](mailto:stopac69@gmail.com), or by US postal service at 120 Shady Oak Terrace, Hudson, NC 28638. May you have a blessed and happy 2019.

Peace and prayers, Sherry Summerlin



### Prayer Breakfast Memorial Service

Please complete the below form and return to Sherry Summerlin by March 11, 2019. Print clearly the names of UMW to be remembered at the Memorial Service (year 2018 only) and a **word(s) of wisdom symbolic** of her. **PLEASE INCLUDE A PHOTO IF POSSIBLE.** Also, list your name and phone number for information to be verified if needed.

Name of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person who will be present to represent Unit during the Memorial Service (if no one is

present, District VP will represent your unit): \_\_\_\_\_ Unit office held \_\_\_\_\_

List names of those to be remembered....Please Print Clearly, Thank you!

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Word(s) of wisdom \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Word(s) of wisdom \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Words(s) of wisdom \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to: Sherry Summerlin, Appalachian District Spiritual Growth Coordinator, 120 Shady Oak Terrace, Hudson, NC 28638, or email to Sherry at [stopac69@gmail.com](mailto:stopac69@gmail.com) NLT Monday, March 11, 2019



**Proverbs 31:10** *“The price of a virtuous woman is said to be “far above rubies’.”*

**Appalachian District UMW Prayer Breakfast**  
 Wilkesboro United Methodist Church, Saturday, March 23, 2019  
**“Sisterhood of Grace”：“Far Above Rubies”**

**Speaker: Rev. Holly Cobb Adams**

**9:00-10:00 a.m. Registration, Breakfast, Program Resources and Prayer Room**

**10:00-10:15 a.m. Gathering Music**

**10:15-11:45 a.m. Worship and Memorial Service**

**Love Offering in Memory of those Remembered**

Advance registration is required. Cost is \$6/person. Please send reservation for prayer breakfast using the form below. Deadline for registration, Memorial Information (form on pg 6 of newsletter), and requests for childcare is March 11, 2019.

**Hands On Mission Project Bethlehem Center Supplies:** Washable Markers, Washable Paint, Jumbo Crayons, Jumbo Pencils, #2 Pencils, Colored Pencils

**Driving Directions:**

**Physical Address: 309 West Main Street, Wilkesboro, NC 28697**

**From Lenoir:** Continue on Wilkesboro Blvd (NC-18). Continue on S NC Highway 18 (NC-18). Turn left onto S NC Highway 16 (NC-16/NC-18). Continue on S Cherry St (NC-18). Turn right onto W Main St (NC-18/NC-268). Church is .3 miles on the right. Turn right at next traffic light (Woodland Blvd.) to get to the church parking lot.

**From Hickory:** Turn right onto US Highway 64 90 W (US-64). Turn left onto NC Highway 90 W (NC-90). Turn left onto NC Highway 16 N (NC-16). Continue on S Cherry St (NC-18). Turn right onto W Main St (NC-18/NC-268). Church is .3 miles on your right. Turn right at next traffic light (Woodland Blvd.) to get to the church parking lot.

**From Statesville:** Take NC-115 (31 mi.) to US-421N (ramp on right). In approx. 3 mi., exit at 286A onto NC 18 (S. Cherry Street). Turn right onto W Main St (NC-18/NC-268). Church is .3 miles on the right. Turn right at next traffic light (Woodland Blvd.) to get to the church parking lot. (You can also take I-77South to 421N).

**From Boone:** Take US-421 toward Wilkesboro (approx 31 mi). At exit 286B, take ramp right for NC-268 (Downtown Wilkesboro). Turn left onto NC-268. Church is 1.1 miles on your right. To get to parking lot, continue to traffic light after church (Woodland Blvd.) and turn right; driveway is approx ¼ mile on your right.

**From Sparta:** Head toward S Main St on N Main St (US-21). Turn right onto W Whitehead St (NC-18). Continue on NC Highway 18 S (NC-18). Continue on 2nd St (NC-18). Continue on Main St (US-421-BR). Turn left onto 6th St (NC-18/NC-268). Continue on 6th St. Turn right onto Cherry St. Turn right onto E Main St (NC-18/NC-268). Arrive at Wilkesboro United Methodist Church on the left; turn left at traffic light (Woodland Blvd) before church (just past the post office) to get to the church parking lot.

