

Support The Legacy Fund!

The **Legacy Fund** is a key component of the celebration of the **150th Anniversary of United Methodist Women**. It is a permanent endowment of the national office of United Methodist Women. Its purpose is to help secure the work of United Methodist Women for the next 150 years. Income earned by this fund will support that work, along side the undesignated mission giving of United Methodist Women.

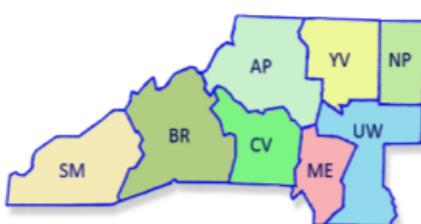
**Announcing our Western North Carolina Conference
United Methodist Women Legacy Fund
Endowment Campaign Goal:**

**Our Conference Goal: \$1,500,000
Raised thru October 31, 2017: \$147,859.96**

We can do this! Every single gift, small or large, will make a difference! This is our opportunity to leave a legacy for this amazing mission organization that we love. **Prayerfully consider what your Legacy Fund gift will be...and give generously.**

Our individual district goals:

Appalachian	\$107,000
Blue Ridge	\$103,000
Catawba Valley	\$248,000
Metro	\$306,000
Northern Piedmont	\$255,000
Smoky Mountain	\$ 72,000
Uwharrie	\$141,000
Yadkin Valley	\$268,000



Resources on our Western North Carolina Conference website:

- Legacy Fund Commitment Form & Frequently Asked Questions
Visit: www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund

Resources on the United Methodist Women Website:

- www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150



**Announcing
the Legacy Fund
Endowment
Campaign**

**Our Goal:
\$60 Million**

17.4M 60M

Join us in laying the ground work for our next 150 years in mission.

GIVE TODAY

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Every Member Legacy Fund Goal:**

That every member of United Methodist Women make a gift to The Legacy Fund **of at least \$18.69 per year**, over and above her Pledge to Mission, for five years (2015-2019). It is not too late to catch up!

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President's Message:

I hope that everyone has had a great holiday season and is ready for a fresh new start in 2018. This year is gearing up to be a great year full of amazing events and great things for The United Methodist Women. Start marking your calendar for the upcoming events hosted by Appalachian and our Western NC Conference. I hope to see all of you at these events learning more of what United Methodist Women do for women, children and youth around the world.

If I can help you please don't hesitate to call: [828-612-7418](tel:828-612-7418) or e-mail me: lorraineburns@gmail.com or lcbumw61@outlook.com.

Peace,
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Vice-President:



Greetings from your Vice President!

Hi, I'm Katie Burns, your Appalachian District VP. I come with new ideas and a fresh and young outlook on United Methodist Women.

As VP in your local unit these are your main areas of service:

- a. Guide the leadership team in its responsibility for planning and implementing the program of the unit.
- b. Perform the duties of the president in her absence.
- c. Promote ecumenical relations.
- d. Chair the committee on program where one exists or, if there is no separate committee, chair the leadership team when dealing with matters relating to program. You will serve on the committee on finance where one exists.

This year I hope to see you at all of the district meetings. The first one is the District Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 10, from 8:30AM - 11:30AM, at Taylorsville First UMC. Details and registration are in this newsletter. Be sure your unit sends in the names of your ladies to be remembered at the Memorial Service.

Keep the P in VP with Purpose, Planning and Program!

Katie Burns, Vice president
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Granite Falls, NC
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Phone:(828)446-5962

Secretary:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone is excited to begin our 2018 UMW journey. As secretaries, our goal is to provide concise, accurate, and informative accounts of our meetings through our minutes. Remember that you work for the Unit President; you should receive guidance from her on details she requires in the performance of your duties. A few important tips to remember:

- Minutes have to be accurate and useful
- Document! Document! Document!
 - Make sure you record motions exactly as stated; who made the motion, who seconded the motion, and if it was passed or defeated
- Write the minutes in final form as soon as possible after the meeting – “cold notes” can sometimes be difficult to decipher; provide a copy to your President to review for any needed amendments
- Always have past minutes on hand at each meeting
- Keep programs of any event which is of historic interest to your unit.
- Always end minutes with your name, Secretary; and President’s Name, President.
- Record meeting attendance
- Remember that your help is essential in leading your local unit ...Be enthusiastic and supportive. Be in the know about local, district, and conference events and the workings of the United Methodist Women.

