

North Wilkesboro District United Methodist Women



“WALK WITH WHOLENESS”

First Qtr. 2012



Conference Website: www.wnccumw.org
District Website: www.gbgm-umc.org/nwdumw

President

Greetings my UMW Sisters! A new year...a “new us” is emerging! We will be seeing many changes this year as we continue to UNITE as United Methodist Women in mission! As our conference changes from 15 districts to 8, we will unite with our sisters from other areas to step into a new district. However, this change will not change the mission of United Methodist Women for children, youth and women.

Preparing for a final year as (The Great) North Wilkesboro District United Methodist Women, the district team has been busy making plans for a banner year! We are calling on all units to become committed to our Purpose, stepping into the future seeking to “Walk with Wholeness”.

Goals have been set for 2012 by the district and conference Teams. They are printed in this newsletter. To attain these goals, we need every unit to participate. Lift them up at your first meeting this year and commit to help this last year be the greatest!

District Mission Study – March 3rd. Mark this on your calendar! It’s our first event and you’ll want to be with your “Sisters” studying together on continuing the legacy set for us by our foremothers. A flier is included in this newsletter so send reservations right away. Being president of your local unit, you set the pace for success! Organize your unit and bring members and guests for a study that will provide the beginning for a “Walk with Wholeness”.

32nd Annual District Prayer Breakfast – April 14th. This event promises to be a memorable time of Spiritual Growth when we gather at Yadkinville United Methodist Church. God blesses us with so many talented individuals who are willing to bring the “Good News”, in word and music. Included in this newsletter is a flyer telling about this event. Invite prospective members to come with you and experience a special time with God during our final prayer breakfast.

Spiritual Growth Retreat: June 16th - 17th at Lake Junaluska See inside newsletter

Local Unit Visitation (LUV) – Shepherdess list is inside the newsletter. Let us get to know all about your ministry in United Methodist Women. We are here to serve, but you must invite us. It is our pleasure to see each of you!

I wish to greet each of you at our district and conference events. Join us in our “Walk with Wholeness.”

“In all your ways acknowledge the Lord and he will make straight your paths”.
(Proverbs 3:6 NRSV)

Be a blessing and be blessed,

Barbara. Hart, President

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Share these with
your units.

Vice President

Hello to all in the new year!! As vice-president you can help your unit by planning Great programs. This is an exciting time to plan for the upcoming year. While planning, don't forget our Program Resources. Those resources include the Response magazine, Prayer Calendar, Books from the Reading Program, Program Book and your District Officers. Whether a circle meeting or general meeting, our programs need to stay focused on our "Purpose". All of these resources can assist your unit in becoming a Mission Today Unit which is a great goal to achieve for this year. Ask various members of your unit to be responsible for the program in a given month. The District Team has planned the year with YOU and our Purpose in mind. I will look forward to seeing you at all our events this year.

Peace be with you,

Lorraine Burns, Vice President

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Treasurers

The Peace of Christ to you my Sisters. I wish to Praise the Lord for each of you who have made Missions Possible in 2011! Congratulations to ALL in the North Wilkesboro District in meeting our Pledge! Together, you have helped so many, in all parts of the world and truly are the hands and feet of Christ. Your giving helps children, youth, and women, not only with their physical and financial needs but also shows them that God loves them. An excellent source for seeing where your giving makes a difference is found in any *Response* magazine or *Prayer Calendar*. The *Prayer Calendar* is also a powerful tool to lift up those in mission everyday with your prayers and communicating to them your support. If you have not subscribed to *Response*, I would encourage you to subscribe for your unit and also purchase your *Prayer Calendar* from program resources.

Our district had 30 units in 2011 that gave in all Five Channels of Giving. Congratulations to each one of you that met your goal! Please consider making your units goal for 2012 to participate in all five channels this year. Just as a reminder, the five channels of undesignated giving are: Pledge, Gift In Memory, Special Mission Recognition, World Thank Offering and Gift To Mission. Your pledge has been fulfilled for 2011, but have you made your pledge for 2012? if not, send it to me. **To make a pledge and meet it is the first criteria in becoming a Mission Today unit.**

A few reminders:

- The First Quarter Report is **due to me by March 1st**. Your prompt reporting allows your district to meet the conference reporting deadline.
- Keep a record of your Gifts to Mission, Gift in Memory and Special Mission Recognition.
- All remittance forms are available on the conference website www.wnccumw.org or contact me if you need forms.
- Please make sure that you send the remittance form with your check.
- Gift to Mission cards can be purchased anytime. Please let me know if you wish to order some.
- The 2012 Conference Love Offering will be A Gift to Mission Giving in honor of "Those Who Walk with Wholeness"
- Encourage your unit in making their 2012 goal to give in all five channels of giving.

