



# Marion District Newsletter



United Methodist Women

Fourth Issue 2011

## Local Officer's Training Saturday, October 22, 2011 At Snow Hill United Methodist Church

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*Western NC UMW Annual Conference Registration Information*

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Greetings To All United Methodist Women,

President Janet  
Bjork-Colton



This is the Fall season and there is still much activity as we go forward. There will be Craft Fairs and Fall Festivals to attend and school events and sports. As Women of the Church, we are hands-on in all these plus more in the family gatherings. I hope you can squeeze in this last quarters' District Event.

Put the Officer's Training and Missions Fair on your calendar. This year it will be held at Snow Hill U M C. Your District Officers will have information and ways to make Mission happen for you. There will be hand-outs and colorful displays to help you discern the best ways to teach others and share our Mission story. There will be lots of Reading Program books and Children's Resources from the UMW Mission Resource Center. The Conference Priority of Awareness of Domestic Violence will be addressed by a brief talk from Martha Phillips to inform us of what she learned at the National Seminar on this subject.

Stay strong for MISSIONS. Many of us United Methodist Women find the world too sexually-oriented and violent. Children need to grow up safe and protected, but how is that possible with the climate we see on our news reports ? We need to be Jesus in their lives !

The world is not coming to an end, but it looks that way from what we see reported everyday. I'm not talking about end-of-days preparation BUT, open your eyes. People of Faith have to be a larger presence in our world today. My children are young adults, but I tremble at what may be in store for them if society continues on this path of 'anything goes'. Hold strong to your belief in God as the author and creator.

Help to turn the tide. Faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains. Partner with the United Methodist Men in your church to address the fact that 1 in four Americans is a victim of Domestic Violence.

I believe that together we can make a difference.



Important web addresses

The UMW Web site has been renovated! Please visit the site and see the UMW video! [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)

Western North Carolina United Methodist Women [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org)

Also, follow UMW on Facebook [www.facebook.com/wnccumw](http://www.facebook.com/wnccumw)

Vice-president  
Debbie Bradley



Isn't it comforting to know God doesn't expect us to be perfect? One of my favorite motto's is 'perfection is overrated'! During my years in human resources, and being involved in the hiring and training of supervisors, I have stressed that it's really important to hire people who have a willingness to learn, to work and to help. More importantly for those of us involved in customer service, having initiative to serve others is particularly important. Some skills we either have or we don't - willingness, attitude, initiative. Are we willing to serve God, UMW, and those we can? Just think, if you were trying to grasp something with one finger, wouldn't it be so much easier using five or even all ten fingers?

That's the thing about UMW. Individually we can serve; collectively, we are powerful! A large part of life is just showing up. Just think how the pastor must feel when only a few people show up and how he/she feels when many show up. It's a form of support.

Saturday morning, August 20, we had a district officers meeting. Our district historian, Jo Pyatt, told us that Oak Grove United Methodist Church, the hosts for our upcoming Annual Meeting in September, once hosted a UMW event in the 1950's and had about 400 people there! This year we hope to have 175. Won't you be the one to make that number 176?

We hope you will be present for the annual meeting, upcoming trainings and other district events. No one expects you to be perfect. I apologize in advance for my imperfections (sometimes the imperfections can be funny). We are not all Marys or Marthas; both serve a purpose. Every hair does not have to be in place, you don't need to wear your ball gown; just show up!

Peace and harmony.



### *Purpose of United Methodist Women*

*The organized unit of 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.*

Secretary Linda Taylor



Treasurer Barbara Goines



**PARTICIPATION** - a very interesting word. Merriam-Webster defines participation as; (1) the act of participating; (2) the state of being related to a larger whole.

As a member of your local UMW you are definitely related to a larger whole but are you actually "participating" in that larger whole? A good opportunity for you to do just that is coming up in October. If you have accepted an officer position in your unit for 2012 please make every effort to attend Local Officer Training, October 22nd at Snow Hill UMC. You will find detailed information on this event elsewhere in this newsletter.

I will be leading the class for secretaries and hope to see you there.