Please feel free to call or email me if I can be of any help.

Jan Taylor, Appalachian District UMW Secretary
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Communications:

2018 is definitely going to be a busy year for us. As the Host District for Conference events, we have a few added responsibilities. We will be Pages at Mission u and Conference Annual Celebration.



We also need units to volunteer to make UMCOR School Kit Bags which will be used for registration materials distributed at the 2018 Spiritual Growth Retreat. The pattern can be found on the UMCOR website. If your unit, or individuals from your unit, would be willing to make school kit bags, please contact Lorraine Burns (lorraineburns@gmail.com) or Jan Taylor (j.kay.tay@gmail.com). Completed bags can be brought to the District Prayer Breakfast and Mission Study or give them to any district officer prior to June 11, 2018.

I encourage you to monitor our WNCC UMW Website (www.wnccumw.org) to keep up with Conference and District events (you can also link to our Appalachian District UMW Website from here.) Our first event for 2018 will be a District event (Prayer Breakfast on March 10 at Taylorsville UMC), followed by our District Mission Study, “Living as a Covenant Community” on April 21 (at Sparta UMC); then, on the National level, we have Assembly 2018 in Columbus, Ohio on May 18-20.

One last reminder, if your unit has not completed and submitted a list of your 2018 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 the correct people to ensure it is passed on to all unit members.

Blessings,
Jan Taylor

Spiritual Growth:



**2018 is a new year with a new vision for us as United Methodist Women.
“Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Neighbor” is our theme as we color
our world with Faith, Hope and Love in Action.**

Our District Prayer Breakfast is on Saturday, March 10, 2018, at First UMC Taylorsville. The theme is “Sacred Spaces with God”.

Our speaker is our Western North Carolina United Methodist Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth, Martha Efird. Martha J. Efird is an attorney in Moore & Van Allen’s Litigation group. Drawing from her previous experience working for the North Carolina state court system, she assists the Firm and its clients with the intricacies of state court practice and procedure. Also she was the Republican primary winner for Mecklenburg Clerk of Court in 2014 and was Presented "Guardianship & Incompetency - Understanding Vital Pieces of the Puzzle" CLE, Mecklenburg County Bar Lawyer Referral Service Award for Outstanding Service, 1996. She is a Member, USO of North Carolina, Inc., a Member of United Methodist Women, and a Volunteer with Boykin Spaniel Rescue.

Deadline for registration is Monday, February 26, 2018. Registration is \$6 per person to cover costs of the breakfast. The total number attending and money are due to the Appalachian District treasurer, Nancy Johnson, 661 Teague Town Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681, or contact her at nananurse@centurylink.net. Make checks payable to Appalachian District UMW. Our Hands-on Mission Project will be supplies for Bethlehem Center, Winston Salem.

Be sure you submit the names of those to be remembered at the Memorial Service to me (Sherry Summerlin) by Monday, February 26, 2018. The form to complete is with the registration information in this newsletter. You may email information also. We will include a Power Point with the pictures of our ladies we are remembering, so please send a photograph if available. Please include one special thought about each one and her service in and through UMW; maybe she was strong in Reading, Visitation, Sewing, Helping at the Soup Kitchen; or made the best pound cake ever; or served as president or held another local unit office; or was on the District Team or Conference Team...whatever, please list one outstanding thing that she did for her local unit, church, or community. How did she make a difference and how is she remembered?

Memorial Forms are due to Sherry Summerlin at 120 Shady Oak Terrace, Hudson, NC 28638 or stopac69@gmail.com or sherrysummer@charter.net by Monday, February 26, 2018.

Our Spiritual Growth (SG) purpose emphasis is “to know God” as we serve as Mission Coordinators for SG. Some ideas are to provide and exchange “Praying Cards”; pick one day a month as a Day of Intercession to have a half hour of prayer for our church, our community, our state, nation and world; be represented at the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska; attend the District Prayer Breakfast at First UMC in Taylorsville (details are in this newsletter), host a Women’s Day; or plan for unit meetings to have a worship center, Prayer Calendar sharing and share a devotional.