I thank each of you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your North Wilkesboro District UMW Treasurer. I have been so blessed to meet and get to know so many of you. I look forward to being available to each unit for any questions you may have concerning your giving to mission or your duties as treasurer for your unit.

With Love and Prayers,

Beverly Curtis, Treasurer

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2011 Giving News!!

North Wilkesboro District

Here are some of the details about your 2011 giving:

Total Giving from local units was

\$66,842,

Our Undesignated Mission Giving sent to Conference was

\$60,435

(Our Goal was \$59,000!!)

Plus

Our Designated Giving was

\$6,407

**Designated giving includes the Call to Prayer and Self Denial Offering,
national, international and UMCOR projects**

The Number of Units Giving in All Five Channels Increased by Two!

Meeting the Conference Goal to Increase the Number of Units Giving in all 5 Channels

THANK YOU!!!

**The North Wilkesboro District of the United Methodist Women have
indeed continued to show their love of mission through their giving.**

**Thank you for all that you do to tell the story of the mission made possible by that giving!
Every single dollar makes a difference!**

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

2012 Conference and District Goals

2012 Conference and District Challenge

With joy and enthusiasm UMW will demonstrate ongoing positive attitude as we go through restructuring and change.

2012 Conference and District Priority

Every UMW touch someone in poverty

- Attend School of Christian Mission
- Read books dealing with poverty from the UMW Reading Program
- Tutor
- Join Social Action Network
- Get involved with local agencies that help the poor
- Get involved in Bethlehem Centers

2012 Financial Pledge

Increase personal pledges by \$1.00

2012 Social Action Goal

Raise awareness of domestic violence and increase advocacy for victims

Secretary

Hello to all my UMW sisters,

First I would like to say “Hello” to all our new secretaries and welcome you to your new positions. Secondly, I want to tell you all how excited I am about this year’s district events. It’s going to be a great year. This year’s Mission Study offers not one, but two classes to choose from plus a children’s study. The Prayer Breakfast will be hosted by Yadkinville UMC this year and I can’t wait to see their new facility. I’ve heard it’s absolutely beautiful and I know these ladies will go all out to make us feel welcomed. And you never know what surprises await us at the District Annual Meeting. If you weren’t there last year you really missed out on some talent, (I believe there are pictures on the website; you might want to check them out). Again, I want to welcome you all and thank you for your commitment to United Methodist Women, together we are making a difference in our district and in our world. And as always, if I can be of any help I’m just a phone call or e-mail away.

Blessings to you all,

Kim

Kimberly Smith, District Secretary

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Communications

HELP!! The start of a new year often means new officers and new roles for many United Methodist Women. If you have not sent in the leadership information for your local unit, PLEASE send them ASAP. If there are no changes, let us know that as well. This is how we get information to your units and it is very important that we have current names and addresses. If anything changes during the year please let me know so the changes can be made.

Send them to: Nancy Reigel, 375 Troy Norris Road, Boone, NC 28607

If you are receiving this newsletter thru US mail and would prefer to get it online, go to www.wnccumw.org and click the Join Our Email List button. Receiving online versions helps reduce the costs for copying and postage.

Please share this newsletter with members of your unit. It is how we let you know about district events and initiatives as well as containing useful information for conducting unit business and planning unit programs and mission initiatives. If you know others who would like to receive the newsletter directly, please send me their contact information so we can “get them in the loop”!.

Communication is at the heart of Mission, how we spread our story. Tell me how I can help you.

Be Peace,

Nancy Reigel, Interim Communications Coordinator

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Spiritual Growth

As United Methodist Women, there is no better way to begin our New Year than with prayer. For more than 100 years, mission-minded women have prayed and given through **A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial**. The program Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, *Time for Change*, is in the Program Book and may be adapted for Circle meetings or for a Day Apart. Each unit should have the program, in January or sometime in the first quarter. Members are encouraged to deny selves of something such as dinner out, soft drinks, sweets, etc. and use this money as a self-denial offering which will be used to help spread the *Good News* through technology.

Our first District Spiritual Growth event will be the **32nd Annual District Prayer Breakfast, Pray/Walk with Wholeness**. We will have this event at Yadkinville United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 14th. The leader will be Rev. Dr. Anne Conover, Minister of Education and Arts at Yadkinville United Methodist Church. Anne received her Master of Christian Education at Pfeiffer University, Dr. of ministry degree in the Arts and Theology from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. Anne is married to Rev. Cam Conover and they have three sons and three grandchildren.

There will be a memorial service for members that have deceased since the prayer breakfast last year. Please fill out the form in this newsletter for list of names of deceased members and **return to me by March 20**. See flyer in this newsletter for more information on the Prayer Breakfast.

