



THE UMW APPALACHIAN DISTRICT NEWS

2nd Quarter 2017

President's Message:

This quarter, I would like to share Lynn Gilbert's article from the February 2017 Conference Gram.



Rock the Future through the Legacy Fund

By: Lynne Gilbert, *United Methodist Women Director (2008-2016)*

Being a part of United Methodist Women has been transformational in my life, and in my faith journey. I am so blessed to be part of this amazing sisterhood, and part of the incredible mission work that we support and engage around the world. I support the **Legacy Fund**, because I want to be part of making sure that the work of United Methodist Women continues for the next 150 years! What if we could build an endowment that would rock the future by making that happen?

I have made a five year pledge to the Legacy Fund Campaign, above and beyond my Pledge to Mission giving, and I will remember United Methodist Women in my will. I hope you will join me in thinking about your own legacy, and your own story of United Methodist Women, and in generously supporting the Legacy Fund. And, I hope you will challenge every United Methodist Woman you know to do the same. If you have already made a commitment...thank you! If not, now is a great time to get started, and even catch up!

Together, we **can** Rock the Future through the Legacy Fund! We are not a group of little old ladies drinking tea as some want to describe us! **We have always been, we are today, and we can be for the next 150 years...edgy, bold, compassionate, loving, giving, and yes, even unreasonable women turning faith, hope, and love in action around the world.** That's who we are! Let's go do it!

THE LEGACY FUND...Turning Faith, Hope and Love into Action on behalf of Women, Children and Youth...for the NEXT 150 years! Learn more at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150 and on our conference website at www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund.

Our Western North Carolina Every Member Legacy Fund Goal: That every member of United Methodist Women make a gift to The Legacy Fund of at least \$18.69 per year, over and above her Pledge to Mission, for five years (2015-2019).

Vice-President:

Greetings to each of you! As United Methodist Women I am sure we are all looking forward to spring and new growth possibilities. This is a wonderful time to rebuild and revitalize our personal faith journey and to bring focus to our goals in our local units. It is important that we actively seek involvement in ways to address the needs of women and children here in our own communities and throughout the world. We are fortunate that United Methodist Women's programs and activities provide such a comprehensive framework to accomplish these things together.

Please continue your plans to be involved in the many opportunities to serve and then share with us pictures of the activities that your local unit is doing. We are hoping to showcase all the good things that our local units are accomplishing in a video presentation. You can email pictures or videos to me at drsallen421@yahoo.com or text them to me at [336-247-1323](tel:336-247-1323). Please include the name of your church, the activity and any other pertinent information.

Thanks for your help. "Let's go forward together."

Communications:

If you were not able to attend the District Prayer Breakfast, you missed a perfect time for true spiritual enrichment. We enjoyed a wonderful breakfast, great fellowship, meaningful worship, and a memorable "Legacy of Light" Memorial service. Our next opportunity to fellowship is our District Mission Study on April 22nd at Wilkesboro UMC. Sarah Ogletree, a graduate of the Sustainable Development Program at Appalachian State University and current student at Wake Forest University School of Divinity, will lead our study on Climate Justice. She is a strong advocate for environmental and social justice. I hope to see a great UMW turnout! It's also not too early to start thinking about Mission u at Pfeiffer University in July; see the flyer and registration information on pages 10 – 12 in this newsletter.



Breakfast and Fellowship



"Legacy of Light" Memorial Table



Lighting of Memorial Candles



Promoting Rahab's Rope Items to help fight Human Trafficking



The Communion Table is set

Treasurer:

As we move forward into 2017, I hope you will remind your units of the Financial Goal set by your Conference UMW Executive Committee. The goal for 2017 is: To Increase Mission Giving in the Gift to Memory Channel by 20%. You may ask why we chose this particular channel to emphasize. In part, the goal was chosen because we believe that many local units would appreciate more information about the Gift in Memory donation and cards so that they might use the cards to reach out to those who have suffered a loss and at the same time make a meaningful contribution to Mission.

