



United Women in Faith

UWF Appalachian District News  
Fourth Quarter 2022

# AppaLadies In Mission



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

As I write this article, it has only been a short time since our Appalachian District Annual Celebration at Union Grove UMC and I still feel the love and encouragement. The ladies of Union Grove UWF outdid themselves and provided a beautiful, welcoming atmosphere as well as delicious food. I felt the incomparable warmth of our UWF sisterhood.

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Lory Beth Huffman, delivered a thought-provoking message about how we need both Marys AND Marthas. She explained how, from her perspective, Marthas represent our traditional ways and Marys represent the new and innovative approaches and it would be advantageous to meld and welcome both. They balance each other like the Yin and Yang.

You might ask why you and your Local Unit members should come to District and Conference events. Here are some comments from the evaluations at our events this year when we asked, "Does your experience today inspire you to encourage others to come to this or other District events? If Yes, will you share what you might say as you explain to others why they should come to these events?"

It is so good to worship and fellowship with other Christian women.

To be encouraged!

Very inspiring and makes me want to serve more; makes your battery charged for UWF!

Come experience the joy of being a United Woman in Faith.

Fellowship with new and old faces – see how we are interwoven—the big picture!

The events are a great way to connect with other women of faith. Great fellowship, great food and good news!

Enthusiasm always helps to encourage everyone. (continued p.2)



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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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Mt. Bethel UWF

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Opportunity to learn more about what UWF does.

Great Christian fellowship.

To see/experience the care and community of UWF. How each lifts the others up.

A true learning and awareness event.

You learn so much about UWF and it is such a meaningful experience to learn, worship, and connect with other women in faith.

The events bring you closer to God. See God's love in action and how you can be part of it.

One suggestion for improvement of our Annual Celebration was, "Choose one unit to feature something they do for missions." This comment nudged my thinking about a way to feature all units. So, I invite you to send me photos of special events at your units from now through 2 weeks prior to our 2023 Annual Celebration. Send photos of your unit participating in Mission Events, special events, or even a routine unit meeting. You may text it, email or snail mail it. I plan to celebrate YOU at our next AC!

If you need someone to visit your unit and present a program for you, contact your Nurturing Partner or anyone on our District Leadership Team. If the leader that you contact is unable to come, she will help you find someone who can. This is our final AppaLadies in Mission that will be published this year. If you are a Local Unit President, I will have the End-Of-Year Report Forms for you at our MLDD (Membership and Leadership Development Day) on November 5. See information on the flyer later in this publication. I will email the forms to you if you prefer; let me know prior to the event so I will not waste paper making copies. If you did not have anyone from your unit at Annual Celebration to pick up your unit's certificates, I will have them there as well!

As always, feel free to contact me whenever you have questions and if I don't know the answer, I have some very knowledgeable friends who do.

Love, peace and joy,

Linda (LindaLu) Greer

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**Vice-President**



**Can you believe it – the last 2022 newsletter!! Where has this year gone?**

**For those who did not make it to our District Annual Celebration at Union Grove**

**UMC, we had an awesome morning. The Union Grove UWF were truly gracious hosts –**

**beautiful setup and table decorations and delicious snacks. Thank you ladies!! The hand bell**

**solo and duet were amazing and our District Superintendent, Rev. Lory Beth Huffman presented**

**a truly inspiring message based on Luke 10:38-42, Mary AND Martha in the Kin-dom. We**

**worshiped, we sang, we celebrated, and conducted the business of approving our 2023 district**

**budget and electing our 2023 District Officers. Our next District event is our Membership and**

**Leadership Development Day (MLDD) at First Granite Falls UMC on Saturday, November 5 th .**

**Registration and light refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. and the program will start at 10 a.m. (See**