By June 15, members should be ready for a mountain top experience at beautiful Lake Junaluska. Encourage every member to attend the **Spiritual Growth Retreat, Friday-Saturday, June 15-16**. The speaker is Rev. Karen Kurtz, with the theme *Walk with Hope*. Song leaders are James and Jane Smith. The Lake Junaluska Singers will present a concert on Friday Evening.

It is a blessing and honor to serve as your newly elected District Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth. If there is any way that I can help your unit or if you would like a visit, please give me a call.

Sister in Christ,

Linda Baity, Mission Coordinator Spiritual Growth

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Nominations

Another new year has begun, another year to find new opportunities for us all to participate in ministry. The Nominating process is a year-round task and your District Nominating Committee is already hard at it, looking for potential District officer candidates and looking for opportunities to help Local Nominating Committees search for your own candidates.

It takes everyone on the committee to make it a successful committee. We learn job descriptions, look for potential leaders, encourage and pray for the leaders we have. Certainly we have a task before us this year, but with everyone's participation we can be an effective committee. This statement comes from the Local Unit Handbook: "When the committee on Nominations does its work well, the Executive Committee and the entire membership thrive"! As a member of this committee enthusiasm for learning about and appreciating the potential, skills, and value of all members is very important.

Let's make this a great year for being in MISSION through United Methodist Women and seek out the good leaders we have in the North Wilkesboro District.

Nancy Reigel, Chairperson, Committee on Nominations

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Mission Education & Interpretation

The District Mission Study will be March 3 at the First North Wilkesboro United Methodist Church.

You have the opportunity to choose from two studies being offered.

1. Haiti: Challenges and Hope
2. The Journey: forgiveness, restorative justice and reconciliation

This year we have two outstanding women to lead our mission studies.

The study leader for Haiti is Sherry Sink. She currently serves as the Membership Nurture and Outreach Mission Coordinator for the Conference UMW

The study leader for the Journey is Sandy Hieronymus. She currently serves as the Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator for the Conference UMW, and a member of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.

The Children's mission study is: Krik, Krak: The Story of Haiti. This will be offered for youth in grades 3-8. The study will be led by Ton Ton Bouki, the Storyteller!! (see the district mission study flier)

Begin now telling your ladies and youth about the exciting mission studies and plan to come!

Attendance in the District Mission Study will meet #4 of the Mission Today criteria. Bringing school kits will meet criteria #22. Make it your units goal in 2012 to become a Mission Today Unit!

Do not miss this study opportunity so you can be more effective for God's purposes as His hands and feet to marginalized women, children and youth.

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Social Action

Social Action

Greetings! I pray your New Year is getting off to a great start! To our new Social Action Coordinators in our local units, please feel free to call on me for any assistance. All of you are encouraged to make our district priorities a part of your local unit goals.

Social Action Priorities 2012

- 1. To increase the number of units becoming members of the Charter Club by 10% above 2011.**
- 2. To increase our knowledge of opportunities for advocacy for immigrants and just immigration legislation.**
- 3. To increase our understanding of the effect of globalization on Human Trafficking nationally and internationally.**
- 4. Provide a list of books from the Reading Program.**

Raise awareness of Domestic Violence and increase advocacy for the victims!

We have a number of opportunities to serve others in our local units, and in our communities.

I look forward to meeting you at our district events.

Yours in Christ!

Roberta Walker, Social Action Coordinator

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Program Resources

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you and your families enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. For more than 140 years members of United Methodist Women and predecessor organizations have been involved in mission that includes prayer, study, and action. The Reading Program is a study opportunity, but it should also lead to action. Make a New Year's resolution to learn more about the Reading Program this year. The Reading Program encourages members to think critically about current issues through an annual selection of member-reviewed books. It offers an excellent opportunity to deepen your spirituality and to broaden your understanding of our mission work. The Reading Program selections are Books for Children, Books for Youth, some in Large Print, categories include: Nurturing for Community, Social Action, Leadership Development, Spiritual Growth, Education for Mission, and a new one Leadership

for 2012.

The address for the Mission Resource Center is:

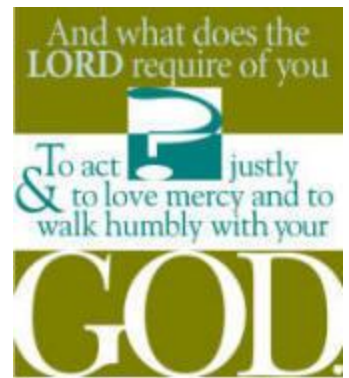
United Methodist Women Mission Resource Center
1221 Profit Drive
Dallas, Texas 75247

Toll free telephone number is: 800-305-9857.

