

faith

action

sisterhood

UWFaith Appalachian District News

Fourth Quarter 2025

AppaLadies in Mission



President

Dear Sisters,

As I write this article, it has only been a short time since our Appalachian District Annual Celebration. We gathered at First North Wilkesboro UMC where the UWFaith members and their new pastor, Rev. Tracey Groce, provided delicious food and gracious hospitality to all our members. The music provided by Lori Burke and Wiseman's View was beautiful!

There are a few photos in this issue and you can see more on our Facebook page. Just go to Facebook and in the search box, type "Appalachian District United Women in Faith." Speaking of photos, you may be wondering why the poster of our National CEO, Sally Vonner, is in many of the photos. Like "Flat Stanley" in the children's book Jeff Brown, Sally Vonner has asked that "Flat Sally" to attend all the events possible this year. If your unit is having an event contact me and I will escort "Flat Sally" to your event if possible.

I cannot thank the Appalachian District Executive team and the First North Wilkesboro UWFaith enough for making the Annual Celebration a meaningful one. As always at our events, I felt the incomparable warmth and connectivity of our UWFaith sisterhood. It was an inspirational and spiritual experience to hear Rev. Toni Ruth Smith's message about Hope. Pastor Toni Ruth is Martha Phillips' daughter and she and her husband, Wesley, are co-pastors of Williamson's Chapel UMC in Mooresville. Her message went right along with the Mission u theme, "Practicing Hope", which will also be our theme for our upcoming Mission Study in March, 2026. If you need someone to visit your unit and present a program for you, contact 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 have ideas for ways we can improve this publication, please contact Traci Snyder, Communications Coordinator, or myself. All our officer contact information is on one page toward the back of the newsletter along with Nurturing Partners.

Our final District Event of 2025 is Membership, & Leadership Development Day (MLDD), Saturday, November 1 at Yadkinville, UMC, one of the new churches now in our district. They are preparing lunch for us and we will follow the same NEW format that we had the last two years. Elizabeth Conrad, our District Social Action Coordinator, will inform us about our Social Action Campaigns. There will be something for everyone we hope. Directions and registration forms are on the flyer later in this issue. Their building is all Handicap Accessible with no steps to enter and is all on one floor. Mobility scooters and wheel chairs can enter easily.



United Women in Faith 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.



Inside this issue

President	1 & 2
Spiritual Growth, Communications & Vice President.....	3
Treasurer	4
Social Action.....	5
Nominations	6
Mission Today	7 & 8
Legacy Fund	9
Nurturing Partners.....	10
Annual Celebration Collage	11 & 12
Assembly 2026.....	13
Slate of Officers 2026.....	14
MLDD	15-17



United
Women
in Faith

TO LOCAL UNIT PRESIDENTS: If no one from your unit was at Annual Celebration, we will have your unit's 2024 Achievement Certificates for you to pick up at MLDD. Also, the End-Of-Year Report Forms for 2025 will be available for you. If you are not coming (but please do!), ask someone from your unit who is coming to pick up these materials for you. I will email the report forms to you if you prefer; let me know prior to the event, by mid-October, so I will not waste paper making copies. Even though you will have a new 2026 president, JanTaylor, you will send your 2025 reports to me as I will be responsible for sending year 2025 reports to the Conference.

Thanks for the Memories! It is not only our final newsletter of the year; it is my final AppaLadies in Mission as your Appalachian District President. It has been a great honor to serve you and represent you in our conference. Much has occurred during my four-year tenure which began in January 2022.

We had our first in person meetings since Covid rampaged throughout the world. We were not only ravaged by the pandemic, but by division in our churches which, heartbreakingly, caused many of our members to disaffiliate along with their churches. The saddest part is that our funds have been reduced and those who need our help the most are still suffering. I want to thank each lady and each unit who has remained active in promoting and supporting the Mission of UWFaith! Furthermore, I want thank all of you who have prayed for me, have been encouraging and supportive and were there to assist me when I needed help and encouragement! And thank you, my dear UWFaith Leadership Team for all your hard work and for lifting me up when I fell down!