**the MLDD flyer on page 5.) I encourage all unit members, especially officers, new and returning,**

**to attend; I find that I always learn something new. This year we are also having a panel that will**

**discuss and answer questions about “New Wineskins.” This is a new concept along with taking**

**our new name of United Women in Faith (UWF) and we know that our local unit members have**

**questions and concerns about where we are headed – this will be a great opportunity to get those**

**questions answered. We still have the same mission and purpose – we are still faith, hope, and**

**love in action for women, youth and children throughout the world.**

**In closing, I congratulate our Appalachian District units for their 2021 Mission**

**Accomplishments: fourteen Mission Today Units, nine Mission Study Units, two Membership**

**(those with at least one new member) Units, nine Justice Today Units, and fourteen 5- Channels**

**of Mission Giving Units! We also had eight units, with a total of eighteen individuals that**

**participated in the 2021 Reading Program. “Hats off” to these extraordinary UWF units. I**

**challenge each of you to follow in these footsteps – I would love to see these numbers doubled**

**next year because that would mean that we are doubling our support of women, youth and**

**children that need and depend on our help.**

**Blessings to all and I hope to see you at MLDD.**

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# Mission, Education and Interpretation

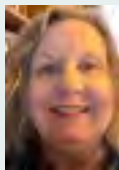
## Just a few updates on Mission efforts throughout the Appalachian District.



Hello!

At our recent Annual Celebration on August 20, the Appalachian District voted to change our by-laws from Appalachian District United Methodist Women to Appalachian District Women in Faith. Please take note of this change in the bylaws that you have from the District and for your local unit.

Sending warm greetings for a beautiful and blessed "holy-days" season.



In Christ,

Sherry  
Summerlin,

Appalachian District  
Women in Faith Parlia-  
mentarian

- Project AGAPE is in need of the following items: kitchen supplies, bedding, children's clothing (new or clean, gently used), hygiene products, new shoes, towels and wash cloths. Go to <https://www.wnccumc.org/project-agape> to learn about pick up/drop off times and locations. You may bring these dona-tions as well as UMCOR donations to the Mission Response Center if you plan to come to UBUNTU Day October 29, or to our Membership and Leadership Development Day on November 5.
- UMCOR has put together information for a New Menstrual Hygiene Kit, aka "Period Pack" which includes the following: one bar of soap, hand sanitizer, travel wet wipes, travel pack of flushable wipes, laundry detergent packs, 10 tampons, 10 sanitary napkins and trash bags. More information can be found at <https://umcmmission.org/umcor-menstrual-hygiene-kit/>.
- When you make kits for UMCOR, don't forget the donations for shipping. Hygiene Kits and Menstrual Kits require \$2.00 each. Make checks to UMW and give them to your Local Unit Treasurer who will forward the funds to our Dis-tribut Treasurer, Nancy Johnson.
- Continue working towards being a Mission Today unit. The criteria is the same as for 2021 except # 26 which now reads: "The 2022 Conference Financial Goal is: Each unit will meet or exceed its pre-pandemic Mission Giving."
- The Union Grove UMC Veterans/Community Market was the Hands On Mission Project for the Appalachian District Annual Celebration. Approximately 15 boxes of cereal, 43 jars of peanut butter, some soups and honeybuns were donated for food distribution to assist families in the community.
- Hands on Mission for MLDD is Hygiene Kits. See p. 5 for details.  
Penny Ledbetter  
Appalachian District ME&I Coordinator

# UBUNTU

**We re-scheduled UBUNTU Day at the Mission Response Center for Saturday, October 29.  
Details on P. 7**



**Appalachian District Membership and  
Leadership Development Day (MLDD)  
All Members of United Women in Faith  
are Welcome**

**Location: First Granite Falls UMC,  
9 Lakeside Avenue, Granite Falls, NC 28630**

**When: Saturday, November 5, 2022**

**Registration & Light Snacks: 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Program/Training: 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon**

**Child care** available upon request 2 weeks prior to event; if needed, call Jan Taylor: 336-468-0313

**Love Offering will go to our World Thank Offering**

**Program: “New Wineskins” Panel.** Are you interested in hearing what it means when we talk about New Wineskins and United Methodist Women taking the new name of United Women in Faith? Join us at MLDD to hear our panel discuss and answer any questions you may have. The panel will consist of Joanie Strohm, Conference President; Nancy Reigel, Conference Treasurer; and Linda Greer; Jan Taylor; Nancy Johnson; and Sherry Summerlin from our District team. We are ready to **Turn It Up For Service!**

