

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE – UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

NORTHEAST DISTRICT UMW

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PRESIDENT: JILL JOYNER

I am excited about beginning our 2012 year.

The work that you have accomplished in 2011 has been great. You have continued to make the UMW Purpose come alive. We have met many of our goals.

The District Team has worked hard planning events, to help you and your units to further grow in your awareness of what is happening around the world and to grow spiritually.

We have planned two mission studies, one in February and one in April. One will be global and one spiritual. We will have our Prayer Breakfast in March. Please note the dates, places and times in the newsletter.

Remember that your district team is always here to answer any question that any of you may have. Please invite the team to come and visit with your unit.

God blesses us in many different ways. Let us share those talents and gifts with others.

Jill Joyner

VICE PRESIDENT: JAMIE SMITH

New beginnings, new opportunities, new experiences, new year!

This is certainly a new experience of a new office for me! I will serve the Northeast District to the best of my ability this year as your Vice President. I certainly have big shoes to fill as I am following Sara Williams. I feel I do not bring the experience or ability to the office that Sara served you with, but I have the team of officers, including her, to lean on, so I will not fail!

I look forward to my new experience. Keep the dates of upcoming events marked on your calendar, and plan to experience new things with us. We have planned things to sustain and renew us spiritually this year and you won't want to miss them! If you have suggestions of what we can do to make our UMW better, please let one of your officers know. I'm looking forward to seeing you soon!

Blessings,

Jamie Smith

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DISTRICT
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SECRETARY: LOIS SHIELDS

Happy New Year 2012! I am happy to serve as NED Secretary as needed this year. The ladies that have served and are serving you as NED officers are a joy to work with. I have truly been blessed by getting to know each of them, and I am looking forward to working with them again this year.

Thank you,
Lois Shields

FROM THE CONFERENCE UMW TREASURER: JULIA WILLIS

THANK YOU!! 2011 Conference Giving News

Conference Treasurer, Julia Willis, reports GREAT NEWS! Here are some of the preliminary details about YOUR giving for 2011:

- Mission Giving sent to Women's Division...\$820,500
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- MEETING OUR \$820,000 PLEDGE!!!!!!!
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- Conference Love Offering...\$24,831.86
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- Walk to Mission through Districts...\$8,723.05
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- Spiritual Growth Retreat Love Offering...\$7,604.62
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- School of Christian Mission Love Offering...\$1,945.00
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More detailed information will be forthcoming. It has been an uphill battle all year to reach our \$820,000 PLEDGE. It is no small feat to achieve this goal in light of our economy. A big THANK YOU to EVERYONE...individual United Methodist Women, local units, District Treasurers and others who put extra effort into Mission Giving in the 4th quarter.

Conference President, Mildred Carter, adds her thanks to the Local Units who made this great achievement happen!

"...their abundant joy...overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part..." (2 Corinthians 8:2)

As many of you know, the preceding scripture is one of my favorites. It is because of our joy as children of God that we can respond so generously. Because of your generosity, the lives of many women, children, and youth are changed in our local communities and around the world.

MEMBERSHIP NURTURE & OUTREACH: MARIE GORDON

This bright new year comes complete with 366 days of opportunities, choices, and attitudes. Yes we actually get an extra day this year! One opportunity I encourage your unit to take advantage of is inviting a district officer to attend one of your regular unit meetings. We can come as individuals or in pairs to meet and greet, fellowship with you , or give a program for your unit. Contact me if you would like me to arrange a visit.

Marie

HISTORIAN: JOYCE WALL

The District Executive Committee would like to encourage each unit to be working on their history. If you already have a current history, please continue to update it. If you would like to share it with the district, please MAIL me a copy for the District History file. As of 2013 the Northeast District will no longer exist. As you know the Western North Carolina Conference is re-districting and we will become part of new districts. This is exciting and we will be creating new histories, but we don't want to forget our past.

Sincerely,

Joyce

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: TOMMY ROBERTS

Happy New Year!

It is my hope that you have each had a joyous and blessed Christmas. I pray that 2012 will be one of spiritual enrichment for all of us. I look forward to seeing each of you at the Northeast District Prayer Breakfast on March 24 At Central United UMC in Mt. Airy. Let's make the 2012 Prayer Breakfast the best attended and most rewarding one that we have ever had.