There is HOPE, because it seems to me that those members who have remained United Women in Faith are more close-knit and are more committed than ever to live out our mission of Faith, Hope, and Love in Action and our belief that Love in Action can Change the World! We are meeting again in person for all events! We have listened to our members and have made a few changes in the ways we have done things at our gatherings. We are vital women who Show Up, Take Action, and Get It Done! We are UNSTOPPABLE!!!

I am not saying, "Good-bye;" you will still see me at district events, and especially if you attend Conference Events. And I hope you will come! I had the honor of being elected as Conference Vice President at Conference Annual Celebration on September 6, so please join me at upcoming Conference events and pray for me as I carry out this new role.

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

Love, peace and joy,
Linda (LindaLu) Greer

Next District Event
MISSION STUDY
Saturday, March 14, 2026
at First Hickory UMC
Partnering with Catawba Valley District
"Practicing Hope Together"
Led by Sandra Williamson

Design Your Own UBUNTU Day in October!
This year, units are encouraged to do work in
your communities!
Take photos and send them in!
Tell us what you did!



Vice-President

Fall has arrived, and I have to say, I have been thoroughly enjoying this September weather (can't say that about most of August)!

Our Appalachian District Annual Celebration held at First North Wilkesboro UMC was truly a celebration and very inspiring. Thank you, First North Wilkesboro UW Faith for your wonderful hospitality (and, of course, good food!); thank you Lori Burke and Wiseman's View for great music; thank you Rev. Toni Ruth Smith for an especially inspiring message; thank you Martha Phillips for installing our 2026 District officers; thank you Linda Greer for your leadership; and thank you to all who attended. We had a lot to celebrate for our Appalachian District units' 2024 accomplishments: 3 Legacy Donor units; 9 Five Channels of Mission Giving Units; 13 Mission Today Units (9-Gold, 3-Silver, and 1-Bronze); 8 Mission Study Units; 12 Membership Growth Units (AMAZING!!); 7 Justice Today Units (2-Gold, 2-Silver, and 3-Bronze); 20 Reading Program participants (15-Plan 1, 1-Plan 2, 2-Plan 3, 1-Plan 4 and 1-Child.) Did I mention that we have a lot to CELEBRATE?! Our next district event is our Membership, & Leadership Development Day (MLDD) at Yadkinville UMC. This is open to all members, not just unit officers, however, we especially encourage unit officers to come and attend the officer training session called Leadership Learning. Please see the flyer in this issue for additional information – there will be lots of fun, soul care, fellowship, good food, and learning experiences. Hope to see you in Yadkinville!

Love and Blessings,
Jan Taylor



Spiritual Growth

Greetings from your Spiritual Growth Co-Ordinator! Be sure you attend the Membership and Leadership Development Day on November 1, Saturday. We will meet at Yadkinville UMC. As we close the year 2025, let us remember those lives we have celebrated upon their entry into the church triumphant. Let us remember the friendships we have made and the accomplishments. In completing the End-of-Year Annual Reports, we have a great opportunity to see the outcome of our many activities through the United Women in Faith.

Prayers and Blessings as we begin a new year. See you then, in person or via the internet!

Happy Fall, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas!
Blessings,
Sherry Summerlin



Communications Coordinator

Greetings,

Many members, united in one purpose!

We are all women united in our desire to make a difference. Here, you will find many ways to get involved and make a positive impact.

Get involved and tell me about it so I can tell everyone!

Blessings and Peace,
Traci Snyder



Interim Treasurer
Giving is Always Good! Always!

As we approach the close of 2025 (that is hard to believe; I feel like I just got used to writing 2025) we still have many opportunities to make a significant difference in the lives of others as we support the Missions of United Women in Faith. Now is the perfect time to make a Giving Checklist for us to use as we review what opportunities for giving we have taken and which might be left to fulfill.

These include continuing giving to fulfill our Pledges as well as giving in honor of others such as our Gifts to Mission and our Gifts in Memory. It also includes giving in recognition of others we have seen playing a consequential role in support of Missions through action or encouragement with a Special Mission Recognition. With a minimum Gift of \$40 you can recognize that person with a Special Mission Recognition pin, a visible sign of their commitments to Mission.