As you fill this position in your unit, remember that we serve an Awesome God!

Peace and blessings as you Encounter God in your Sacred Spaces,

Sherry Summerlin, Appalachian District Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator

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Appalachian District Prayer Breakfast

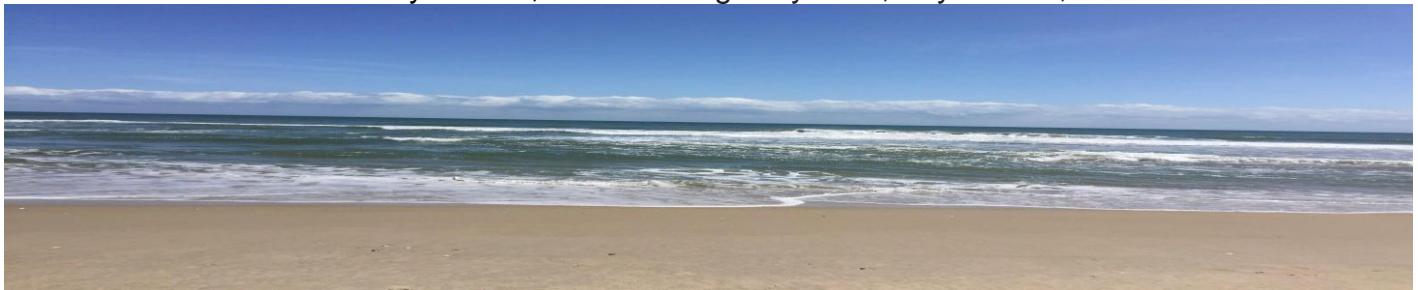


"Sacred Spaces with God" Guest Speaker
Martha J. Efird

Martha is an attorney in Charlotte and our WNCC UMW Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth!

Saturday, March 10, 2018, 8:00 AM- 11:30 AM

First UMC Taylorsville, 1400 NC Highway 16 S, Taylorsville, NC



Time: 8:30 AM Registration/Breakfast/Fellowship
9:45 AM Gathering Music, Worship and Memorial Service
Registration Deadline: Monday, February 26, 2018

Directions: Main Campus physical address: 1400 Hwy 16 South, Taylorsville, NC 28681. Do not go to Mission Campus: 54 Main Ave. (Caution if keying church name into GPS; it may lead to the Mission Campus downtown!)

From the West: Take I-40 East, Exit 132 (Conover). Turn left at the traffic light at the top of the exit ramp.. Go to second traffic light and turn right onto First Avenue/NC Hwy 16 North (travel 13.5 miles). Church is on left (across from Scotty's Hometown Grill and Marathon Gas Station, just inside Taylorsville city limits)

From the East: Take I-40 West, Exit 148 in Statesville. Turn right onto US 64; Take NC Hwy 16 exit 254 in Taylorsville. Turn left onto NC Hwy 16 South.

From North: Take US 321 South to Lenoir; Turn left onto Hwy 18 (Wilkesboro Blvd), then right onto US 64 East; Take NC Hwy 16 exit 254 in Taylorsville and right onto NC Hwy 16 South. Church is on right (across from Scotty's Hometown Grill and Marathon Gas Station)

From South: Take I-77 to Statesville and exit onto I-40 West; Take exit 148 just past Statesville then right onto US 64. Take Hwy 16, exit 254 in Taylorsville; Turn left onto NC Hwy 16 South. Church is on right (across from Scotty's Hometown Grill and Marathon Gas Station) **OR** Take US 321 North to Hickory, I-40 East toward Conover; Exit 132 (Conover); Turn left at the traffic light at the top of exit ramp. Go to second traffic light and turn right onto First Avenue/NC Hwy 16 North (travel 13.5 miles) Church is on left (across from Scotty's Hometown Grill and Marathon Gas Station, just inside Taylorsville city limits) **OR** Take Hwy 16 N (First Avenue) through Conover, cross I-40 (travel 13.5 miles) Church is on left (across from Scotty's Hometown Grill and Marathon Gas Station, just inside Taylorsville city limit).