May God keep you in his loving care,

Tommy Roberts



SOCIAL ACTION: RUTH WILLIAMSON

What breaks your heart that breaks the heart of God? That tug at your heart strings can inspire you to action! Here are some suggestions for action in 2012:

Receive Action Alerts from UMW Action Network by requesting hard copies from: Women's Division – General Board of Global Ministries - 100 Maryland Avenue, NE Suite 530 – Washington, DC 20002. To receive the Action Alerts by email go to our UMW conference website <http://www.wnccumw.org/>; on the left, click on Social Action and scroll down to UMW Action Network. The latest alert I received (1/2/2012) is on Women, War and Peace. So informative and there are 6 suggestions for action!

Raise Awareness of Domestic Violence. Go to our general UMW site and get information and suggestions for action at: <http://new.gb-gm-umc.org/umw/>; type “Domestic Violence” in Search. Partner with local agencies to get involved with victims of domestic violence.

“Intercept” Human Trafficking: Go to our general UMW site and get information and suggestions for action at: <http://new.gb-gm-umc.org/umw/>. Join United Methodist Women through Super Bowl Sunday (February 5) in the campaign to Stop Human Trafficking.

- **Learn more about advocacy for immigrants and just immigration legislation.** Look for articles in our *Response* magazine and books from the Reading Program.

- What actions (of the 20 suggestions on the Unit Status list) can your organization take to be a WNCC UMW Charter Club as you continue to discuss the **Charter for Racial Justice**?

Continue to support UMAR at The ROC. Invite the Bell Ringers to your church. They are inspiring! Remember participants and staff on their birthdays – Copies of the Birthday list on the “free resources” table at each event. Please pick up a list and send a card or note .

Make plans to attend the **School of Christian Mission** July 26 – 29 at Pfeiffer Univ.

The gospel of Christ knows no religion but social; no holiness but social holiness. John Wesley

Ruth



**Northeast District United Methodist Women
2012 Winter and Spring Events**



February 25, 2012

**East Bend UMC,
214 Main Street.
East Bend, NC 27018**

**Janice Lentz,
Study Leader**

Janice, traveled on a fact finding mission trip to Haiti in the fall of 2010, to learn and prepare to teach this study. She taught at the 2011 WNCUMW School of Christian Mission and is currently the WNCUMW Communications Coordinator.

This mission study invites readers to reflect on how the church can be in mission with the people of Haiti rather than in mission to them. The study encourages ongoing exchanges of cultural understanding, mutual respect and mission partnership between the people of The United Methodist Church and the people of God in Haiti, offering perspectives on Haiti's theological history and the need for a clear and vibrant theol-

Registration: 8:30 am
Study: 9:00 am—2:00 pm
Bring a bag lunch



Prayer Breakfast

Peace, Popcorn & Pansies

March 24, 2012

**Central UMC
Mt. Airy
1909 North Main St.
Mt. Airy, NC 27030**

**The Rev. Erin Michelle Weaver,
Pastor: Level Cross UMC & Siloam UMC
Guest Preacher**

Registration: 8:45 am

Breakfast: 9:00 am —9:45 am

Worship: 10:00 am



April 21, 2012

**Flat Rock UMC
6720 Hwy 158
Stokesdale, NC 27357**

**Sandy Heironymus,
Study Leader**

Sandy is the 2012 WNCUMW Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator. She taught "The Journey" at the 2011 School of Mission— One day class.

The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation - This spiritual growth study intertwines stories from the Bible and recent history to illustrate the redemptive power of forgiveness.

The Journey includes with the text a study guide that takes restorative justice from spiritual concept to tangible life skill.

Registration: 8:30 am
Study: 9:00 am—2:00 pm
Bring a bag lunch

Directions to each event on reverse side

Directions to Northeast District Winter Events

Mission Study @ East Bend UMC: *From Madison/Eden/Walnut Cove/Germanton:* Hwy 311 to Walnut Cove. Turn Left at light onto Hwy 311/65. At the light (at Ingles) turn Right onto Hwy 65. Travel Hwy 65 through Germanton & Rural Hall stay on Hwy 65 (cross over hwy52) to Bethania. In Bethania turn left onto Hwy 65. Stay on 65 until it dead ends at Hwy 67. Turn Right onto Hwy 67. Travel approximately 10 miles. Turn Right onto Main Street (You will see the East Bend Senior Center & Ball Fields as you turn). The church will be approximately ½ mile on the left.

From Reidsville/Stokesdale: Take Hwy 158 to Stokesdale. In Stokesdale take Hwy 65 to Walnut Cove. Turn left onto Hwy 65. Follow above directions.

From Mt. Airy/King/ Pilot Mountain: Take Hwy 52 to King. At the King exit turn Right onto King/Tobaccoville Road. Turn Right onto Spainour Mill Road. Stay on this until you turn left onto Donnaha Road. Donnaha will dead end at Hwy 67. Travel approximately 2 miles. Turn Right onto Main Street (You will see the East Bend Senior Center & Ball Fields as you turn). The church will be approximately ½ mile on the left.