Fourth Quarter reports and the end of the year 2011 are quickly approaching. For the Marion District Treasurers, as well as many other officers, our year ends on December 01, which allows for completion of reports and the processing of them. There is much that needs to be completed in a short period of time, with several holidays in that same time frame. We also have our District Annual Meeting and our election of officers and their training between now and then.

Please remember to order your Special Mission Recognition pins soon. We do not place any orders in December, so we need to order 2012 pins in October or November. If your unit can place your order a little earlier then the shipping time can be greatly reduced. Shipping times average six to eight weeks, or even longer.

Thank you to all the UMW treasurers and their units for their hard work this past year as we have earned money for our Pledge to Mission and other mission projects, locally , nationally and internationally. We are constantly striving to make life better for women, youth and children. Our personal lives are definitely blessed and we are ever vigilant in our efforts to make other people's lives better also.



"Who do people say the Son of Man is?"  
Matthew 16:13

The purpose of the United Methodist Women states that we are to 'know' God and expand the concepts of mission.

Do you 'know' who the Son of Man is and the missions of his life? There are so many ways a UMW unit can be in mission and I put this question to you: What is your local UMW best known for in your community?

Most every community in the Marion District has a Methodist Church. I offer a challenge to the UMW units of these churches to find the most pressing need in your community and then decide the best way to be in mission for that need. This mission may be a new way of outreach to women in your community. Does your community know the women of your UMW?

I hope to see many of you at the Annual Meeting on September 22. Also, come prepared to share your ideas at District Officer's Training on October 22 at Snow Hill UMC.

"Be still and know that I am God."

For the newsletter this time, I can only share what has been in my thoughts for the last few weeks. It seems no matter where I turn, I hear of the sickness that abounds in our church and community. I have often heard that as you mature in years that you hear more and more of sickness so I assume that puts me into the category of maturing in age. During these trying times, God grants us peace of soul and mind. I'm thankful for his grace in times of need.

I hope, as our thoughts begin to turn to the fall season, that we will remember the many in our midst who need our prayers whether it is because of unemployment, sickness or other health issues. Enjoy the gift of this season from God as our landscape turns from green to the lovely colors that he provides in the fall.

God Bless.



Spiritual Growth Coordinator  
Connie Martin



Greetings Sisters,

It is amazing how quickly this year has flown. The joy of summer is gone and the year is quickly coming to an end. Fall, then winter, will be upon us, but we still must take time from our busy schedules to grow in faith, strength and service. We should always be striving to be worthy by putting our faith into action.

I pray that each of our local units is working to become a Mission Today Unit. You have a little time left to complete any project or activity in which you are engaged or even to start a new project !

Let life through Jesus Christ enrich you. Daily — pray, read and study as you serve others. Celebrate life each day! Be thankful and help someone with a kind word or deed.

Stay informed! Plan to attend the Annual Meeting and the Officer's Training. As we learn, we grow. We become better servants to all women, children and youth, locally and around the world.

May God's peace and favor be yours.

*A message from Program Resources*

Hello Ladies,

Fall is near and with cooler temps hopefully coming it might be a great time to find a nice spot outside to read a good book. Let me highlight one that I just finished reading. *If You Know Who You Are, You'll Know What To Do, Living With Integrity*, by Ron J. Greer. This is a book about integrity.

Integrity means doing the right thing when we know it's the right thing to do. It means knowing who we are, and then being true to the lives to which we have been called. Integrity is about who we are and how we live, both when someone's watching and when there is not a soul in sight. A great read!

Barbara Crotts said: Reading gives us **Spiritual Growth**, causes us to be **Socially Active** in matters that need attention, **Educates** us, gives us more things to be in **Mission** about, and makes us great '**Leaders**', as well as **Nurturing** us with those great stories we all love to read. I love this statement !

Keep reading and always list each book you read in one of the five Reading Program Plans. At annual meeting this fall I will be giving out certificates for those who participated in this past year's program. Start a reading program in your church and next year I can give **YOU** a certificate!