Another special opportunity is participating in our World Thank Offering. This is an offering during which we commemorate the celebration of thanks that members have felt compelled to take as they witnessed the outpouring of love and compassion in support of the Missions of United Methodist (at that time) Women. Think of it as an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. It is an offering that has been a tradition for over 100 years. It is a Tradition that has taken many different forms, all "Good". For instance, there are units that hold a yearly World Thank Offering program/service during which each member gives monies she has set aside throughout the year to bring to this offering at this special gathering. In contrast, some units take a World Thank Offering as a regular part of each meeting by passing a plate, box, or jar into which each member places her offering as she shares what she is thankful for that day. I recently witnessed this and it was powerful to experience.

In both cases the outcome is the same: the result of supporting the Missions of United Women in Faith is

- "good" that generates on-going "good" as we invest in changing and improving lives:
- if children through child care programs such as those offered in our many Bethlehem Centers of women by helping women build skills and confidence in themselves, breaking cycles of despair and dependence
- of youth with after-school activities provided by programs such as Shade and Fresh Water in Brazil.

John Wesley famously said, "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can". And as we take stock of our giving, we remember Giving in support of United Women in Faith Missions is ALWAYS Good.

How are we Doing?

In the third issue of Appaladies in Mission I reported "Upon assessing the current status of our Appalachian District members mid-year giving, the outlook for achieving our 2025 Pledge to Mission is very good. Our 2025 Goal, (our Pledge to Mission) is \$30,000."

Now that I have an almost complete summarization of our 3rd Quarter giving, I can say that a preliminary look indicates that we are still on track to meet our pledge IF 4th Quarter giving follows previous years' patterns.

We Can Do This!

Peace,
 Nancy Reigel





Social Action

Why Climate Justice Matters

Climate change is one of the most pressing issues of our time, with far-reaching consequences that affect the

entire planet. However, the impacts of climate change are not felt equally across all communities. This is where the concept of climate justice comes into play. Climate Justice seeks to address the disproportionate burden that marginalized and vulnerable populations bear in the face of global environmental changes. It emphasizes the need for a fair and equitable approach to climate action, ensuring that those who are least responsible for climate change are not the ones who suffer the most.

One of the core principles of climate justice is recognizing the uneven distribution of climate change impacts. While industrialized nations have historically been the largest contributors to greenhouse gas emissions, it is often the developing countries and marginalized communities that face the most severe consequences. These communities are typically less resilient and have fewer resources to adapt to changing environmental conditions. This disparity is evident in various aspects:

- Extreme weather events, such as hurricanes, floods, and droughts, are becoming more frequent and intense due to climate change. Developing countries, particularly those in tropical regions, are more vulnerable to these events. For instance, small island nations face the threat of rising sea levels, which can lead to displacement and loss of livelihoods. In contrast, wealthier nations have better infrastructure, emergency response systems, and financial resources to mitigate the impacts of such events.
- The economic impact of climate change is also disproportionately felt by poorer communities. Agriculture, which is a primary source of livelihood for many in developing countries, is highly sensitive to climate variability. Crop failures due to droughts or floods can lead to food insecurity and economic instability. Furthermore, the cost of adaptation measures, such as building resilient infrastructure or relocating communities, can be prohibitively high for these nations.

Climate justice is not just an environmental issue; it is fundamentally an ethical and moral imperative. It calls for the recognition of the rights of all individuals to a safe and healthy environment. This involves holding those who have contributed the most to climate change accountable and ensuring that they take responsibility for mitigating its impacts. Several ethical considerations underscore the importance of climate justice:

- Climate justice is an essential component of the global response to climate change. It highlights the need for a fair and equitable approach that addresses the disproportionate impacts on marginalized and vulnerable communities.
- By recognizing the ethical imperatives and implementing inclusive and equitable strategies, we can create a more just and sustainable future for all.