**If childcare is needed, please contact Sherry Summerlin at (828) 234-0850 by March 11!**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name of Unit \_\_\_\_\_ # attending X \$6 = \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed (make checks payable to Appalachian District UMW) Mail to:

Nancy Johnson, 661 Teague Town Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681

**Due by Monday, March 11, 2019**

## Treasurer:

Happy New Year and greetings to all Local Unit UMW Treasurers!

Thank you, Local Unit Treasurers for all your hard work in 2018. 92.3% of your fourth quarter remittance reports reached me on time (December 1, 2018). Remittance reports received after the due date will be recorded for 2019. Please remember the Mission Quarters are not the same as yearly quarters. The 2019 Mission Quarters are as follows:

First Quarter - December 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019

Second Quarter - March 1, 2019 through May 31 2019

Third Quarter - June 1, 2019 through August 31, 2019

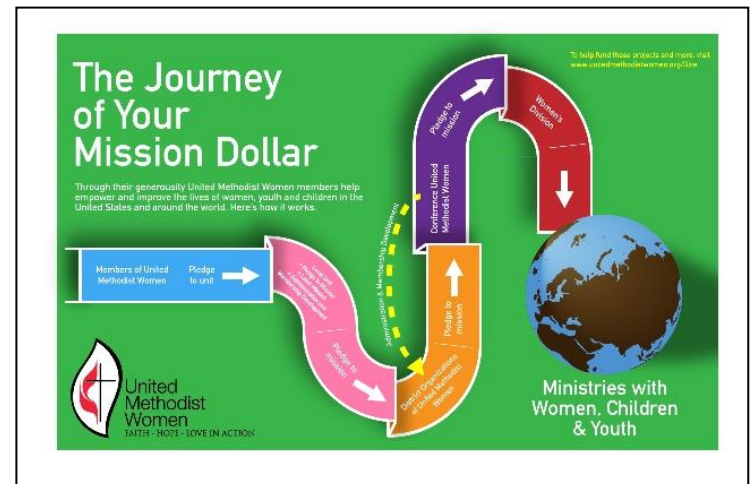
Fourth Quarter - September 1, 2019 through November 30, 2019

I will mail a letter to all the Local Unit Treasurers at the first of the month before the end of the Mission Quarter. Letters go out February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. These letters will provide a lot of information to help you fulfill your very important role as a Local Unit Treasurer.

I look forward to working with you in 2019 and welcome those who are new to the treasurer's position this year. As a Local Unit Treasurer you have two important responsibilities:

1. The responsibility of financial recordkeeping, which includes: making deposits to and payments from the local UMW checking account, recording receipts and disbursements, reporting the financial activity of the local unit to your members, and remitting pledge and other funds to the district UMW treasurer at the end of each Mission Quarter.

2. The responsibility of lifting up the purpose of UMW to reach around the world with our mission dollars. The UMW mission dollars support mission projects in almost twice as many U.S. locations as we do in other countries, so our mission money supports many worthwhile efforts here at home as well as throughout the world to make a difference in the lives of women, children, and youth.



If I can be of help and/or you have questions - let me know by phone call or email. If you would like for me to come and talk with your group - I am an invitation away.

Nancy Johnson, nananurse85@charter.net; 828-612-6142

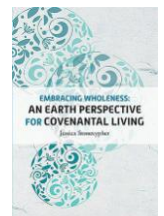
## Mission Education and Interpretation:

A new year has arrived! Are you ready to roll up your sleeves for Missions? My prayer for 2019 is we get excited and motivated for Mission work! I can't thank all those units enough who blessed the district and conference with the Hygiene kits, School kits, and Cleaning buckets. UMCOR would love for your units to come down and help with processing the kits at any time - Just give them a call.

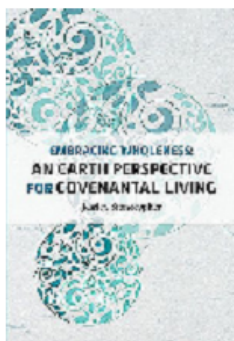
Don't forget the Mission Study coming up on April 13, 2019 (see flyer on page 9). The name of our study, *Embracing Wholeness, An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living*, will be led by Sandra Williamson from the Northern Piedmont District. The study will be held at: ROSE CHAPEL UMC in Statesville. Please mark your calendars for this event...