Don't hesitate to call or email me with any questions about the reading program. If I don't know the answer, I will research until I get one.

See you in the resource room !

Grace and peace,  
Merri Rudisill



Social Action Betty Lynch



Dear Ladies,

We are quickly approaching the fall of the year. I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer.

I can't express my concern enough to all of you concerning our Conference and UMW goals for raising awareness about Domestic Violence among women, teens and children. I hope that each Shepherdess has stressed this issue during their love visits. We can also help by writing to our Congressmen and Senators about the Violence Against Women Act. If any unit needs a sample letter I will be happy to send you one.

I am disappointed to report that we missed our goal of a 10% increase in Charter Club Members. Please have a Charter for Racial Justice Program, participate in a Bible Study on racism, watch the video "Charter for Racial Justice" , give a report on a Reading Program book selected from the Social Action category or invite an international guest to come and speak about their home country. You can share newspaper articles relating to racism (both positive and negative), regularly share articles from *Response* and *World Outlook* magazines relating to racism, or display Charter for Racial Justice polices and lift up at least one at each unit meeting. Also, try to send at least one member to the School of Christian Mission. These are just some of things your unit can do to become a Charter Club Member.

Gold Unit = having completed six actions

Silver Unit = having completed four actions

Bronze Unit = having completed two social actions



The Charter Club Unit must be renewed each year. We hope to hear that your unit has and will do all or at least two actions each year.

Don't forget the Marion District UMW Annual Meeting September 22, 2011.

October is Domestic Violence Month. On October 9th please join others around the world by lighting a purple candle at 9:00 pm in awareness of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking.

Yours in Christ.

Marion District United Methodist Women  
Nominating Committee Report 2011



In accordance with the By-Laws and Constitution of the United Methodist Women, the Committee on Nominations submitted the following nominees for office on the Marion District UMW Executive Committee for 2012–2013. These positions were voted on and approved at the District Officers meeting on Saturday, August 20, 2011.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Church</u>
President	Jo Pyatt	East Marion
*Treasurer	Barbara Goines	Salem Morganton
Mission Coordinator Spiritual Growth	Joyce Strachan	Glen Alpine
*Mission Coordinator Membership, Nurture and Outreach	Jackie Steele	Valdese
*Mission Coordinator Social Action	Betty Lynch	Addie's Chapel
*Secretary, Program Resources	Merri Rudisill	Abernathy Memorial
Member at Large	Janet Bjork-Colton	Valdese
Nominating Committee Chair (class of 14)	Patsy McNeely	Oak Hill
Nominating Committee (class of 2015)	Judy Hawkins	Oak Grove
Nominating Committee (class of 2013)	Connie Martin	Addie's Chapel

\* Current officers who have agreed to serve a second term \*

Appointed Positions

Historian            To be announced

Please use the form found on the next page to nominate yourself or someone you know for an executive position. All nominations will be considered.  
Complete and return to the address on the form.





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

RECOMMENDATION TO THE DISTRICT  
COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

I recommend:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ 20's \_\_\_\_\_ 30's \_\_\_\_\_ 40's \_\_\_\_\_ 50's \_\_\_\_\_ 60's \_\_\_\_\_ 70+

Race/Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_ Employed: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Why I think you should consider this person (attach extra sheet if necessary):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

District UMW Position (s) I would recommend this person for: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Sharon Smith , Nominations Chair  
PO Box 903  
Marion, NC 28752



**LOCAL UNIT OFFICERS FOR 2012**

Please return this form by **December 15, 2011** to Communications Coordinator Barbara Estes at 725 Hopewell Road, Morganton, NC 28655. **Please PRINT CLEARLY** and include as much information as possible. It is *very important* that this information be updated or people will not receive their newsletters.

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**Pastor** \_\_\_\_\_

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**President** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Vice-President** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Treasurer** \_\_\_\_\_

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*Local Officers Continued...*

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**Historian** \_\_\_\_\_

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**List Circle Chairs below and/or on another sheet if needed**

## Where Your Dollars Go

- Every dollar raised in the Walk for Mission will be used to support the mission and ministries of United Methodist Women.
- United Methodist Women is an organization of approximately one million members. The organization's purpose is to foster spiritual growth, develop leaders and advocate for justice. Members raise nearly \$18 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children, and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world.
- Thank you for your support!