Gift in Memory donations may be sent with your quarterly remittance; you do not have to send a card to give in this channel. If you do want to send cards, please remember to keep cards on hand. There is no cost for getting the cards; your donation is made to District UMW when the card is sent. A donation may be any amount; \$5.00 is the suggested minimum. An individual, as well as the unit, may send a card. Cards may be sent to anyone; they are for whomever you wish to remember.



The 2017 Conference Love Offering is: A Gift to Mission in Celebration and Gratitude for our Mission Giving Leadership. 15 Years and Counting! The Executive Committee wants to recognize the hard work of all our units in the past 15 years. Fifteen years is how long Western NC UMW has led the nation in Gift to Mission. Remember that all our Conference Love Offerings are Gift to Mission above and beyond our pledges. We recognize an individual or a group with our gift in their honor.

You may bring your Love Offering to UMW's Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska; mail a check payable to Treasurer, WNCC UMW and send to Nancy Reigel, Conference Treasurer, 375 Troy Norris Road, Boone, NC 28607; or mail a check payable to App District UMW, designated Conference Love Offering, and send to me. You may send Love Offerings separately or include it in your quarterly remittance.

Thank you for your work on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world. I look forward to seeing you at the Mission Study. As always please let me know any way I can help you.

Pratt Davis
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Nominations:

Hello UMW Sisters,

I'd like for you to ask yourselves the following questions:

1. Would I like to see greater opportunities for women, children, and youth in the world?
2. Would I like more opportunities to grow spiritually?
3. Would I like to transform the world?

I feel confident that you answered "yes" to at least one of these questions. The vision of United Methodist Women is turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth in the world and we need leaders. We need new ideas, we need new energy, and we need YOU! I urge you to consider joining our district team as we work to make the world a better place for those who are often marginalized. Please give me a call or send me an email if you or someone you know would like to take the next step and become a district officer. I look forward to hearing from you.

Peace and blessings to all,

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Mission Education and Interpretation:

Greetings to all my Sisters!

I look forward to serving in my new position as your MEI coordinator for the Appalachian District. Let us invite our younger ladies to come onboard.

I hope you are making plans for our MISSION STUDY on **CLIMATE JUSTICE**. (Mission Study flyer and registration information are on page 5 of this newsletter.) Our 2017 study leader will be Sarah Ogletree. The Mission Study will take place at Wilkesboro UMC on April 22nd. Encourage youth from your churches to participate in the poster contest. When registering for the study (no later than April 14th), please make a note on the registration form if any youth are attending and if they plan to submit a poster. The posters can be created by an individual or group, must be original work, and must portray a 2017 Earth Day or Climate Justice Theme. All the posters should be brought to Wilkesboro UMC on the day of the mission study. At least one person responsible for creating a poster must attend the Mission Study; make sure the poster creator name(s) and home church are noted on the back of the poster. The cost is \$6 and lunch will be provided (there is no charge for children or youth); the reservation deadline is April 14th. If you have any questions, please contact me (336-835-1939 or 336-755-0397).

Mission Study Hands-On Mission Projects: UMCOR Health Kits and Bedding Kits.

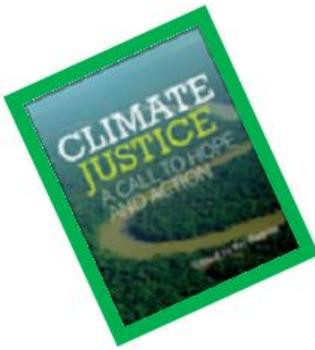
Let us spread the word about our Mission Study!

Blessings to you all,

Roberta Walker

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United Methodist Women
MISSION STUDY 2017



Wilkesboro United Methodist Church
309 West Main Street
Wilkesboro, NC 28697
Saturday, April 22, 2017
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (includes lunch)

Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action
Speaker: Sarah Ogletree

Older Children and Youth are invited to participate in an Earth Day Poster Contest and the Mission Study. Child care for young children is available upon request.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
Cost: \$6 per adult (includes lunch) There is no cost for Children and Youth.