Please send Registration and \$6 per person to Nancy Johnson, Appalachian District UMW Treasurer, 661 Teague Town Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681

Name of Unit: _____ # attending _____ x \$6 = _____
Enclose check made payable to **Appalachian District UMW**. (**Child Care** is available upon request; notify **Katie Burns** at 828-446-5962 or email: Katie.burns2019@gmail.com.)

Please send names for Memorial Service to Sherry Summerlin, 120 Shady Oak Terrace, Hudson, NC 28638 or sherrysummer@charter.net by Monday, February 26, 2018. Please print clearly the names of those UMW to be remembered at the Memorial Service for the year of 2017. Enclose a photo if possible. Write something they are to be remembered for accomplishing or doing well (five words or less). Please put a contact phone # in case more information is needed.

Name of Unit _____ Contact: _____

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Treasurer:

Happy New Year and greetings to all Local Unit Treasurers!

I would like to introduce myself.... I am Nancy Johnson, and I have the honor of serving as the Treasurer for the Appalachian District UMW. I am looking forward to working with all of the Local UMW Treasurers in our district.

I would like to give you a little background about me.....I was born and raised in Alexander County and continue to live in this amazing little county. I married my high school sweetheart and we have two children. My husband has been a resident of his heavenly home since 2000. I have been blessed with three lively grandsons and one lovely step-granddaughter. I am a retired registered nurse; I keep an active license so I can practice nursing on mission trips.

I began attending "circle" meetings in my twenties with my mother and have been a UM woman ever since. My daughter and I would attend Spiritual Growth Retreats and Annual WNCC UMW meetings with my mother at Lake Junaluska. In the late 1990's, I had the privilege to serve as the Treasurer for the North Wilkesboro District UMW.

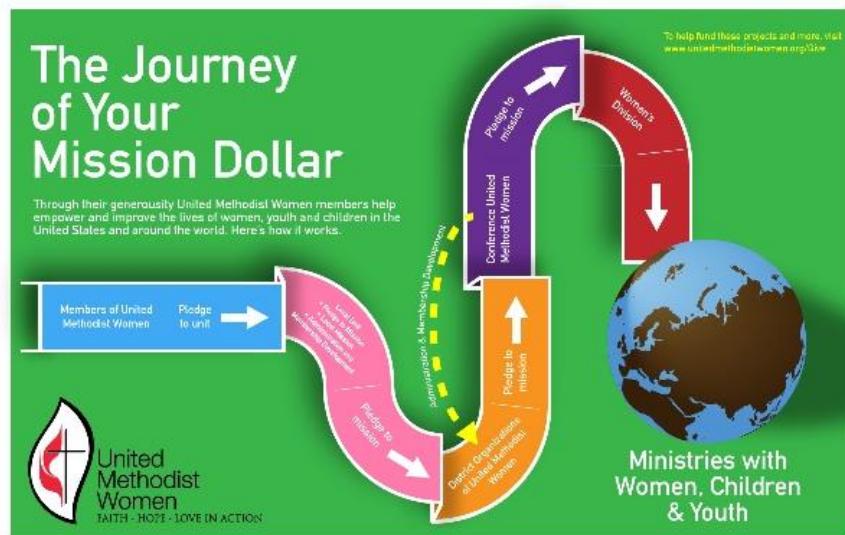
As your District Treasurer, I am responsible for handling all the funds and keeping the financial records of the district. I will channel all funds from the local units to the conference treasurer; funds do not belong to the district. The district will receive funds for Administration and Membership Development (A&MD) from the conference treasurer.

As a Local Unit Treasurer, you will be responsible for making deposits and payments from your local unit's UMW checking account, keeping accurate records of these transactions, and reporting the financial activity to your local unit members. You will also be responsible for remitting all funds (pledges, Gift to Mission cards, Gift in Memory cards, and Special Mission Recognitions), except those designated for missions locally and for A&MD, to the district treasurer at the end of each mission quarter. All checks should be made to *Appalachian (or APP) District UMW Treasurer*. A Remittance Form must be sent with all checks except for event registrations. Remittance Forms can be found on the UMW Website, if you are not able to print a form from the website, let me know and I will send you a copy. I will mail a letter on February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1 with information that will be helpful for you to carry out your responsibilities as a Local Unit Treasurer and when Remittance Reports and funds are due. If you have any concerns and/or question, please let me know and I will provide an answer or find someone who can.