The pursuit of climate justice is not only a matter of environmental stewardship but also a commitment to upholding the dignity and rights of every individual on this planet.

With Love,
Elizabeth Conrad



Committee on Nominations

Greetings from the Nominations Committee!

A ray of sunshine came our way when Tami Gosselin and Margaret Cooper joined the district team, Tami as our new Treasurer and Margaret as Secretary of Program Resources. Also, many thanks to Brenda Kimberlin for accepting a position on the Nominations Committee. Jan Taylor and Jean Stetler will also remain on our team and serve as President and Vice-President. Nancy Reigel will remain as Webmaster and Legacy Energizer. Sherry Summerlin and Terri Clark will be continuing as Parliamentarian and Historian. Elizabeth Conrad, Terri Williams and Jane Long will remain in their current positions.

To complete our team, we still need a Secretary and one more person to join the Nominations Committee. Please be in prayer that we find two eager women willing to serve.

Jan Taylor, our Vice President, has been wearing two hats, her own position and Secretary. Jan will become the new District President and will no longer have time to do both. If you know of someone who would be interested or willing to accept the Secretary or Nominating Committee position, please have her contact either Jean or Donna Hill. Jean Stetler's cell # is 828-964-1396 and Donna's cell # is 336-466-1230. If you are interested in holding either office, we are looking forward to hearing from you.

Now it's time for well-deserved congratulations. It is always important to express gratitude and appreciation when people have done an exceptional job. Nancy, we want to express our gratitude for the incredible dedication and hard work you have done as Treasurer. Thank you for being such a blessing in all of our lives. We are excited to continue working with you.

Linda, few people possess the considerate, unselfish, loving heart that you have and even fewer are willing to give so much of themselves. We are grateful for your service, time and leadership. Now, we wish you the best in your new position as Conference Vice-President! Congratulations!

Blessings,
Jean Stetler, Co-Chair





The purpose of becoming a Mission Today Unit is to:

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

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

How does a unit become a Mission Today unit?

To be recognized as a Mission Today unit (Gold, Silver, or Bronze), a unit must complete a number of the following criteria as indicated in the chart below. Activities conducted between January 1 and December 31 of the reporting year will be recognized at Annual Celebration the following year.

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

Criteria:

- *1. Make and meet the unit Pledge to Mission. Send Pledge amount and funds to the District Treasurer.
- *2. Use the Daily Prayer Guide at each unit, general, or circle meeting to pray for mission personnel and mission projects. The Guide is updated annually and may be ordered from [UWFaith Resources](#). Daily Prayer Guide entries are posted on the [UWFaith Facebook Page](#).
- *3. Use at least two programs from the Program Resource book during the year. A new [Program Resource](#) is printed every year and may be ordered from [UWFaith Resources](#).
- *4. Conduct or participate in at least one mission study (virtual or in person). Contact your District or Conference Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation to learn more about the studies. If members of your unit attend all sessions of Mission u or a District Mission Study and your unit takes an action growing out of the study (Gift to Mission, ministry related to the study, etc.), your unit will meet this criterion.
- *5. At least two members will subscribe to **response** magazine (1 member for units with fewer than 15 members; local unit subscription may count as one). Order information is provided at the bottom of p. 2. A one-year print subscription (includes digital subscription) is \$24; a one-year digital-only subscription is \$20. More information may be found at <https://uwfaith.org/resources/response-magazine/>.
- *6. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice in at least two ways during the year. **If you are a “Justice Today” unit, you have met this criterion.** Possibilities include:
 - Read and discuss books and articles about other ethnicities and cultures.
 - Sponsor or attend an interethnic or intercultural event between two or more units.
 - Intentionally recruit women of various ethnic or cultural groups to be unit members and officers.
 - Use the Racial Justice resources available on our Conference website on the “Downloads Available” page under “Mission Resources” or at this link: <https://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/racial-justice/>
- *7. Have a program or take action addressing a United Women in Faith justice campaign (current campaigns are [Just Energy 4 All](#) and [Ending Mass Incarceration and Criminalization of Communities of Color](#)). More information may be found at <https://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/racial-justice/>
- *8. Add at least two new members (1 member for units with fewer than 15 members).
- *9. Have a program from the [Social Principles of The United Methodist Church 2025-2028](#). This resource may be purchased at www.Cokesbury.com for \$9.99 plus tax and shipping; available in paperback or eBook.
- *10. Contribute to all Five Channels of Giving (Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, and World Thank Offering).