Looking forward to seeing you at our district or conference events in 2019!

In His Service,  
Roberta Walker







**Appalachian District, United Methodist Women**  
**MISSION STUDY 2019**  
**Rose Chapel UMC**  
**813 Turnersburg Hwy**  
**Statesville, NC**  
**Saturday, April 13, 2019**  
**9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (includes lunch)**

## **Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living**

Study Leader: Sandra Williamson, President, Northern Piedmont UMW District

*Child care for young children is available upon request*

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

**Cost: \$6 per adult (includes lunch) There is no cost for Children and Youth.**

This spiritual growth study explores ways God has called us to live in covenantal relationship with all of creation and challenges us to work toward stronger and healthier relationships with creation, our communities, ourselves, and God.

Attendance at this study will fulfill requirements for Mission Today Criteria #4.

**Advance Registration is Required** - Please use the registration form at the bottom. **Deadline** is March 25, 2019. If **childcare** is needed, please contact Katie Burns (828-446-5962 or Katie.burns2019@gmail.com).

### Directions to Rose Chapel United Methodist Church

**From Boone, Wilkesboro, N Wilkesboro**– Take US 421 south to Exit 265B (I-77 south-Charlotte.) In approx. 19.5 miles, take ramp right, bearing right onto US-21, Turnersburg Hwy. Arrive at church in approx .3 miles (if you reach Strawberry Ln, you went too far.)

**From I-77 (Sparta/Elkin)** - Take I-77S to US- 21 exit bear right onto US-21, Turnersburg Hwy. Arrive at church in approx .3 miles (if you reach Strawberry Ln, you went too far.)

**From Taylorsville/Hickory/Granite Falls** - Take I-40E to I-77N. At exit 54, take ramp right and follow signs for US-21. Turn left on US-21; in approx .4 miles, arrive at church (if you reach Strawberry Ln, you went too far.)

**From Lenoir**– Take Harper Ave. (NC18, NC90, US-64) and stay right on US-64/Taylorsville Rd. Take ramp left for I-40 East; at exit 152B, take ramp right for I-77 North. Follow Taylorsville/Hickory/Granite Falls directions from here.



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### Registration for Appalachian District Mission Study 2019

Name of Unit \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$6.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Check enclosed) Make checks payable to Appalachian District UMW

Mail form with check to: Nancy Johnson, Appalachian District Treasurer, 661 Teague Town Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681

**DUE BY MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019**



## Western North Carolina Conference 2019 Vision & Goals

### Turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world

- **Raise awareness & build relationships with the United Methodist Women mission institutions in our conference:** *Bethlehem Center Charlotte, Bethlehem Center Winston-Salem, Brooks-Howell Home, Bennett College, Pfeiffer University*
- **Raise awareness of our four United Methodist Women service and advocacy priority issues:** *Climate Justice, Maternal & Child Health, Criminalization of Communities of Color & Mass Incarceration, Economic Inequality*
- **Achieve our Conference Financial Goal:** Increase our conference giving in the Gift to Mission Channel by at least \$3,000

**Celebrate 150 Years of United Methodist Women in Mission**

Sincerely,

*Your WNCC UMW Team*

### Membership – Nurture – Outreach:

As we begin 2019, let us remember the purpose of the United Methodist Women:



Soon, you should receive the names of your nurturing partners. These ladies should contact you; however, if you need help, please contact me. These partners are available to visit, help with your programs and give support in any way you may need!

January is a great time for new beginnings so invite a friend or acquaintance to a meeting, let missing members know you missed them, offer rides to events and most importantly, share the wonderful fellowship available in your group!

I hope to see each of you at Wilkesboro UMC on March 23 for our Prayer Breakfast. Please email (email address below) with any concerns, celebrations, and ways I can help YOU!

Peace of Christ to you in this new year,  
Denise Harris, [denise.harris2105@gmail.com](mailto:denise.harris2105@gmail.com).

## Program Resources:

Program Resources is in the process of change. In the past, many books and other resources could be purchased at our district and conference meetings. The shipping costs for both were substantial. Many local units were already ordering their own resources cheaper through Amazon. We can still order from the district events and have the resources shipped straight to local units. An order form will be available at these events.