As a treasurer, you can help your local unit understand why money is needed to help carry out the PURPOSE of UMW. Encourage the members of your local unit to make a pledge and then to meet or exceed their pledge if possible. These funds are needed to make a difference in the lives of women, children, and youth throughout the world.

Nancy Johnson,
Appalachian District UMW Treasurer
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Nominations:

Hello UMW Sisters,

The Committee on Nominations has been working very diligently and has been able to fill *almost* all our positions. We still have 2 openings on the Nominating Committee. This is a great opportunity to join the district team! If you are interested or can recommend someone please let me or another member of our team know. If you're thinking this might be for you but would like more information just let me know and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Peace and Blessings,
Kim Smith
336-244-1920
kimsmith@wilkes.net

Membership – Nurture – Outreach:

As we begin 2018, let us remember the purpose of the United Methodist Women: United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Remember to use your nurturing partners this year! These partners are available to visit, help with your programs and give support in any way you may need! These ladies should contact you; however, if you need help, please feel free to contact me. 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 !How do we do this?? We can send cards, pray, and make phone calls. I hope to see each of you in Taylorsville on March 10 for our Prayer Breakfast. My email is denise.harris2105@gmail.com. Please email me with any concerns, celebrations, and ways I can help YOU!

Peace of Christ to you in this New Year,
Denise Harris,
Appalachian District MNO

Mission Education and Interpretation:

Greetings to all my UMW Sisters!

Wow! 2018 Is here with us and 2107 is behind us now. What were the challenges with us in 2017? Prayerfully they will not be one facing us in this New Year! We see so much division in the body of Christ, but we must keep our eyes and heart on the prize that is Jesus the Christ! I pray all the units in the Appalachian District will find ways of how to encourage and excite new members in our local churches.

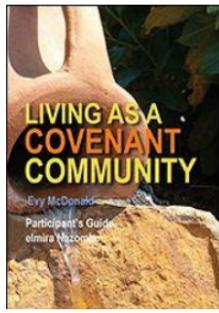
Coming up on April 21, 2018, will be our “MISSION STUDY”. THE TOPIC will be: Living as a Covenant Community... Our host will be the unit from Sparta - located in the Blue Ridge Mountains. We are so blessed to have as our study leader: Ann Aldridge. Please begin making plans to be with your fellow UMW sisters!

Just a reminder about our kits! UMCOR is only accepting
Hygiene-----School-----Cleaning buckets!!!

Be Blessed!

Your Appalachian District MEI coordinator.
Roberta Walker (336) 835-1939 or (336) 835-1939





United Methodist Women
MISSION STUDY 2018
Sparta United Methodist Church
190 N. Main Street
Sparta, NC 28675
Saturday, April 21, 2018
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (includes lunch)

Living as a Covenant Community Speaker: Ann Aldridge
Child care for young children is available upon request

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

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

This spiritual growth study offers to each of us an opportunity to pause and take time to look deeply at who God is and at our experiences living as a people of 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 April 13, 2018. If childcare is needed, please contact Katie Burns (828-446-5962 or Katie.burns2019@gmail.com).

Directions to Sparta United Methodist Church

From Boone and West Wilkes Co. – Take US221/US-421/NC194; turn left on US-221 (16.8 mi.); stay left to stay on US221/NC16; turn right onto US22; keep straight onto US21 (20.5 mi.) In 2.7 miles, arrive at church on your right.

From I-77 (Statesville/Elkin) - Take I-77N to Exit 83 onto Hwy 21 toward Hospital/Roaring Gap/Sparta. Keep straight on US21 (25.3 mi.); arrive at church on your right

From Taylorsville/Hickory/Granite Falls - Take I-40E to I-77N; Follow directions from I-77 (Statesville/Elkin).

From Wilkesboro/N. Wilkesboro – Take NC268/NC18N/2nd street (21.8 miles); keep right at the fork to continue on NC-18 for 12.5 miles; turn left on Main Street/US-21; church is on the right .2 miles..

From Lenoir – Take NC-18N/Wilkesboro Rd approximately 23 miles; turn left onto NC-16N/NC-18N. In 3.0 miles, turn right onto US421S; take Exit 282 on the right and turn left onto NC115 (Statesville Rd); In approximately 4 miles, turn left at the traffic light onto NC268/NC18N/2nd street (Wendy's is on your right); Follow directions from Wilkesboro/N. Wilkesboro.