## Walk Details

- This sponsor form allows you to begin raising funds for the Walk for Mission. Please use it to sign up sponsors! Ask friends, neighbors, and co-workers to sponsor you.
- Ask your sponsors to pay when they pledge. This will ensure the most money for mission with women, children and youth around the world. Sponsors should make their checks payable to: **WNCC UMW.**
- You can participate by walking where you are! Walks can take place at churches, parks, fitness centers-Be Creative!-Use this as a Mission Education moment. Gather your sponsors, and collect the money, and mail your form and sponsor money to your **District Treasurer.**

# Walk for Mission

## Districts and Units Walking for Mission Giving



# Mission Giving

# Walk for Mission 2011

## Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

District Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print all information)

Walker's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Office Use Only – Do Not Write in These Spaces

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Total Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ # Of Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Make additional copies of this form as needed)

**SPONSOR'S NAME (Please Print) STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP E-MAIL ADDRESS \$ PLEDGED \$ PAID**

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



**Mission Giving**



# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

## Western North Carolina Conference

**What:** 38th Annual Meeting  
*A Celebration of United Methodist Women*

**When:** September 9, 10 & 11, 2011

**Where:** Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium

**Theme:** Jump Into Mission!

Let's merge our faith and fitness as we JUMP INTO MISSION.  
Your heart will be glad that you did!

### Annual Meeting

#### Registration:

(Begins June 20, 2011)

- On-site registration at Lake Junaluska - \$20.00 per person
- Get a DISCOUNT! Register early and ONLINE! Online advance registration, June 20, 2011 through August 8, 2011 is only \$11.00 per person! Use the online registration link on our website at [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org).
- Advance registration fees are transferable, but non-refundable. If you pre-register and are unable to attend, your registration fee is not refundable, but someone else can attend in your place.
- Register yourself AND others! Our online registration offers the opportunity for you to register up to 20 guests at the same time that you do your own registration. Help other members of your local unit to register online — especially those who may not use a computer!
- DO NOT mail Annual Meeting registration fee money to Lake Junaluska. Contact us if you have a question about registration.

#### Celebration Highlights:

**Featured Speaker:** Sue Owens, retired PE teacher, UMW Liaison to Bethlehem Center, and member of Liberty United Methodist Church, Spartanburg, SC; UMW leader/volunteer extraordinaire, former member of Women's Division & General Board of Global Ministries boards of directors; frequent speaker & workshop leader, author of three devotional books: *Hominies and Grits*, *Hominies and Grits II* and *More Hominies and Grits*.



Sue Owens

**Mission Speaker:** Betty Swarthout, Deaconess

**Saturday Afternoon Domestic Violence Awareness Workshop Leader:** Dr. Aleese Moore-Orbih

**Music Leaders:** Renee Shatley & Rhonda Smith

**Hands-On Mission:** Gift to Mission Cards

**Other highlights:** Mission Lunch, Late Night...with a special appearance by Betty Sue Buttermilk, Sunday School, and much, much more!

**Hostess District:** Winston-Salem

#### Join Us at the Lake!



Betty Swarthout



Aleese Moore-Orbih

Complete information about Annual Meeting is available on our website:

[www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org)

Mark your calendar!  
Register ONLINE!