I will have a good supply of resources at all of our district events and I look forward to seeing you this year. Any questions or needs, please call me or send an email

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For More information

Visit your District website: www.gb-gm-umc.org/nwdumw

Visit Your Conference website: www.wnccumw.org

Join our Conference UMW email List

Membership Nurture & Outreach

It's a NEW YEAR and you have another chance to become a MISSION TODAY UNIT and set new goals for your unit. Your district team has adopted the Conference goals as our challenge for 2012. You and your unit may want to take this challenge as well. For example, raise awareness of domestic violence and increase advocacy for victims, increase personal pledges by \$1.00 and read books dealing with poverty from UMW Reading Program. You can find out more about these and other goals and how your unit can get involved by asking your Shepherdess to come and visit your unit. Allow me to explain the Shepherdess Program if you are not familiar with it. Please refer to the Shepherdess list for 2012 in this newsletter. Each district Officer is assigned a group of churches within the district. Each district Officer/Shepherdess will act as the contact person or liaison for the United Methodist Women of each of these churches to the district Team. The Shepherdess will contact each local unit/church and request a time to visit. This visit will allow you and your unit a time to ask questions and to be informed of upcoming events. She will make herself and her fellow team members available to you for programs, resources and most of all to listen and carry the concerns and suggestions of your unit to the district and conference teams. In general, allow open communications about mission programs of UMW. This open line of communications is vital to the growth and health of United Methodist Women.

*United Methodist
Women is a community
of women who nurture
and encourage one
another in their
spiritual growth,
personal leadership*

“Your mission, should you choose to accept it is:” MISSION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2012, by planning to attend and bringing a friend to our first and every district event, beginning with the district Mission Study, March 3, 2012. I'll be looking for you there, along with my very close friend and storyteller, Tonton Bouki!

“Tell everyone on this earth to sing happy songs in praise of the Lord. Make music for him on harps. Play beautiful melodies! Sound the trumpets and horns and celebrate with joyful songs for our LORD and KING!”
~Psalm 98:4-6

Peace of Christ,

Margo Bowman, MNO

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Historian

Moment in History

Nurse Lydia B. Rice, nurse and native of Blue Springs, Nebraska, was assigned in 1922 by the Mission Board to serve the needs of the mountain people along the Red Bird River in Beverly, Kentucky. Called a “saddlebag medic”, she and her trusty horse Major rode the valleys, hills, and hollows over a 4-year period supplying the only medical assistance in the area. During her first year, she treated over nineteen hundred patients with medical and dental needs.

In 1926 the Mission Board appointed Dr. Harlan S. Heim as Red Bird's first physician. Dr. Heim and Lydia both rode the hills assisting patients and then worked together to open the Red Bird Hospital. This hospital had twelve patient rooms plus an operating room and also provided living quarters for several new nurses.

Lydia served Red Bird for 25 years, then retired in 1947 to her hometown in Nebraska. Two years before her death in 1963, she was able to return to Red Bird to attend the fortieth anniversary celebration. At the time of this celebration in 1961, Red Bird had become the largest home mission project in the United States.

According to the Red Bird Clinic website, in 1986 the hospital closed but medical and dental services are still being provided.. A medical staff comprised of two doctors and other trained staff serves the community, and the dental clinic is staffed by a dentist, dental assistants, and a part-time dental hygienist.

Blessings,

Loretta Cash, District Historian

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North Wilkesboro District United Methodist Women
Shepherdess List – 2012

This is a list of local churches paired with a District Officer. Each church in the district should have a UMW unit. A District Officer will be the contact for the local unit/church. Our plan is (1) pray for each other, (2) visit with you, (3) discuss your needs/concerns, (4) inform you of upcoming events and (5) work with you to accomplish our goals.