United Methodist Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

**Our Love Offering will be a Gift In Memory of Linda Young.
Our Conference On Hand Mission Project will be School Kits**

Registration for Appalachian District Mission Study 2018

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 FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018

Social Action:

Greetings, My Fellow UMW!

With economic inequality as a priority for 2016-2020, and the (currently) proposed GOP tax plan, we must continue to have conversations about economic inequality to bring it to the forefront. While all components have not yet been made public, what has been revealed leaves no doubt that both the Senate and the House tax bills will hurt millions of women and children.

Economic
Justice

From the United Methodist Book of Discipline: As a church, we are called to support the poor and challenge the rich ... Poverty most often has systemic causes, and therefore we do not hold poor people morally responsible for their economic state. (Social Principles, ¶ 163 E)

Our Values: As globalization quickens the consolidation of wealth and power by fewer individuals and corporations, United Methodist Women continues to stand for economic justice for those on the margins of society.

United Methodist Women work in this area includes: 1) Advocacy for debt relief for impoverished nations crippled by efforts to repay loans to international bodies; 2) Support for the abolition of sweatshops and child labor; 3) Promotion of Fair-Trade policies and products; 4) Support for farm worker rights; 5) Participation in living wage campaigns.

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY:

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed every year on January 11 which is the anniversary of the Presidential Proclamation issued in 2011 by President Barack Obama, designating each January to be National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Slavery was officially abolished in the USA by the 13th Amendment in December, 1865; however, forms still exist to date. The present-day USA is the source, transit and destination country for modern slaves: children, women and men. These people can be of foreign nationalities or citizens of the USA, but they are all subjected to injustices of human trafficking, including sex trafficking, forced labor, involuntary servitude, forced marriage and debt bondage. Many mass campaigns are organized to observe National Human Trafficking Awareness Day to help raise public awareness of modern slavery. Creation of a number of organizations supporting and preventing human trafficking helps protect some vulnerable members of our community.

HOW TO OBSERVE: Use #HumanTraffickingAwarenessDay to post on social media.

Scriptural Inspiration: “*God remembers those who suffer; He does not forget their cry, And he punishes those who wrong them. ...The needy will not always be neglected; The hope of the poor will not be crushed forever.*” (Psalm 9:12, 18)

“*Protect the rights of the poor and needy.*” (Proverbs 31:9)

“*Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.*” (Luke 6:20a)

Just a reminder: if you need social action/justice resources for your unit, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Sources: <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/>; <http://wnccumw.org/social-action/> ;
<https://www.awarenessdays.com/us/awareness-days-calendar/national-human-trafficking-awareness-day-2018/>

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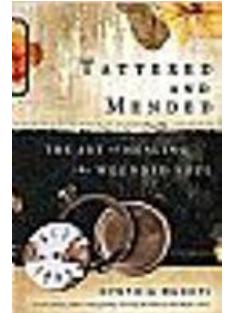
Program Resources:

So, have you made a New Year's resolution? I quit making resolutions years ago because I never could stick to what I had resolved (eat better, more exercise...). However, I have decided on a different course of action thanks to something I read last year in one of our UMW Reading Program books. I am sorry to say that I do not remember the title of the book in which I found these words of wisdom. The author suggested a character resolution in a faith walk with God. So I have resolved to practice **patience** for 2018. This resolution may be a struggle for me, but with the guidance and patience of our gracious and patient God, it just may be one that, at the end of the year, I can rejoice in accomplishment.

I would like to recommend a 2018 Spiritual Growth book that I just finished reading. The title is **Tattered and Mended – The Art of Healing the Wounded Soul**. This is a beautifully written book and compares how God can mend a tattered soul and restore it to a work of art much like a seamstress can repair an old garment or blanket with such loving care that it can be displayed in a museum.

So, have you made a New Year's resolution? May I suggest that you resolve to read more of the UMW books? They were selected for us as United Methodist Women to sustain us, to inform us, to revive us. Let's read and enjoy all the new books for this year.