- *11. Recite the UWFaith Purpose at each general and/or circle meeting, including virtual meetings.
- *12. Contribute \$189.60 or more to the [Legacy Fund](#) during the reporting year.
- 13. At least one member of the unit will attend Mission u and report back to the unit on the experience. Virtual participation qualifies.
- 14. At least two members (one member for units with fewer than 15 members) will attend the District or Conference Annual Celebration and report back to the unit about the experience; virtual participation qualifies.
- 15. At least one person will join the United Women in Faith e-mailing list to receive and respond to advocacy information at least three (3) times a year. Attach the issue and action that was taken to Mission Today report.
- 16. Members will correspond with five people listed in the Daily Prayer Guide at least once a year.
- 17. Co-sponsor, with the local church, a “Children’s Sabbath”. This is a worship service highlighting the needs of children. Materials are available at <https://uwfaith.org/event/childrens-sabbaths>
- 18. Include a “**response** moment” at each unit or circle meeting where an item from **response** magazine is shared as a way to tell the mission story.
- 19. Sponsor a teen member (ages 12 to 17) and/or a young woman member (ages 18 to 39) to at least one Conference event during the year.
- 20. At least two members (one member for units with fewer than 15 members) will attend a District Prayer Breakfast/Day Apart, Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat, or any other special District or Conference event (other than Ubuntu Day of Service). Virtual participation in any of these events qualifies.
- 21. At least two members (one member for units with fewer than 15 members) will participate in and [Ubuntu Day](#) event. Units may develop their own Ubuntu event in their communities.
- 22. At least two members (one member for units with fewer than 15 members) will complete Plan I of the United Women in Faith [Reading Program](#) and report to the unit on one of the books read. Find information here: <https://uwfaith.org/resources/reading-program/>
- 23. Invite a District or Conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings (may be virtual) and/or for a United Women in Faith Sunday. This qualifies as a local unit visit in the Nurturing Partners program.
- 24. Add one new teen (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman (ages 18-39) member or circle during the year.
- 25. 100% of the unit’s active members will make a gift of at least \$18.69 to the Legacy Fund.
- 26. Meet the 2025 Conference Financial Goal: To increase our “Gift in Memory” giving by 10% over 2024 giving.
- 27. Support at least one local mission project and participate in at least one Conference hands-on mission project during the year. List the local mission project on the Mission Today report.

UWFaith Mission Resources

uwfaithresources.org PO Box 742349, Atlanta GA 30374-2349
 Phone: Toll Free 1-888-409-8137; National Office: 1-212-682-3633
 Email: cs@uwfaithresources.org

response magazine circulation

Toll Free 1-833-226-9387 Fax: 1-845-267-3478
 Magazines with a Mission PO Box 395 Congers, NY 10920-0395

response subscription link: <https://www.cambeywest.com/subscribe2/?p=RSP&f=custcare>

Conference website: wnccumw.org



**United Women in Faith
Legacy Endowment Fund Update**

Thank you for your generous and continuing support of Mission Giving and The Legacy Endowment Fund! The Legacy Endowment Fund is second-mile giving, after your critically important support of undesignated Mission Giving through Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, and World Thank Offering. Your Mission Giving supports the current work of United Women in Faith around the world, making a difference in the lives of women, children, and youth. As a permanently invested endowment, the Legacy Fund will be an ongoing source of income, providing the assurance that our important work can always continue.

Thru May 31, 2025, our Western North Carolina Conference cumulative giving to the Legacy Fund is \$556,220.59, third highest in the nation! Our Legacy giving so far in 2025 is \$10,776.01. The national Legacy Fund had reached \$50,080,788 on May 31st .