From Dobson: Take Hwy 601 S to Boonville. In Boonville turn left onto Hwy 67. Travel 67 east to East Bend. At the stop light turn left onto Pauline St. Turn right onto Main Street. The church will be approximately ¼ mile on the right.

Prayer Breakfast @Central UMC: *From Madison/Eden/Walnut Cove/Germanton:* Hwy 311 to Walnut Cove. Turn Left at light onto Hwy 311/65. At the light (at Ingles) turn Right onto Hwy 65. Travel Hwy 65 through Germanton & Rural Hall stay on Hwy 65 until it comes to Hwy 52. Turn North onto Hwy 52 towards Mt. Airy. Turn Right on to 52Business N. Follow US 52 Business for approximately 4 miles. The Church will be on the left.

From Reidsville/Stokesdale: Take Hwy 158 to Stokesdale. In Stokesdale Take Hwy 65 to Walnut Cove. In Walnut follow the above Directions.

From East Bend.: In East Bend travel Hwy 67 to Donnaha Road. Turn left onto Donnaha Road it will dead end at Spainhour Mill Road. Turn right onto Spainhour Mill. It will dead end at King-Tobaccoville Road. Turn left onto King-Tobaccoville Road. Turn left onto Hwy 52 N. Follow above directions.

From King/Pilot Mtn.: Take Hwy 52 N towards Mt. Airy. Turn Right on to 52Business N. Follow US 52 Business for approximately 4 miles. The Church will be on the left.

From Dobson: Take Hwy 601 to Mt. Airy. Take 52 Business North and follow the above directions.

Mission Study @ Flat Rock UMC: *From Madison/Eden* Take Hwy 220 to Hwy 158. Turn right onto Hwy 158. The church will be approximately 2 miles on the right.

From Reidsville: Take Hwy 158 towards Stokesdale. The Church will be on the right before the city of Stokesdale.

From Mt. Airy/Pilot Mtn. Take Hwy 52 South to Rural Hall. Take the Hwy 65 east exit. Turn left and follow Hwy 65 through Rural Hall/Germanton to Walnut Cove. At the light in Rural Hall (Ingles will be at the light) turn left onto Hwy 65/311. Go approximately ½ mile and turn right. Turn and immediate left onto Hwy 65. Follow Hwy 65 east to Stokesdale. (at the light) Stay straight and it will become Hwy 158. Go through Stokesdale. The church will be on the left.

From Dobson: Take Hwy 601 to Mt. Airy. Follow the directions from Mt. Airy above.

From East Bend: Take Hwy 67 to Ridge Road. Turn left onto Ridge Road. Continue to Tobaccoville Road, Turn left onto Tobaccoville Road. Continue to Rural Hall. Turn left onto Hwy 65. Follow directions above.

CELEBRATE THE NORTHEAST DISTRICT !!!

**SEND PHOTOS OF YOUR UNIT ACTIVITIES TO SARA WILLIAMS BY
JULY 25, 2012
FOR OUR DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING CELEBRATION
ON AUGUST 25, 2012**



**WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE ALL YOUR GREAT WORK WITH A POWER POINT
PRESENTATION.**

**SARA'S MAILING ADDRESS AND EMAIL ADDRESS ARE LOCATED ON THE OFFICER LIST
OF THIS NEWSLETTER.**

Scholarships Available: One \$150.00 scholarship to first time attendees to
WNCC-UMW School of Christian Mission– July 26-29 at Pfeiffer University
and
WNCC-UMW Annual Meeting– September 7-9, 2012 at Lake Junaluska.

If you would like to submit your name for a possible scholarship send:

**Your Name, Address and Telephone number to Jill Joyner, Northeast District President
no later than April 1, 2012. Please note which event you will be attending for the first
time. You may apply to either event or both events.**

**Selection will be by random drawing and notification will be sent no later than
April 24, 2012 to the recipients.**

2012 Shepherdess Assignments

Contact your Shepherdess for Questions, Visits, Programs

Sara Williams

Debra Lawson

Baltimore
East Bend
Franklin Heights
Level Cross
Maple Grove
Mt. Pleasant
New Home
Shady Grove
Stony Knoll (East Bend)

Marie Gordon

Lois Shields

Bethel (King)
Chestnut Grove
Delta
Fairview
Snow Hill
Mt. Zion (Pinnacle)
Shoals
Prospect
Whitaker's Chapel