**Hands on Mission: UMCOR Hygiene Kits (see material and kit instructions below)**

**Kit Materials: One hand towel** (15 x 25 – 17 x 27 inches; no kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber); **one washcloth** (no kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber); **one comb** (sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth; no pocket combs or picks); **one toenail or fingernail clipper** (no emery boards or metal nail files); **bath-size soap** (3oz bar or larger; no Ivory or Jergen’s soap; do not remove packaging); **one adult toothbrush** (leave in packaging; personal advertising not acceptable); **10 adhesive bandages** (3/4 by 3”); **One one-gallon size re-sealable bag.**

**NOTE:** Contents or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols; all items must be new and not washed; No personal notes, money, or additional materials. Please send a check or cash for \$2 per kit to cover the cost of toothpaste and shipping to our Appalachian District Treasurer. Go to [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org) for additional information.

**You may also bring the new UMCOR “Period Packs” as well as Project Agape in Armenia items (kitchen supplies, bedding, children’s clothing (new or clean, gently used), hygiene products, new shoes, towels and wash cloths)**

**Directions:**

**From Boone, Lenoir and West:** Take US-221 S/US-321 S to Granite Falls. Turn right on N. Highland Ave.; in 1 mile, turn left onto N. Main Street, then right onto Park Ave, left onto Elgin St; arrive at First Granite Falls on the left.

**From Wilkesboro, Sparta and North:** Take NC-18 S to Lenoir; turn left onto US-321/Hickory Blvd. In 8.7 miles, turn right onto Highland Ave., in 1 mile, turn left onto N. Main Street, then right onto Park Ave, left onto Elgin St; arrive at First Granite Falls on the left.

**From Statesville and South:** Take I-40 W toward Hickory; Take exit 123-123A-123B for US-321 N toward Hickory/Lenoir/US-70; keep right at fork continuing on Exit 123B. Merge onto US-321 N; in 7.1 miles, take the exit toward Granite Falls/Downtown; in .1miles, turn left onto Falls Ave., in .5 miles turn right onto S. Main St.; in .2 miles, turn left onto Lakeside Ave., then right onto Elgin St.; arrive at First Granite Falls on right.

**From Taylorsville area:** Take US-64 W. to (turn left) NC-127 S; in 3.6 miles, turn right onto Antioch Church Rd. In 11 miles; make a sharp right onto S. Main St. In .2 miles, turn left onto Lakeside Ave., then right onto Elgin St.; arrive at First Granite Falls on right



# Spiritual Growth

Hello Fellow United Women in Faith,

I hope you have had a very good summer and are ready for cooler weather and the beautiful colored leaves of fall. Schools are back in session and some of us are spending time at the Friday Night Football games, while others, like me, are working on end of the year stuff and getting ready for the new year.

I recently attended the Appalachian District Annual Celebration at Union Grove, UMC. Though we were few in number, we had a very good time. It was good just to be able to meet in person again. I enjoyed and was blessed by the Conference Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska in September. It was a joy to be with fellow United Women in Faith and we

"TURNED IT UP!"

As we continue to get our lives back to being somewhat normal, let me leave you with this tid-bit from Joshua J. Marine, "Challenges are what make life interesting, and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."

May the Lord Bless each of you,

Judy Sipe

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## MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE, AND OUTREACH

Hello from Membership Nurture and Outreach.

**For Membership:** remember to keep asking young members of your church to join. They may have said no because obligations kept them away. But our lives change and that lady that could not attend earlier might be able to attend now.

**For Nurture:** District officers are assigned to be Nurturing Partners and will be calling each partner to do a LUV visit. If you are having a special event or regular local unit meeting and would like one of the district officers to attend, just let your Nurturing Partner know and we will have someone there. If you need a special program, our team is standing by with programs like: Call to Prayer and Self Denial; Justice Today; Mission Today; Officer Installation; Pledge Services; Reading Program; World Thank Offering; Where Our Money Goes and many more that can be geared to or any of your special needs. And remember, we are just an email or phone call away.

**For Outreach:** Help to make your meetings special by inviting a local guest or friends from other units. Reach out to someone to let them know that we are all Women of Faith.