Just a reminder, our \$556K cumulative giving does not include planned gifts that will happen in the future. We have members who have established planned gifts, even significant ones, through their will or other planned giving methods, and we are grateful for those commitments. We encourage you and all members of United Women in Faith to continue to support the Legacy Endowment Fund, and to consider making planned future gifts. For more information, visit the Legacy Endowment Fund page of the United Women in Faith website at <https://uwfaith.org/give/legacy-fund/>. We continue to work toward our \$60 Million national goal for the Legacy Endowment Fund. Thank you again for your support of the Legacy Endowment Fund!

Peace,
Nancy Reigel



Appalachian District UWFaith 2025 Nurturing Partners

Linda Greer 828-244-2251	Jan Taylor 336-468-0313	Terri Williams 336-426-2250	Nancy Reigel 828-268-0637
Broad Street(Statesville) *First Troutman *Scotts Chapel - Statesville* Wesley Chapel - Troutman* Hanes Grove - Hamptonvi	First North Wilkesboro Sparta Smethport -West Jefferson Warrensville McKendree Chapel-Moor	Piney Creek West - Mooresville *Ebenezer - Elkin *Maple Springs - Ronda	First Taylorsville Millers Creek *Shiloh - Sparta *Cox's Chapel-MofWilson,VA Yadkinville Clifton - Warrensville
Jane Long 828-292-9250	Traci Snyder 828-308-3452	Brenda Kimberlin 828-728-0371	Sherry Summerlin 828-728-4936
*Henson Chapel/Mabel *Valle Crucis - Banner Elk First Lenoir Mosaic - Statesville West Jefferson	Hiddenite/StPt Parish Fair View - Mooresville * Morrow's Chapel - Moor * Faith - Mooresville	Colliers - Lenoir First Granite Falls Asbury - Hamptonville Linville	Union Grove Wilkesboro *Cedar Valley - Lenoir *Mount Hermon - Lenoir Jefferson
Elizabeth Conrad 704-223-7877	Terri Clark 828-612-2637	Donna Parks Hill 336-466-1230	Jean Stetler 828-264-6629
Hudson Union - North Wilkesboro St. Paul - Hamptonville	New Covenant - Lenoir Wesley Memorial - States Bethany - West Jefferson New Salem - Statesville	Boone Crossfire-NorthWilkesboro Sutherland - Creston *Elk Park *Pine Grove - Spruce Pine	Banner Elk Deerfield FaithBridge - Blowing Rock Mount Zion - Piney Creek
Sherry Mabry 336-927-4332	Marcia Faw 336-667-6181	Rhonda Waters 828-320-6260	Annette Echard 828-754-5526
*Altamont - Newland *Jonas Ridge Grassy Creek - State Road Fairmont - Statesville	Central - Mooresville * First Elkin *White Rock - Thurmond	New Beginnings *Philadelphia-Stony Point *Bethel - Statesville Elmwood - Statesville	* Baton - Granite Falls * Littlejohn - Lenoir Chapel Hill - Statesville Newland
		Martha Phillips 828-467-3167 M	
		Williamsons Chapel - Mooresville	

Units in Bold Font are active units.

* Indicates churches are in same charge.



Appalachian District Annual Celebration 2025

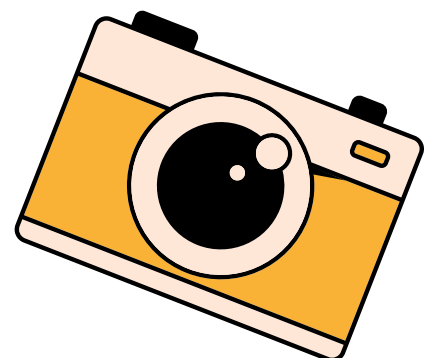
Our inspirational speaker
Toni Ruth Smith
with Linda Greer & her
Mom, Martha Phillips





We are making history as we serve like the brave, faithful women before us. We continue to love and stand with women and children here and around the world.

**Terri Clark
Historian**





**Dream it!
Believe it!
Do it!**

Assembly 2026

What's Assembly 2026 all about?