Barbara N. Hart	828-728-3181	Friendship	Pleasant Valley	Zion	Calvary (Watauga)	Mount Hermon	First Granite Falls
Lorraine Burns	828-396-1259 cell: 828-612-7418	Burgess Chapel	Grace Chapel	Ebenezer (Caldwell)	Whitnel	Hudson	
Beverly Curtis	828-396-2986	Shiloh (Alleghany)	Piney Creek	Cox Chapel	Faithbridge	Jefferson	
Kimberly Smith	336-957-3058	Eschol	Roaring River	Crossfire	Charity (Millers Creek)	First North Wilkesboro	Millers Creek
Linda Baity	336-679-8648	Dunkirk	Mariah's Chapel	Arbor Grove	Union		
Anna F. Bottoms	828-302-3815	Harpers Chapel (North Caldwell)	Shiloh (North Caldwell)	Mt. Olive (North Caldwell)	Smith Memorial	Harper's Chapel (Lenoir)	
Roberta Walker	336-835-1939	Beaver Creek	Green Hill	Piney Grove (Jonesville)	Wesley Chapel (Elkin)	First Elkin	
Margo Bowman	828-396-7852 cell: 828-499-0077	Cedar Valley	Mt. Zion (Caldwell)	First Lenoir	Gamewell	Colliers	
Carol Brown	336-679-2367 work: 336-679-2931	Yadkinville	St. Paul	Mountain Grove	Center	Ebenezer	
Nancy Reigel	828-268-0637	Boone	Valle Crucis	Bethelview	Henson's Chapel	Mabel	Bethany
Frances Howell Mabe	336-679-8331	Charity (Elkin)	Maple Springs	Asbury	Hanes Grove	Jonesville First	
Betty McCormick	336-679-2266	Grassy Creek (Elkin)	Sparta	Little Laurel Sutherland	Creston Green Valley	Boonville	
Jane Long	336-679-2228	Lansing	Helton	Trinity (Ashe)	Wilkesboro	West Jefferson	
Mary Reinhardt	336-468-8667	Mt. Zion (Alleghany)	Temple Hill	Mitchells Chapel	Longtown	Grassy Creek (Ashe)	
Denise Stanley	828-265-2529	Baton	Rhodhiss	Littlejohn	Trinity (Caldwell)	Deerfield	
Mary Howell	336-846-8667 cell: 336-416-8035	Clifton	Smethport	Warrensville	Nathan's Creek	Chestnut Hill	Transou
Becky Pruett	336-877-2452	Clifton	Smethport	Warrensville	Nathan's Creek	Chestnut Hill	Transou
Loretta Cash	336-835-6112	Mountain Park	White Rock	Antioch	Barbara Heck		



Mission Today

United Methodist Women

Western North Carolina Conference

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Become a Mission Today Unit!!

The purpose of promoting a Mission Today Unit is to:

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

What is a Unit?

A unit is any organized group of United Methodist Women within a church or district. Some units are composed of several circles, which periodically get together for a unit meeting.

How Do We Become a Mission Today Unit?

In order to be recognized as a Mission Today Unit, UMW groups must complete a minimum of twelve of the following criteria, including six of those marked with an asterisk (*). **#1 of the Criteria is not optional. You must complete this one to become a Mission Today Unit!** Activities conducted between January 1-December 31, 2012, will be recognized at annual meetings in 2013. This is an ongoing program, so strive to become a Mission Today Unit!

CRITERIA:

- *1. **The Unit will make and meet its Pledge to Mission. (Must be completed.)**
- *2. Use the *Prayer Calendar* at each general meeting of the unit to pray for persons in mission and our mission work with women, children and youth. A new *Prayer Calendar* is printed each year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- *3. The unit will use at least two programs from the *Program Book* during the year. A new *Program Book* is printed every year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- *4. The unit or circle will conduct or participate in at least one mission study each year. Contact your district or conference Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation to learn what the studies are for each year. (If members of your unit, other than a conference or district officer, attend the conference School of Christian Mission or your 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 criteria.)
- *5. The unit will have at least two members subscribing to response (1 member subscribing with units less than 15 members). Order from Magazines With A Mission, \$24.00 for a year's subscription. New World Outlook is also available from Magazines With A Mission, \$24.00 for a year's subscription.
- *6. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice in at least two ways during the year. Possibilities are:
 - a. Have members read and discuss books and articles about other races and cultures;
 - b. Sponsor an interethnic event between two or more units;
 - c. Recruit women of color to be members and officers of the unit;
 - d. View the DVD on the Charter, "In Search of Racial Justice". Your District President has a copy for use;
 - e. Use the new "Resources for Racial Justice: Tools for UMW Leaders" handbook. (Available on our conference website on the "Downloads Available" page, and on the "Mission Today" page.)
 - f. Write to elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, low-income programs, civil rights, etc.
- *7. Become a member of the Western North Carolina UMW Charter Club. See link to info on Charter Club at our conference website.