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We re-scheduled UBUNTU Day at the Mission Response Center for Saturday,  
October 29.

Schedule: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.- Work Session 1

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Lunch (Go to nearby restaurant or you may bring bag lunch)

12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.- Work Session 2

Call or text LindaLu Greer to register. You may attend either session or both.

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## **We Missed You at Annual Celebration!**

We kicked off our Unit Accomplishment Celebration with a short video from the UWF National Office. We celebrated the local units for 2021 mission accomplishments: fourteen Mission Today units (eleven Gold units and three Silver units), Nine Mission Study units; Nine Justice Today units (three Gold, two Silver, and four Bronze); two Membership Units (added at least one new member in 2021); and fourteen Five Channels of Mission Giving Units. Certificates were provided for units in attendance and unit names for each accomplishment are listed in the program book. Also listed in the program book are Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission and Gift in Memory honorees. We paused for a moment of silence while remembering the thirty-six United Methodist Women who passed away in 2021; these names are listed in the program book. Please see p. 9 for more information and a peak at the fun!

Notes from our Treasurer:

## **Greetings to all!**

**We, the Appalachian District of United Women in Faith are now in our fourth quarter of Mission Giving.**

**So, how are we doing? At the end of the third quarter, we have submitted \$18,434.25 toward our Pledge to Missions of \$48,000 for 2022. All funds MUST be submitted for Pledge to Missions by November 30, 2022 so they can be submitted to the Conference Treasurer. Do not forget, we support programs in the United States and around the world that benefit women, children, and youth. I have had the opportunity and blessing of seeing faith and love in action supported by United Methodist Women/United Women in Faith in the United States as well as in Zimbabwe, Liberia, Kenya and Cambodia. Your giving makes a difference, your giving MATTERS.**

**Nancy Reigel, our Conference Treasurer wrote in the Conference Gram, September 2022, "We need to look at who we are and where we are going-together. That is what those torchbearers 153 years ago did: they had a vision focused on the needs of women in India. They shared their compelling story without phones or the Internet! By doing so, they raised the money to put faith into action. When we have a compelling vision and credibility with donors, the funds will follow. . .with joy."**

**It is not too late to send in your unit 2022 Pledge if your unit has not done so. You may attach a note on your fourth quarter remittance, call, or TXT with the information to me.**

**All new or returning unit treasurers are encouraged to attend the Membership and Leadership Development Day (MLLD) on November 5, 2022 at First United Methodist Church of Granite Falls, NC. More information about this VERY important event can be found in this newsletter.**

**If you have any question and/or concerns, or need more information about Mission Giving to share at your meetings, please let me know. You may e-mail, call (leave a message if I do not answer) or TXT.**

**In His Service,**

**Nancy Johnson, District Treasurer**

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# Annual Celebration

Thank you Union Grove! Job well done!

Among many other things, our new slate of officers for 2023 was approved, including the floor nomination of Jeanne Stetler, for a 4 year term on the Committee on Nominations. She was elected by acclamation.

Continuing officers include:

President Linda Greer

Vice-President Jan Taylor

Treasurer Nancy Johnson

Mission Coordinator of Education and Interpretation: Penny Ledbetter

Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth: Judy Sipe

Mission Coordinator for Membership, Nurture and Outreach: Micki Earp

Mission Coordinator for Program Resources: Brenda Kimberlin

Committee on Nominations Chair (Class of 2023): Roberta Walker

Committee on Nominations Class of 2023: Jane Long

Committee on Nominations Class of 2025: Brenda Jones

New Officers elected:

Jenny Hix: Social Action Coordinator

Cindy Sellers: 2-yr. term on Committee on Nominations

Sherry Mabry: 3-yr. term on Committee on Nominations

Appointments include:

Member-at-Large (Music Leader): Pamela Reid

Parliamentarian: Sherry Summerlin

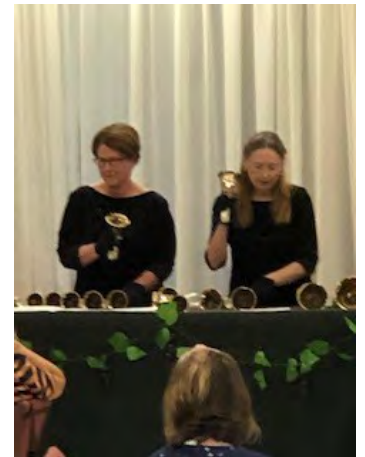
Historian: Terri Clark

Legacy Fund Energizer: Nancy Reigel

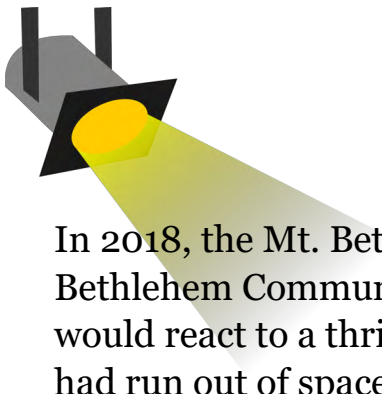
Conference Officers from Appalachian District:

Nominations Committee 2024: Lorraine Burns

Treasurer: Nancy Reigel



## Mt Bethel UWF Thrift Store



In 2018, the Mt. Bethel UMW stepped out in faith as we opened a thrift store in the Bethlehem Community - - - New Life Thrift Store. We had no idea how the Community would react to a thrift store; but react, they did! In less than two months, we found we had run out of space in our first location. In early 2019 , we moved to our current location which is four times larger than our first location. Now we have a drop box for donations, a larger sorting area, and it is located right across the street from our church.

This endeavor supports mission. Since opening, we have been able to give over \$15,000 to the following: Bethlehem Ministeral Association, the Library, schools- including the ele-mentary schools in Bethlehem and Wittenburg, the Middle School and the High School, Rotary Backpack Program, Caring Hearts Pregnancy Center, the Food Pantry, our Youth, our CDC Staff, school supplies for the beginning of school and others.

Since this is a mission project, we keep the prices in our store low! All of the workers volunteer their time two to three times a month for three hour shifts. Our volunteers come from our UMW (now UWF) and from the community. We are also lucky to have three faithful men to help us sort, carry and clean weekly.

So if you are in the Bethlehem Community, just drop in. We just might have something you did not know you needed! We are open Tuesday and Saturday from 10-4 and on Thursday from 12-6 . Come visit us at:

8935 NC Hwy. 127

Bethlehem , NC 28601

If you need more information, please call the store at 828-598-0717 or Judy Sipe at 828-612-1519 .

That first day, when we stepped out in our faith, we had no idea we would be where we are today. Thanks goes to Holly Campbell for bringing us the idea and for making it come true along with many others! You never know what you can achieve if you do not try!



# New Life Thrift Store



We are all part of God's story! The 2022-23 Program Resource shows how we can answer our calling today as women of passion committed to helping women, children, and youth.

The programs are grounded in Mark 8:27-30 as an invitation to reclaim and explore our identity as children of God and as a community of women of faith.

The monthly Bible studies, reflections, program activities, and weekly activities to do on your own between each program will help guide us through the year as we look at who we are in Christ — and what that means for how we live in community as United Women in Faith members called to action in local and global communities. The 2022-23 Program Resource is available for \$14.99 in print and digital options.

Again, this year you will have an opportunity to experience this resource online via [Mighty Networks](#). The digital Program Resource includes embedded video content, an online community of United Women in Faith members, and exclusive access to monthly Community Gatherings on Zoom with Ilka Vega, author of the 2022-23 Program Resource.



United Women in Faith is pleased to introduce a Bundle package for 2023 that will include the following resources:

- Daily Prayer Guide 2023, (\$19.99)
- 2023 Adult Mission u curriculum, (\$14.99)
- 2022-2023 digital Program Resource and Community Gathering for
- Mosaic of Faith: We Are All Part of God's Story, (\$14.99)

The special pricing for the bundle package is \$35.00 (shipping and handling included). A discount of \$14.97 and shipping costs! Order product code K3218.

This bundle offer will be available through December 31st, 2022.

Call now, 888-409-8137, to place your order, and mention BUNDLE 2023 / K3218 or email: [cs@umwmissionresources.org](mailto:cs@umwmissionresources.org).