Ruth Williamson

Jill Joyner

First (Reidsville)
Lowe's
Salem
Spray
St. John
St. Paul
Wesley Chapel

Tommy Roberts

Carolyn Evans

Centenary (Stoneville)
Flat Rock
First Eden
Hodgin Memorial
Mayodan
Mt. Zion (Stokesdale)
Palmyra

Joyce Wall

Eden (Madison)
Hayes Chapel
St. Stephens
Stokesburg
Trinity
Withers Chapel
Epworth
First Pilot Mountain

Sarah Stewart

Bethel (Oak Ridge)
Gideon Grove
Madison
Mt. Hermon (Madison)
Palestine
Stokesdale

Jill Joyner

Phyllis Fliehman

Bethlehem
Chapel Hill
Hickory Grove
Main Street
Mt. Carmel
Matthews Chapel
Pelham
Ruffin
Woodmont

Jamie Smith

Judy Joyce

Central
Dobson
Pinnacle
Mallalieu-Jones
Rockford Street
Siloam
Stony Knoll (Dobson)
Hatcher's Chapel
Mt. Herman
Oak Grove

Marie Gordon is available to go to any unit for a visit or program.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Western North Carolina Conference

- What:** 2012 Spiritual Growth Retreat
When: June 15-16, 2012
Where: Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium
Theme: *Walk with Hope*
Leader: Rev. Karen Kurtz



Rev. Karen Kurtz is currently serving as Associate Pastor of Congregational Care at **Oak Ridge United Methodist Church**. Karen is a provisional member in the Elder track in the Western North Carolina Conference. She had this to say about leading our Spiritual Growth Retreat: "I feel very honored and extremely blessed to get to do what I love! The ministry of United Methodist Women (and earlier, WSCS) has been a thread of support and inspiration for me throughout my life. I am very grateful to be part of this weekend."

We are excited about Rev. Kurtz sharing with us! You will be blessed!

Retreat Registration: (Begins February 1, 2012)

- On-site registration at the retreat - \$20.00 per person
- **Get a DISCOUNT! Register early and ONLINE!**
Online advance registration, February 1, 2012 through May 31, 2012 is only \$11.00 per person! Use the online registration link on our website at www.wnccumw.org.
- **Advance registration fees are transferable, but non-refundable.**
So, if someone registers for the retreat, and is unable to attend, their registration fee is not refundable, but it is ok for someone else to attend in their 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 retreat registration. Help other members of your local unit to register online — especially those who may not use a computer!
- **DO NOT** mail Spiritual Growth Retreat registration fee money to Lake Junaluska. Contact us if you have a question about registration.

Complete information about the retreat is available on our website:

www.wnccumw.org

**Mark your calendar!
Register ONLINE!
Join us at the lake!**

Contact Persons:

Retreat Information

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Lake Junaluska
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Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

Reservations Phone #:

1-800-222-4930 (Toll Free)
1-828-452-2881

**Lake Junaluska
Reservations:**

**To book Lake Junaluska
lodging for the
Spiritual Growth Retreat:**

- Call the Lake Junaluska reservations department at 1-800-222-4930
- Or, Make your reservation online at:
www.lakejunaluska.com/wnc-umw-spiritual-growth


Our group reservation code will appear there on February 1st. After using the "click here" link, enter the group code in the Group Number box at the bottom left corner, and click "Submit" to get to the group reservations page for the retreat.

Read the Lake Junaluska website reservation information carefully.



United Methodist Women
Western North Carolina Conference

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www.wnccumw.org

Visit us on


www.facebook.com/wnccumw

2012 Spiritual Growth Retreat

June 15-16, 2012 - Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Lake Junaluska Accommodations & Rates

Terrace Hotel or Lambuth Inn

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, phone, elevator)

Rates are per person, per day, room & meals.

	Room	Meals*	Total
Single	\$106	\$30	\$136
Double	\$60	\$30	\$90
Triple	\$41	\$30	\$71
Quad	\$33	\$30	\$63

*Lake Junaluska operates The Terrace and Lambuth on an American Plan, and meals are required with the room.

Lakeside Lodge

(Private baths, heat, air

conditioning, TV, phone, no elevator)

Rates are per person, per day, no meals.

Single	\$78
Double	\$45
Triple	\$34
Quad	\$29

Junaluska Apartments

Rates are per person, per day, no meals.

Single	\$73	Quad	\$27
Double	\$41	Quintuplet	\$25
Triple	\$30	Sextuplet	\$25

Apartments are furnished with linens and blankets. Type A, C, & D have kitchens with small refrigerators, counter top burner, microwave, and limited equipment and dishes.