- *8. The unit will add at least two new members (one member for units with less than 15 members) to its roll.
- *9. The unit will have one program from the *Social Principles of the United Methodist Church 2009-2012*.
- 10. At least one member of the unit (other than a conference or a district officer) will attend the School of Christian Mission and report back to the unit on classes and events they experienced.
- 11. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members), other than a conference or district officer, will attend the district or conference annual meeting and report back to the unit about the event and what they experienced.
- 12. The unit will have at least one person joining the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information at least three (3) times a year. (To join, contact Women's Division Washington Office, 100 Maryland Avenue NE, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20002. (Attach to Mission Today report what you responded to and what action was taken.)
- 13. Members will correspond with five persons listed in the *Prayer Calendar* at least once a year.
- 14. The unit will co-sponsor, with the local church, a Children's Sabbath. (This is a worship service highlighting the needs of children.) The Women's Division and the Council of Bishops support this effort. Children's Sabbath materials are on our website.
- 15. The unit will contribute to all Five Channels of Mission Giving.
- 16. Each unit or circle meeting will include a "response Moment" where an item from response magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
- 17. The unit will sponsor one teen member (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman member (ages 18 to 39) to at least one conference event during the year.
- 18. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members), other than a conference or district officer, will attend a district Prayer Breakfast, district Day Apart, or conference Spiritual Growth Retreat.
- 19. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members), other than a district or conference officer, will complete Plan 1 of the Reading Program and give a report to the unit on one of the books read.
- 20. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year and/or for their United Methodist Women's Sunday.
- 21. The unit will add one new teen (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman (ages 18 to 39) circle during the year, or one new teen member (ages 12 to 17) or one new young woman member (ages 18 to 39) during the year.
- 22. Each unit will be responsible for supporting at least one local mission project and participate in one Conference Hands on Mission Project during the year. The local project should be listed on your Mission Today report.

Be a Mission Today Unit!

Resource Information:

Mission Resource Center: Toll Free 1-800-305-9857 Website: www.missionresourcecenter.org
 United Methodist Women Mission Resource Center • 1221 Profit Drive • Dallas, TX 75247

Magazine Circulation (For *Response* & *New World Outlook*): Toll Free 1-877-881-2385 • FAX: 1-845-267-3478
 Magazines with a Mission • PO Box 395 • Congers, NY 10920-0395

Conference Website: www.wnccumw.org

District Mission Study

"MISSION: WALK WITH WHOLENESS"

Place: **First North Wilkesboro United Methodist Church**

Date: **Saturday, March 3, 2012**

Time: 8:30 a.m. – Registration and Program Resources
9:00-1:00 p.m. Mission Study and Lunch



Adult Studies: Haiti – Study Leader Sherry Sink
The Journey - Study Leader Sandy Hieronymus

Children's Study: Krik, Krak: The Story of Haiti
Study Leaders Ton Ton Bouki, Story Teller and Anna Bottoms

Children's Study for grades 3-8. Please indicate the number of children on registration form (boys and girls) so adequate supplies can be purchased.

Lunch Cost: \$6.00 Adults, Children Free

Menu: Haitian Cuisine

Hands-On Mission Project: School Kits - contents only. School bags will be provided. Information on back of this flier for contents.

Child care available only if you contact Lorraine Burns (828-396-1259) lorraineburns@gmail.com by Feb. 22.

Directions to First North Wilkesboro United Methodist Church

From Boone – Travel US 421S. Exit onto 421 Business and go into N. Wilkesboro to Sixth St. Church is on left.

From Yadkinville – Travel US 421N. Take Hwy. 115 Exit. Bear right on NC 115. Stay on 115 and cross Yadkin River Bridge. At light, turn left. Turn right onto Sixth Street. Church is on left.

From Lenoir/Caldwell Co. – Travel Hwy 18 North (approx 22 mi.) to Hwy. 16. Turn left at traffic light. Travel 16/18 approx 2 miles, cross over Hwy 421 and turn left onto 421N towards Boone. Travel to first traffic light and turn right on to 421A (Business) and go into N. Wilkesboro to Sixth St. Church is on left.

You will complete Mission Today Criteria #4 by attending this study

Registration Form District Mission Study, March 3, 2012

Unit Name: _____ Children Attending: _____

Adults Attending: _____ X \$6.00 = _____ (Amount Enclosed)

Adults, please indicate which study you plan to attend so we have adequate supplies:

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The Journey

Mail form & check by February 22 to:

Beverly Curtis, District Treasurer
4614 Ike Starnes Rd., Granite Falls, NC 28630



School Kit

Value: \$ 11.00

1 pair blunt scissors rounded tip only no plastic scissors please

3 pads of paper spiral or top bound pads - 150 sheets of loose leaf can be substituted for 1 pad - combinations of spiral, top bound or loose leaf is acceptable

1 hand held pencil sharpener must be at least one inch long - remove from packaging

1 - 30 centimeter ruler hard or flexible - cartoon characters are acceptable no advertisements please

6 unsharpened pencils no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols please - cartoon characters are acceptable

1 - 2 ½ inch eraser no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols please - cartoon characters are acceptable

1 - 24 count box of crayons only 24 count boxes please

It is not necessary that you provide the school bag. Once again the Sparta UMW is graciously making them for us to fill. Bring your items to help fill the bags.

32nd Annual District Prayer Breakfast

Yadkinville United Methodist Church

Saturday, April 14, 2012

You Are Invited!! Bring your spouse, family, and friends!