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## 2011 Shepherdess Assignments

Janet Bjork-Colton

Abernathy Memorial UMC  
Burke Chapel UMC  
Kistler's Chapel

Debbie Bradley

Forest City FUMC  
Linville UMC  
Salem UMC Morganton  
Oak Hill UMC  
Valdese FUMC

Linda Taylor

Banner Elk UMC  
Liberty UMC  
Gilkey UMC  
Spruce Pine UMC  
Vance Memorial UMC

Barbara Goines

Christ UMC  
St. Matthews UMC  
Mountain Grove UMC  
West Marion UMC

Jackie Steele

Bethel UMC Dysartsville  
Shady Grove UMC  
Morganton FUMC  
Newland UMC  
Zion Memorial UMC  
Mt. Pleasant UMC

Connie Martin

Glenwood UMC  
St. Marks UMC  
Clinchfield UMC  
Rutherfordton FUMC

Betty Lynch

Cross UMC  
Ebenezer UMC  
Thermal City UMC  
Nebo UMC  
Old Fort UMC

Barbara Estes

Cedar Grove UMC  
Denton's Chapel UMC  
Mt. Hebron UMC  
Tanner's Grove UMC

Jo Pyatt

Oak Grove UMC  
Pinnacle UMC  
Pleasant Hill UMC  
Linville UMC

Joyce Kendall

Addie's Chapel UMC  
Marion FUMC  
North Morganton UMC  
Arney's Chapel UMC

Brenda Duckworth

Carson's Chapel  
Pleasant Grove UMC  
New Hope UMC  
Trinity UMC

Sharon Smith

Glen Alpine UMC  
East Marion UMC  
Snow Hill UMC  
Providence (McDowell)

Merri Rudisill

Concord UMC  
Hildebran FUMC

Edna Michaels

Avondale UMC  
Caroleen FUMC  
Wells Spring UMC  
Mundy's Chapel UMC  
Spindale UMC

Patsy McNeely

Bethel UMC Morganton

Bobbie Tedford

Lebanon UMC

*Please feel free to contact  
your assigned  
Shepherdess at any time.  
Phone numbers and email  
addresses are on the  
District Officers page.*



## Directions to Annual Meeting:

From Marion: Hwy 221 S to Rutherfordton/Shelby

Take the US-64/US-74-A ramp

Turn left onto US-64/US-74-ALT/W Mountain St (if you reach N Main you've gone too far)

Turn right onto Railroad Ave/US-74-ALT. Merge onto US-74 E

Take the exit toward Henrietta/Caroleen/Ellenboro

Turn left onto Ellenboro Henrietta Road

Turn left onto Oak Grove Church Road

The church is 1507 Oak Grove Church Road, on the right.

From Morganton:

Take US-64 W toward Rutherfordton.

Turn left onto Highway 74-A

Merge onto US-74

Take the exit toward Henrietta/Caroleen/Ellenboro

Turn left onto Ellenboro/Henrietta Road

Turn left onto Oak Grove Church Road

The church is 1507 Oak Grove Church Road, on the right.

From Spruce Pine:

Take NC - 226 E.

Turn right onto US-221

Take the US-64/US-74-A ramp

Turn left onto US-64/US-74-ALT/W Mountain St (if you reach N Main you've gone too far)

Turn right onto Railroad Ave/US-74-ALT. Merge onto US-74 E

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REGISTRATION FOR THE MARION DISTRICT  
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
2011 ANNUAL MEETING

Meeting date: Thursday, September 22, 2011

Location:

Oak Grove United Methodist  
1507 Oak Grove Church Road  
Ellenboro, NC 28040  
Church number: 828-453-8270

Registration Deadline: Friday, September 16

Cost of the meal is \$6.50 per person

Resource room open at 5:00

Meal: 5:30 - 6:30

Meeting to begin at 6:45

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Please remit to:

**Registration deadline: Friday, September 16, 2011**

Lucy Earls  
913 Race Path Church Road  
Ellenboro, NC 28040-8367  
828-453-8566

\$6.50 per person. Make checks payable to Oak Grove UMW

Church name \_\_\_\_\_ # attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please list names of attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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### **Important Dates for Upcoming Events**

September 9 - 11 : UMW Western NC Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska

September 22 : Marion District Annual Meeting at Oak Grove UMC

October 01: IMPACT Community

October 08 : District Officer's Training in Conover

October 22 : Local Officer's Training at Snow Hill UMC

October 22 : District Officer's meeting following training session  
(lunch will be provided)

### **PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

*The organized unit of 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.*