Local units are being encouraged to order the “Sampler Box” for \$40.00. Part of the shipment will be in the spring and will include two mission study books. The rest of the shipment will be sent in the fall and will include the Program Book and the Prayer Calendar. It may be ordered from one of the following:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/members-leaders/mission-resources/annual-sampler/annualsampler2>

ORDER TOLL-FREE 800-305-9857

ORDER BY MAIL United Methodist Women Mission Resources P.O. Box 742349 Atlanta, GA 30374-2349 M5276

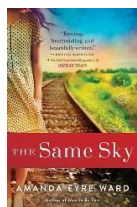
The Reading Program Catalog will no longer be available at meetings. It may be downloaded two ways. The first is pictures and descriptions. The second one is list form.

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/rpcatalog2019.pdf>

or

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/rp/2019list>

With all that said.....Happy New Year to all and my wishes for a renewed spirit for you and yours. Our network of UMW ladies have had a trying 2018; but I pray that 2019 will bring us all a new closeness with our Heavenly Father. Let us all make a resolution to read more of the UMW suggested books and learn from them the message that they have. If all that have earned recognition for reading in the past would encourage all of the others in our local units to read at least level one, what a report that would be for 2019.



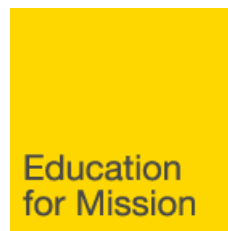
Recently, I read “The Same Sky” by Ward, which is a Nurturing for Community book. This book is a novel based on the lives of women and children who are struggling for freedom. Because it is a novel, it brings the feeling of the people into the story. It was a compelling story to read and I finished it in two days. I was pulled into their lives and could not wait to read the next chapter. I highly recommend it.

A few books encourage us to write our story or give meaning to our faith through storytelling. One such book in the youth category, “What’s your story” by Heath would be a great book to get that discussion started.



Whether you read one of these books or another, please read, report to your local unit and enjoy your faith through the written word. If you need help with the new ordering system, please feel free to contact me.

Micki Earp, District Program Resource coordinator



## From your Appalachian District Legacy Fund Energizer:

### Legacy Fund Information:

- Visit our website at [www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund/](http://www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund/)
- Visit the national office website at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150/](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150/)

### Ways to Give:

- Participate in our **Day of Giving**, on March 23, 2019!
- Make a Legacy Fund gift through your local unit United Methodist Women treasurer, directly to your district treasurer, or at district and conference events.
- Use our Western North Carolina Conference Legacy Commitment Form, available on our website at [www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund](http://www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund)
- Online on the national office website at [unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund)
- **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 Methodist Women, 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.



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Do you like to stretch time for a special event? For example, my birthday is just two days before Christmas. So I like to *stretch* the celebration before, during and after the holiday. I treat each gift, dinner out with my husband and/or friends and special holiday happenings as a celebration of my birthday.

We have an opportunity to *stretch* out the celebration of the 150 years of United Methodist Women for the whole year of 2019. Make plans now for a special event to mark the milestone, but continue the celebration all through the year. Especially, make plans to attend the District Prayer Breakfast on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, which is **the day it all began**. Let's continue the good works of our foremothers. Take a look back at what they started 150 years ago and then look ahead to our future commitments. A year-long celebration of United Methodist Women is the best kind of *stretch!*

In closing, I ask for your prayers beginning February 20 through March 4 as I make a pilgrimage with a group to Israel. I am excited about the trip. However, I am looking forward to the long airplane ride about as much as colonoscopy prep. That is one thing that I do not want to stretch.

Happy New Year!