It's a celebration of who we are and what we can achieve together. Assembly is our chance to unite, recharge, and deepen our faith.

What you can expect:

INSPIRING SPEAKERS: Hear from women leaders who will spark your passion and energize your purpose.

POWERFUL WORSHIPS: Experience deep reflection, renewal, and connection in faith.

WORKSHOPS: Gain tools to create meaningful change in your life and your community.

SISTERHOOD: Connect with women from around the world who share your commitment to justice and Soul Care.

It's time to talk, time to dream, and time to build because when women of faith put our love into action, we are unstoppable. Come be transformed at Assembly 2026!

For more information contact:



United
Women
in Faith

ASSEMBLY 2026

May 15-17, 2026
Indianapolis, Indiana

uwfaith.org/assembly



**Dream it!
Believe it!
Do it!**

2026 Appalachian District United Women in Faith Officers

The Appalachian District **Committee on Nominations** presented the following
2026 Slate of Officers who were elected at Annual District Meeting August 23, 2025.

Office	Term	Nominee	Church
President	2026-2027	Janice Taylor	Wilkesboro
Vice President	2026-2027	Jean Stetler	Wilkesboro
Secretary	2026-2027	Unfilled	
Treasurer	2026-2027	Tami Gosselin	Central
Interim Spiritual Growth Coordinator - ongoing	2026-2027	Sherry Summerlin	Hudson
Mission Education & Interpretation Coordinator - ongoing	2026-2027	Terri Williams	New Beginnings
Membership Nurture & Outreach ongoing	2026-2027	Jane Long	First Lenoir
Social Action Coordinator - ongoing	2025-2026	Elizabeth Conrad	Wilkesboro
Communications - ongoing	2025-2026	Traci Snyder	First Taylorsville
Program Resources	2026-2027	Margaret Cooper	Wilkesboro
Nominations Committee	2024-2027	Donna Parks Hill	Wilkesboro
Nominations Committee	2025-2028	Rhonda Waters	Hidd/Stony Pt Parish
Nominations Committee	2025-2028	Marcia Faw	Millers Creek
Nominations Committee	2025-2028	Annette Eckard	New Covenant
Nominations Committee	2026-2027	Brenda Kimberlin	Littlejohn
Nominations Committee	2026-2029	Unfilled	

Appointed Officers

Legacy Fund Energizer & Webmaster	2026-2027	Nancy Reigel	Boone
Parliamentarian	2026-2027	Sherry Summerlin	Hudson
Historian	2026-2027	Terri Clark	Hudson

Contact Donna Parks Hill (336-466-1230), Jean Stetler (828-964-1396), Linda Greer (828-244-2251), or Jan Taylor (336-468-0313) for more information about the duties of the unfilled positions, if you have heard God's call to serve in a Leadership Position, or if you have a person in mind who might serve.



Appalachian District Membership and Leadership Development Day (MLDD)



All Friends and Members of UWFaith are Invited & Welcome!

Location:Yadkinville UMC

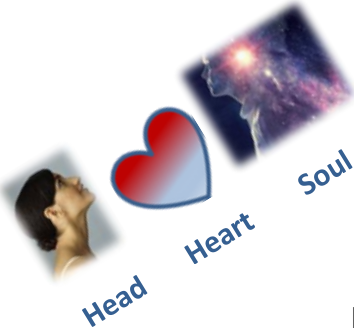
204 West Main Street, Yadkinville, NC 27055

When:Saturday, November 1, 2025

Registration & Beverages: 10:15– 10:30 a.m.

\$10.00 per person

#Move4Mission



Theme: Building Relationships through
Leadership Learning, Soul Care, #Move 4 Mission

Program: 10:30 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.

(Lunch served: 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)

Small Group Break-out Sessions: 12:20 p.m. –2:00 p.m.

No closing/dismissal–participants may leave when they please.

(See registration form on next page for more info)

Childcare available upon request 2 weeks prior to event;

if needed, Call Maureen Silvernale: (336) 408-9704

Love Offering will go to our World Thank Offering

Program - Social Action Campaigns:

Climate Justice and EndingMass Incarceration.