This personal, theological, informative, and inspirational study will be helpful in learning about Caring for God's Earth
Attendance at this study will fulfill requirements for Mission Today Criteria #4.

Advance Registration is Required - Please use the registration form at the bottom. Deadline is April 14, 2017. If childcare is needed, please contact Susan Allen (336-247-1323).

Directions to Wilkesboro United Methodist Church

From Boone and West Wilkes Co. – Take US-421 South to NC-268 (Exit 286B) toward Wilkesboro/Downtown. Turn left on NC-268 and in approximately 1.2 miles arrive at church on your right.

From I-77 (Statesville) - Take I-77 to Exit 73B onto US-421 North toward Wilkesboro/Boone. On US-421, go approximately 20 miles to Exit 286A (NC16/18 toward Wilkesboro/Taylorsville/Lenoir); keep left at the fork on the exit ramp and turn left onto NC-18N (Cherry St.). Go approximately ½ mile to the traffic light and turn right onto W. Main St. In approximately ¼ mile, arrive at church on your right.

From Taylorsville - Take NC-16N toward Wilkesboro (approx. 18 miles); Turn right on West Main Street; church is approx. ¼ mile on your right.
From Lenoir – Take NC-18N/Wilkesboro Rd approximately 23 miles; take a right onto NC-16N/NC-18N. In 3.8 miles, turn right onto N. Main Street in approximately ¼ mile, arrive at church on your right.

From Sparta – Take NC-18S. In approx. 35.5 miles, turn left on 5th Street, then right onto Cherry St. In .2 miles, keep left to continue on Wilkesbor Ave; in 3/4 mile, turn right onto Hwy 268/Main Street. In approx. ¾ mile, passing the Federal Bldg. on the left, at the traffic light (Woodland Blvd), turn left and then right into the church parking lot.



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**Our Love Offering will be a Gift to Mission
in Honor of all women who fight against social injustices**

Hands-On Mission Projects: UMCOR Health Kits and Bedding Kits

Registration for Appalachian District Mission Study 2016

Name of Unit _____

Attending _____ X \$6.00 = \$ _____ (Check enclosed) Make checks payable to Appalachian District UMW

Mail form with check to:
Pratt Davis, Appalachian District Treasurer
3945 Fox Ridge Road, Sparta, NC 28675

Due by Friday, April 14, 2017

Social Action:

Greetings, My Fellow UMW!

The United Methodist Women's national office has made climate justice one of its four social justice priorities (along with the deep intersectional injustices between gender, racial, and economic injustice). As Earth Day approaches (April 22nd) keep our climate justice theme in mind...**"Be Just. Be Green."**



“The changes in temperatures, from the unusual cold in the American Northeast to the blazing temperatures in the Southwest, to the droughts, fires and floods across the country and around the world, affect some more than others. As we continue to explore this important issue, we want everyone to be aware of the ways policy and laws have created a multiplicity of environmental pressures on some “sacrificed” communities. At the same time, those in more environmentally balanced areas — although at times also affected by storms and environmental problems — live on relatively unaffected. Power plants, manufacturing, mining, waste incinerators and waste dumps, railroad lines, seaports, sewage treatment plants and trucking routes magnify the concerns during an extreme weather event for the most economically vulnerable. The factors that cause greenhouse gases (the key contributor to human-caused climate change) can also lead to asthma, cancer, immune system disorders, hormonal imbalances, and ultimately displacement, impoverishment and migration.”

United Methodist Book of Discipline:

All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings. God has granted us stewardship of creation. We should meet these stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect. (**Social Principles, ¶ 160**)

“United Methodist Women calls for sound stewardship of the earth and environmentally friendly lifestyles that preserve creation for the benefit of present and future generations.”