Submitted by: Beverlee Scott (filling in for new PR Secretary, Micki Earp)



From your Appalachian District Legacy Fund Energizer:

As I write to all of my Appalachian District UMW sisters, the New Year is just a few days away. We reflect on 2017 and look forward to 2018. The WNCC Legacy Fund Committee members and District Energizers are hard at work. Three of the committee members have been to the New York National Office to finalize plans to reach the Endowment Fund Campaign Goal. Everyone agrees, from top to bottom, that the success of reaching the goal begins with the local units and individual members. As you make preparations for your unit for 2018, please include the Legacy Fund in your planning. Please contact me to visit your unit. ***Let's get energized*** as we approach the anniversary of 150 years of Faith-Hope-Love in Action.

Beverlee Scott, Appalachian District Energizer

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Ways to Give to the Legacy Fund

- Make a gift to the Legacy Fund through your local unit United Methodist Women treasurer.
- Use our Western North Carolina Conference Legacy Commitment Form, available on our website at www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund
- Online on the national office website at 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.



THE LEGACY FUND

Celebrate United Methodist Women! 150 Years and Counting...



Please retain for your records
Western North Carolina Conference
United Methodist Women

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\$1,869 \$500 \$300 \$200 \$186.90 \$50 \$18.69 Other _____
 monthly annually beginning _____ 20____ (month/year)

Turning Faith, Hope and Love into Action since 1869.

All donations tax-deductible. Give your Legacy Fund commitment form and your gift to your local United Methodist Women treasurer.

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Yes! I want to celebrate United Methodist Women's 150th anniversary and help ensure we continue to put faith, hope and love into action for another 150 years.

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women
My/Our Legacy Fund gift:

\$1,869 \$500 \$300 \$200 \$186.90 \$50 \$18.69 Other _____
 enclosed monthly annually beginning _____ 20____
 In honor / memory of _____
 Please contact me about including United Methodist Women in my **estate planning**.
 Please contact me about the **major gift program**.

Name: _____ Local Church Name/City: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Conference: *Western North Carolina Conference* District: _____

Give your Legacy Fund commitment form and your gift to your local United Methodist Women treasurer.

United Methodist Women has a rich legacy as a mission movement since 1869, and we are building for the next 150 years of service in God's mission on behalf of women, children and youth in communities down the street and around the world.

Make your Legacy Fund gift today!



Frequently Asked Questions about The Legacy Fund / 150th Anniversary Celebration:



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How do I get a Legacy 150 pin?

When you turn in a Commitment Card, you will receive a pin at your district annual meeting.

What is The Legacy Fund?

- A key element of the 150th Anniversary celebration in 2019.
- A designated fund (endowment) of the national office of United Methodist Women. (Only interest can be expended.)

What is the purpose of The Legacy Fund?

- To assure the continuation of ministries with women, children and youth, worldwide, into the next 150 years.
- To enable United Methodist Women to respond more adequately to new and emerging needs.
- To minimize the risk of severe budget fluctuation in years of recession, regional financial crisis, or change in giving by the membership.

How will the funds be used?

- The total program of United Methodist Women is mission. Interest from The Legacy Fund will be added to Mission Giving funds to formulate the national budget of United Methodist Women. (Mission Giving is the largest source of that budget which includes grants to National Mission Institutions such as the Bethlehem Centers in Charlotte and Winston-Salem, international programs and projects, program resource production, training, and more.)

Why should I give to The Legacy Fund?

- The Legacy Fund is OUR special anniversary gift to future United Methodist Women members and ministries.
- To “pass on” the legacy we have inherited. “To stake out our legacy for future generations.” (January 2015 response, page 3). Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, India, is an outgrowth of the work of the first missionary of our organization. The College motto is: “We Receive to Give.”
- Because we believe in the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women and want our daughters, granddaughters, nieces and friends to share our sense of meaningful “sisterhood.”
- To be part of the joyous celebration in 2019 culminating 150 years of ministry.

How does the money get to the National Office?

- Gifts are given to the local treasurer who sends the Legacy Fund money and commitment cards to the District treasurer following regular procedures. There is a line on the local treasurer Remittance form for The Legacy Fund.

Does a Legacy Fund gift count for the individual or Unit Pledge to Mission Giving?