Time: **8:30 - 9:30** – Registration, Breakfast, Program Resources, Prayer Room
9:30 a.m. – Gathering Music
9:45 a.m. – Worship & Memorial Service

Theme: “PRAY: WALK WITH WHOLENESS”

Speaker: Rev. Anne Conover, Minister of Education and Arts with
Yadkinville United Methodist Church

Offering: "Those Who Walk with Wholeness-United Methodist Women in the North Wilkesboro District"

Cost per person: \$5.00



Memorial Service: Send in names for the Memorial Service by March 20.

HANDS-ON MISSION PROJECT: Items for Bethlehem Center, Winston-Salem

Supplies: Blankets, Paper Towels, Wash Cloths, Soap, Kleenex, Disposable Diapers, Vaseline, Safety Pins, Alcohol, Cotton Balls, Baby Lotion, Witch Hazel, Band Aids, Socks

Equipment: Wooden Puzzles, Wooden Toys, Toys for Sandbox, String Beads, Dolls, Pull type toys for toddlers, Story Books, Scissors, Magic Markers, Construction Paper, Tag Board, Play Dough, Modeling Clay, Tape, Pipe Cleaners, Balls, etc.

Child Care will be provided. Advance registration is **required**. Call Lorraine Burns (828-386-1259 or lorraineburns@gmail.com by March 30 if you need child care

DIRECTIONS TO YADKINVILLE UMC

Phone: 336-679-2243

From Wilkesboro - Travel 421 South to Yadkinville

From I-77 North - Exit Hwy 421 South to Yadkinville

For both:

Exit at highway 601, at bottom of exit ramp turn left and go under the bridge under the bridge.

At 4th traffic light, turn left on Main Street. Church is on the right in second block, 204 W. Main St.

From Hwy 601 North to Yadkinville: Turn right at 1st traffic light, onto Main Street. Follow directions above.

Parking around church and across street behind church at Farm Bureau office.

Registration Form

District Prayer Breakfast, April 14 2012

Unit Name: _____

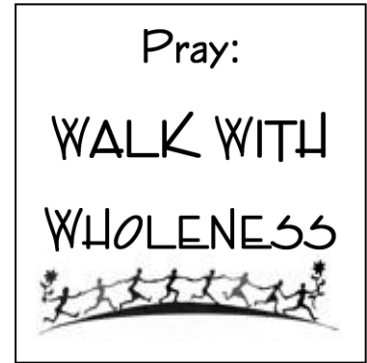
Number Attending: _____ X \$5.00 = _____ (Amount Enclosed)

Mail form and check by March, 30 to:

**Beverly Curtis, District Treasurer
4614 Ike Starnes Rd., Granite Falls, NC 28630**

Memorial Service

North Wilkesboro District Annual UMW
Prayer Breakfast April 14, 2012



Names of United Methodist Women members who have died since February 15, 2011 to be included in this year's Memorial Service:

Unit Name: _____

Names (please type or print):

_____	_____
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Contact Person Name _____

Phone Number _____

Must be mailed by March 20, 2012 to:

Linda Baity, Spiritual Growth Coordinator
1409 Cross Creek Drive
Yadkinville, NC 27055

336-679-8648 lbaity01@yadtel.net

Western
North Carolina
Conference
United Methodist Women

**Scholarship
Program**

The Scholarship Program assists members of the United Methodist Church who live within the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church pursue an academic course leading to a church-related vocation other than ordained ministry. Scholarships have been helping deserving students called to be spiritual leaders in the United Methodist Church since the 1940s. Recipients must attend one of these five colleges or universities:

Bennett College

Brevard College

Greensboro College

High Point University

Pfeiffer University

The Scholarship Program is funded by the General Scholarship Fund and seven endowed scholarships: Fannie Mitt Case, Carrie Forbis Ferguson, Ronda Robbins Memorial, Weaver Memorial, Ethylene Shelley, Herbin-Motley and Ernest R. Ellis and Lithie Phillips Ellis.

Contributions to the General Scholarship Fund are encouraged. Scholarships can be endowed at any time. This is a wonderful way to assist in perpetuity those called into ministry in the United Methodist Church. As United Methodist Women, we emphasize the importance of Mission Giving. It provides ministries with women, children and youth that are funded by Women's Division.

Giving to our Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women Scholarship Funds is encouraged after fulfilling our responsibility of giving to the five-channels of Mission Giving.

Application Deadline:
March 1 of each year

If you have questions, wish to contribute to or endow a scholarship, or need an application, contact the Scholarship Committee Chair:

Pat Gilbert
4005 Mooresville Rd
Salisbury, NC 28147

Phone: 704-633-6361
E-mail: patgilbert@bellsouth.net

For further information, visit our website:
www.wnccumw.org

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

Sandy Hieronymus,
Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth, sandyh46@aol.com
704-545-6910

Questions about Online Payments

Julia Willis, Conference Treasurer
jawillis1@aol.com
336.685.4857

Questions about Online Registration

Lynne Gilbert
Webmaster
lgilbert.umw@gmail.com
336-207-3479



Lake Junaluska
Conference & Retreat
Center, P. O. Box 67
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.