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## 2019 UMW Appalachian District Nurturing Partners

Church / Unit	Nurturing Partner	Church / Unit	Nurturing Partner
Arbor Grove	Jan Taylor	Hudson	Lorraine Burns
Banner Elk	Sherry Summerlin	Jefferson	Jan Taylor
Barbara Heck	Roberta Walker	Littlejohn	Katie Burns
Baton	Margo Bowman	Maple Springs	Jan Taylor
Bethelview	Pamela Reid	Millers Creek	Jan Taylor
Bethlehem	Linda Greer	Monticello	Linda Greer
Boone	Jan Taylor	Mount Bethel (Hickory)	Sherry Summerlin
Broad Street	Linda Greer	Mount Hermon	Sherry Summerlin
Calvary	Nikki Vance	Mount Zion (Lenoir)	Margo Bowman
Charity (Elkin)	Donna Parks Hill	Mountain View	Nikki Vance
Chestnut Hill	Nikki Vance	New Covenant	Margo Bowman
Christ Boulevard	Brenda Kimberlin	Pine Grove	Kimberly Witherspoon
Clifton	Nancy Reigel	Piney Creek	Donna Parks Hill
Colliers	Katie Burns	Pisgah (Hiddenite)	Beverly Curtis
Cool Spring	Micki Earp	Providence	Denise Harris
Cox's Chapel	Beverlee Scott	Scott's Chapel	Katie Burns
Deerfield	Roberta Walker	Shiloh (Sparta)	Beverlee Scott
Ebenezer (Granite Falls)	Lorraine Burns	Smethport	Brenda Kimberlin
First (Elkin)	Beverlee Scott	Snow Creek	Terri Williams
First (Granite Falls)	Beverly Curtis	Sparta	Pamela Reid
First (Jonesville)	Pamela Reid	Stony Point	Nancy Johnson
First (North Wilkesboro)	Jan Taylor	Temple Hill	Judy Sipe
First (Taylorville)	Sherry Summerlin	Union Grove	Penny Ledbetter
Friendship (Statesville)	Beverly Curtis	Warrensville	Denise Harris
Gamewell	Lorraine Burns	Wesley Chapel (Hamptonville)	Roberta Walker
Grace Chapel	Sherry Summerlin	Wesley Memorial	Denise Harris
Grassy Creek (State Road)	Denise Harris	Wesley's Chapel (Elkin)	Nancy Johnson
Harper's Chapel (Patterson) NC	Margo Bowman	West Jefferson	Donna Parks Hill
Hiddenite	Nancy Johnson	Wilkesboro	Lorraine Burns

# Western North Carolina United Methodist Women 2019 CONFERENCE EVENTS

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

June 13-15 • Lake Junaluska



*Thorns & Roses*

## ANNUAL CELEBRATION

September 13-15 • Lake Junaluska

**150**

*years strong with*

*Grace, Grit  
& Gratitude*

## 150 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

March 23<sup>rd</sup>

In Your District

Check with your district for  
Celebration Details



## LEGISLATIVE DAY

*E to the Third Power: Educate, Engage, Enact*



April 27, 2019

St. Andrews UMC

Winston Salem



## MISSION U

July 18-21 • Pfeiffer University

Practicing Resurrection:  
The Gospel of Mark and  
Radical Discipleship



Women United for Change:  
150 Years in Mission

What About Our Money:  
A Faith Response



## Ubuntu Day of Service

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

Across the Conference

*"I am  
because  
you are"*

**ubuntu!**





# Appalachian District United Methodist Women 2019 Programs



## Appalachian District UMW Prayer Breakfast

Wilkesboro United Methodist Church,  
Saturday, March 23, 2019

**“Sisterhood of Grace”:** “Far Above Rubies”

**Registration, Breakfast, Program Resources**

**& Prayer Room: 9:00–10:00 am**

**Gathering Music: 10:00–10:15 am**

**Worship & Memorial Service: 10:15–11:45 am**

**Speaker:** Rev. Holly Cobb Adams

**Hands on Mission Project:**

Bethlehem Center Supplies

**Love Offering:** In Memory of those UMW being remembered

**Join us in our Appalachian District  
celebration of UMW 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

## District Annual Meeting/Celebration

Date, Location and details TBD



## Appalachian District UMW Mission Study

Rose Chapel UMC  
Saturday, April 13, 2019

**Study:** *Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living*

**Registration:** 9:00 am

**Study:** 9:30 am – 1:30 pm  
(With a working lunch)

**Study Leader:** Sandra Williamson

**Hands on Mission Project and Love Offering Honoree:** TBD

## Leadership and Membership Development Training

Date, Location and details TBD

**Happy 150th Anniversary! Let's Celebrate!**