- No. This is a special additional gift to celebrate the 150th anniversary. In fact, it is critical that we sustain and even increase our Pledge to Mission Giving during this five year campaign; the needs have never been greater.

How do we give? Annually? All at once? What about non-cash gifts?

- Each person can determine her schedule of giving; any schedule is appropriate.
- Non-cash gifts of stock, property, life insurance, etc., can be given through the United Methodist Women National Office. Contact the Treasurer's office at 212-870-3740.



For more information visit:

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women - www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund

United Methodist Women National Office - www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/give

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2018 UMW Appalachian District Nurturing Partners

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

Assembly 2018

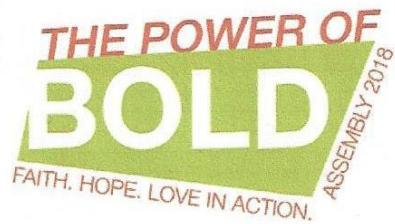
The Power of Bold

Greater Columbus Convention Center
Columbus, Ohio
May 18 - 20, 2018
(With pre-conference events May 17)

United Methodist Women assemble every four years to celebrate, to lift up, to learn, and to return to their communities better equipped for mission.

United Methodist Women Assembly 2018 is a time for fellowship, it is also an opportunity to empower faithful women to be stronger discipleship leaders in their communities. Through moving worship, inspiring speakers, immersion experience exhibits, riveting workshops and town hall-style meetings, members will leave Assembly with the knowledge, courage and determination to change the world as part of a daring and compassionate 150 year-old movement.

It is an exciting experience to be part of this large gathering of United Methodist Women. Make plans to join us in Columbus!



Learn more about Assembly 2018 at:

www.umwassembly.org

Look there for:

Registration Information

Assembly Schedule

Worship & Experience Hall

Pre-conference Events

Promotional Resources to share with your local unit

YouTube Videos...And More!

Travel Information for the Western North Carolina Conference



**Chartered Bus Trip:
Columbus...Bold and Courageous!
May 16 - May 21, 2018**

Mark your calendar and plan to go with us!
Exciting Details and Reservation Form on Back!!

Registration for Assembly 2018

Register for the Assembly ONLINE at www.umwassembly.org. The Assembly 2018 registration fee is \$295.00 per person if you register ONLINE on or before November 30, 2017. After that date, the registration fee goes up to \$330.00. Register early to take advantage of the discount! If you need assistance with online registration, contact Lynne Gilbert (336-207-3479) or Sara Williams (336-699-8079). Note: Two healthy lunches (Friday and Saturday) are included in the Assembly registration fee.

Columbus Hotel Reservations - Non-Bus Passengers

We have arranged a protected block of rooms for Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women at the Hampton Inn and Suites Downtown across the street from the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The room rate is \$181.00 (including tax) per night, plus a \$5.00 handling fee.

Persons not travelling on the bus trip should contact Lynne Gilbert (336-207-3479) or Sara Williams (336-699-8079) to reserve rooms in our Western North Carolina block. **DO NOT contact the Hampton Inn & Suites.** Reservations for these block rooms must be made by November 10, 2017, and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$186.00 per room. The balance for remaining room charges will be due by February 15, 2018. Checks should be made payable to Treasurer, WNCC-UMW. Mail payments to Lynne Gilbert, PO Box 4523, Greensboro, NC 27404-4523.



**Watch for Additional Information on our Conference Website
(Bus trip information and the reservation form are available on the website)
Web Address: www.wnccumw.org**

UMW Appalachian District 2018 Calendar

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| March 10 | District Prayer Breakfast (see flyer on page 5)
Taylorsville UMC, Taylorsville, NC |
| April 21 | District Mission Study (see flyer on page 8)
Sparta UMC, Sparta NC |
| August 25 | District Annual Meeting
Broad Street UMC, Statesville, NC |
| November 3 | District Leadership and Membership Development
First Elkin UMC, Elkin, NC |

Western North Carolina Conference 2018 Dates

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| June 15 – 16 | Spiritual Growth Retreat
Lake Junaluska |
| July 19 – 22 | Mission u
Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer NC |
| Sep 14 – 16 | Annual Celebration
Lake Junaluska |
| October 20 | Ubuntu Day
Various locations |