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Western North Carolina Conference

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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.**

North Wilkesboro District Officers 2012

Office	Name	Address	Phone	Email	Church	Term Ending
<u>President</u>	Barbara N. Hart	PO Box 1056 Lenoir, NC 28645	828-728-3181	hart-barbara@att.net	Mount Hermon	2012
<u>Vice President</u>	Lorraine Burns	PO Box 473 Granite Falls, NC 28630	828-396-1259 cell: 828-612-7418	lorraineburns@gmail.com	Granite Falls First	2013
<u>Secretary</u>	Kimberly Smith	1667 Shoaly Branch Church Rd Elkin, NC 28621	336-957-3058	kimsmith@wilkes.net	Eschol	2012
<u>Treasurer</u>	Beverly Curtis	4614 Ike Starnes Rd. Granite Falls, NC 28630	828-396-2986	bmmcurtis@yahoo.com	Grace Chapel	2012
<u>Spiritual Growth</u>	Linda Baity	1409 Cross Creek Drive Yadkinville, NC 27055	336-679-8648	lbaity01@yadtel.net	Yadkinville	2013
<u>Mission Education & Interpretation</u>	Anna F. Bottoms	PO Box 2295 Lenoir, NC 28645	828-302-3815	rmb52@charter.net	North Caldwell Charge	2012
<u>Social Action</u>	Roberta Walker	192 Oak Grove Rd. Elkin, NC 28621	336-835-1939	r_walker1961@yahoo.com	Wesley Chapel	2012
<u>Membership Nurture & Outreach</u>	Margo Bowman	4899 Kistler Lane Granite Falls, NC 28630	828-396-7852	margobjk1930@embarqmail.com	Grace Chapel	2013
<u>Program Resources</u>	Carol Brown	PO Box 701 Yadkinville NC 27055	336-679-2367 work: 336-679-2931	chbrown49@yahoo.com	Mitchell's Chapel	2013
<u>Communications Coordinator Interim</u>	Nancy Reigel	375 Troy Norris Rd. Boone, NC 28607	828-268-0637	nancy@reigelridge.com	Boone	
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<u>Nominations Committee - Member</u>	Betty McCormick	532 Virginia Drive Yadkinville, NC 27055	336-679-2266	bbmccormick@yadtel.net	Yadkinville	2012
<u>Nominations Committee - Member</u>	Jane Long	2248 Old US 421 Highway West Yadkinville, NC 27055	336-679-2228	jelo@yadtel.net	Center	2012
<u>Nominations Committee - Member</u>	Mary Howell	205 Acorn Drive West Jefferson, NC 28694	336-846-8666 cell: 336-416-8035	marysews2@gmail.com	West Jefferson	2012
<u>Nominations Committee - Member</u>	Mary Reinhardt	4331 West Old US 421Hwy. Hamptonville, NC 27018	336-468-8667		Asbury	2012
<u>Nominations Committee - Member</u>	Frances Howell Mabe	117 Walnut Ave Yadkinville, NC 27055	336-679-8331	fmabe@yadtel.net	Yadkinville	2014
<u>Nominations Committee - Member</u>	Becky Pruett	1023 Nikanor Road West Jefferson, NC 28604	336-877-2452	bpruett8@gmail.com	West Jefferson	2014
<u>Nominations Committee - Member</u>	Denise Stanley	279 Poplar Summit DriveBoone, NC 28607	828-265-2529	dwstanley2529@aol.com	Boone	2014
<u>Parliamentarian</u>						
<u>Historian</u>	Loretta Cash	299 Grassy Creek Drive State Road, NC 28676	336-835-6112	cash7758@roadrunner.com	Elkin First	

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**North Wilkesboro District
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NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT UMW 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
March 3	District Mission Study, First North Wilkesboro UMC
April 14	32 nd District Prayer Breakfast, Yadkinville UMC
April 24-May 4	General Conference, Tampa, FL
June 1-2	Southeastern Jurisdictional Meeting, Birmingham, AL
June 15-16	Spiritual Growth Retreat, Lake Junaluska
June 21-24	WNCC Annual Conference, Lake Junaluska
July 26 - 29	School of Christian Mission, Pfeiffer University
September 7 - 9	Conference Annual Meeting, Lake Junaluska
September 22	District Annual Meeting, Wilkesboro UMC
October 13	District Officers Training, Mocksville
November TBA	District Leadership Training/Local Units TBA