Lake Junaluska Lodging Information:

The minimum deposit for all Lake Junaluska facilities is \$35 per person. Reservations are not confirmed until deposit is received. Deposits must be received or room(s) will be released. In order to cancel a confirmed reservation, a **cancellation request must be made 30 days prior to arrival date to receive a refund of the deposit less a \$15 per person processing fee.** Deposits are on an individual basis; for group or family reservations in which individuals do not attend, the deposit will not be refunded or allowed to apply against charges for those who come. **Check in at all facilities is 3:00pm; check out is 11:00am.**

Meal Information:

The room rate that shows when booking online and on your confirmation letter is the room rate only, meals are an additional cost. Meals are optional for all facilities other than the Terrace Hotel or the Lambuth Inn. Guests staying in optional meal facilities may purchase a 3 meal package at the same cost of \$30.00 per person for each 3 consecutive meals, or individual meals can be purchased: \$9.00 for breakfast, \$11.00 for lunch and \$13.00 for dinner. Children 6 through 11 years of age receive meals at half price, 5 years of age and under eat free. **Meal package of \$30.00 per person, per day will automatically be added for each person staying in the Terrace Hotel or the Lambuth Inn.**

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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.

WE'RE ON THE WEB
WWW.WNCCUMW.ORG

NORTHEAST DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN...DATES OF INTEREST

District Mission Study - Haiti	February 25, 2012	East Bend UMC-East Bend
District Prayer Breakfast	March 24, 2012	Central UMC-Mt. Airy
District Lay Speaking Training (Session I)	March 24, 2012	Stokesburg UMC-Walnut Cove
District Lay Speaking Training (Session II)	March 31, 2012	Stokesburg UMC-Walnut Cove
District Mission Study - The Journey	April 21, 2012	Flat Rock UMC-Stokesdale
WNCC Annual Conference	June 20 - 24, 2012	Lake Junaluska
WNCC-UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat	June 15 - 16, 2012	Lake Junaluska
WNCC-UMW School of Christian Mission	July 26- 29, 2012	Pfieffer University
WNCC-UMW Annual Meeting	September 7-9, 2012	Lake Junaluska
Northeast District UMW Annual Meeting	August 25, 2012	TBA

This will be the final Northeast District UMW Annual Meeting....come join us for a "ROCKING" celebration of our time as a district and a SUPER SEND-OFF to the NEW districts.



Western North Carolina Conference

Hands-On Mission Opportunity Spiritual Growth Retreat

June 15-16, 2012, Lake Junaluska

UMCOR Birthing Kits

Because of the continuing humanitarian needs around the world, our conference is collecting Birthing Kits as our Hands-On Mission Opportunity at the Spiritual Growth Retreat. Birthing kits provide the essential items to promote a safe, clean delivery of a child, and to encourage good care afterwards.

Encourage others in your local unit and congregation to participate...even if they cannot attend the Spiritual Growth Retreat. We will deliver the birthing kits to our conference Mission Response Center for shipment to the UMCOR Sager Brown Depot. Participating in this Hands-On Mission Opportunity will help your local unit to meet Mission Today criteria #22. **Complete information about our Spiritual Growth Retreat is available on our website at www.wnccumw.org.**

UMCOR Birthing Kit Contents:

Place the following **NEW** items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

- ★ 1 hotel-size bar of soap (1 oz. and up)
- ★ 1 pair of clean latex gloves
- ★ 1 square yard of clear 4 mil plastic sheeting
- ★ 3 pieces of clean string each 12" long
- ★ 1 clean single use razor blade (carefully wrap the blade in paper or plastic to protect it and keep it from causing injury)
- ★ 2 flannelette receiving blankets, each 1 square yard



In a separate envelope, please include a check payable to UMCOR Sager Brown for at least \$1.00 per kit to help with the costs of processing and shipping the kits around the world. Please do not put the money envelope in your UMCOR Birthing Kit bag.

If you are bringing multiple kits, it is fine to just write one check in an amount sufficient to cover all of your kits. If your whole unit is collecting the kits, it will be okay to collect the money and put it all in one envelope to be turned in when you drop off your kits at the Spiritual Growth Retreat.

Please pack your kits in a box that can be handled easily by our women and write the total number of kits on the side of the box. (Paper case boxes are a nice size.) We want to make it as easy as possible to collect, count and transport our Birthing Kits.

Important Kit Assembly Information:

- All items included in kits must be **NEW** items.
- All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, **It is important that kits contain only the requested items - nothing more.**
- **Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.**
- Please do not include any religious, political or patriotic notes or emblems in any kit.

Thank you for your generous support of our hands-on mission opportunity!