Hands on Mission: Items for Yadkin Christian Ministries:

FeminineSupplies such as pads and tampons, wet wipes (unscented), and small hand sanitizers (no soap or laundry detergent needed.)

Directions (Put 204 West Main St. Yadkinville, NC in your GPS.)

From Boone, Wilkesboro/N. Wilkesboro/Millers Creek: Take US-421S to US-601N (Exit 257); Turn left on US-601N; In 1.1 mile, turn left onto W. Main St., Church is .2 miles on right.

From Elkin/Jonesville: Take I-77S to Exit 82; turn left onto NC-67E (at traffic circle stay straight on NC-67E; Turn right onto Messick Rd.; In 1.7 miles, turn left onto Center Rd., in 7.8 miles, turn left to stay on Center Rd; turn left onto Booger Swamp Rd.; in 1.8 miles, turn left onto W. Main St.; in 1.2 miles, church is on the left right.

From Sparta: Take US-21S to I-77S; take Exit 82; Follow directions from Elkin/Jonesville.

From Lenoir/Hudson/Granite Falls: Take NC-18N and turn left onto NC-16N/NC-18N in Moravian Falls; In 3 miles, take US-421 S and follow directions from Boone/Wilkesboro.

From Taylorsville/Hiddenite: Take NC-16N to Moravian Falls; follow directions from Lenoir; or Go to 64 East to I-40 East to I-77 North to Exit 73A Follow directions from Boone/Wilkes.

FromStatesville/Mooresville/Union Grove: Take I-77 to US-421S; Follow directions from Boone/Wilkesboro,

We ask that ALL LOCAL UNIT OFFICERS, except Treasurers, choose Leadership Learning. This is your opportunity to learn about your positions, ask questions, share with other officers. Local Unit Treasures, please choose the Treasurer session; meet our new District Treasurer!
“These sessions are what used to be called Officer Training.”

Breakout Session Choices (each session is 30 minutes)

Breakout Session	Leader	Description
Leadership Learning	Linda Greer & Jan Taylor	Slideshow detailing duties of each Local Unit leadership role. Local unit officers (other than treasurer) please choose this session. (scheduled for 1 session; Linda & Jan will be available after the session for anyone with questions)
Treasurer Time	Nancy Reigel	Duties of the local unit treasurer and what's New - Treasurer's please choose this session (scheduled for 1 session; Nancy will be available after the session for anyone with questions)
Stray & Pray – #Move4 Mission	Terri Williams & Valerie Prim	A Prayer and Mission Walk around the church and parking lot
Story Time	Margaret Cooper	Sharing of Reading Program Book (s)
Write a Rep*	Elizabeth Conrad/ Donna Hill	Writing letters/emails to our politicians about issues that concern us
Bracelet Making*	Amanda Mason	Making a UWFaith Bracelet
Whatcha Doin?	Jan Taylor/Jane Long	Sharing ideas
Spiritual Healing/Soul Care/Relaxation	Sherry Summerlin	A spiritual soul care experience
Sing Along	To Be Determined	Participants will select hymns they like to sing.
Surfing UWFaith Style	Nancy Reigel & Linda Greer	Using the UWFaith.org website If possible, participants should bring laptops or smart phones, but not required.

***Materials for these activities and lunch is covered registration fee.**



#Move4Mission

Gather with Friends, Make New Friends, Build Relationships

By October 11, 2025, please return the following form for Registration and Break-out session choices and send to District Treasurer Nancy Reigel, 375 Troy Norris Rd., Boone, NC 28607

Registration: Name of Unit _____

Number of Attendees _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Please include checks made payable to Appalachian District UWFaith.

Name of Attendee from your unit and **break out session choices**. Each attendee may choose 3 sessions. Please complete one section per attendee. Make additional copies as needed.

	1.
	2.
	3.
NAME	

	1.
	2.
	3.
NAME	

	1.
	2.
	3.
NAME	

	1.
	2.
	3.
NAME	

	1.
	2.
	3.
NAME	