Get involved in our environmental work:

"They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord." – Isaiah 11:9

Scriptural Inspiration

"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live."

~Moses-Deuteronomy 30:19

Please do not forget to join us on Saturday, April 22nd (EARTH DAY) for the UMW Mission Study on Climate Justice at Wilkesboro UMC in Wilkesboro.

Source:

<http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/>

Peace and Blessings,

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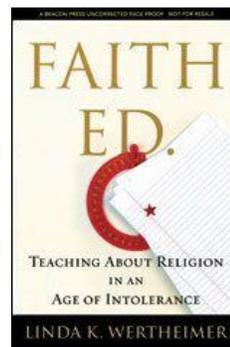
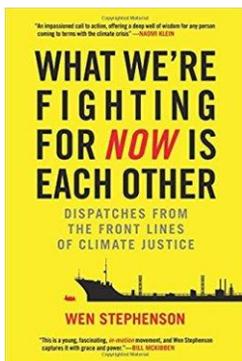
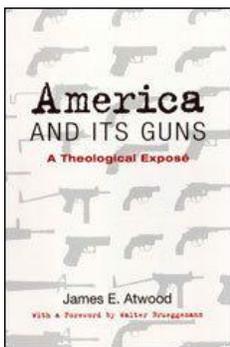
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Program Resources:

Happy Spring UMW Sisters!

I hope you are enjoying books from the 2017 reading list that will also apply to a Reading Plan! You have many books to choose from starting with the 2011 reading list!

Don't forget the Bonus Books! **“America and its Guns - A Theological Exposé”**, counts as two books for Social Action. **“What We're Fighting for Now is Each Other”**, counts as two books in Social Action. **“Faith Ed. - Teaching about Religion in an Age of Intolerance”** - counts as two books in Education for Mission!

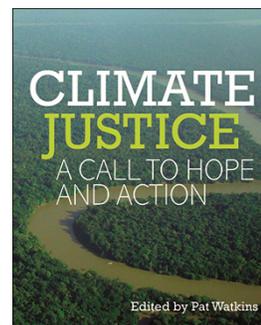
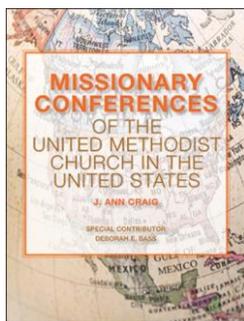
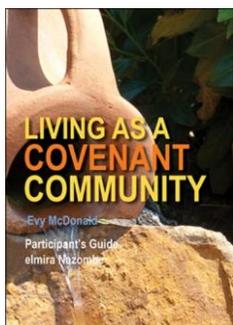


Include the 2017 Mission u study books in your reading plan:

“A Covenantal Community” - Spiritual Growth

“The Missionary Conferences of the UMC” - Education for Mission

“Climate Justice” - Social Action



The purpose of the diverse range of books is to broaden exposure to a variety of concepts, not to accept each word or idea contained in the books!

The 2017 Reading List can be downloaded on your Kindle at: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/store.

I look forward to seeing you at the District Mission Study April 22 at Wilkesboro UMC. I will have copies of the Climate Justice books, UMW Handbooks, Program Books, Mission u Books, and many more!

God's Blessings as you read, pray and act.

Anna Bottoms, Secretary of Program Resources

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Membership – Nurture – Outreach:

Greetings UMW sisters,

As of now, you should have received information from your nurturing partner for 2017. If not, her name is listed along with your unit on the Appalachian District website and on pages 16 and 17 of this newsletter. If you need help in any way, please notify her. She is a phone call or email away and willing to help you out with a program, district news, starting a new unit, and anything else you might need.

By inviting a district or conference officer to your unit gathering, your unit will be entered for a chance to win a “CPR Feel the LUV” care package, which includes a program book, a prayer calendar, a reading program book, a Response magazine, and a few other surprises.

With spring finally upon us, this is the perfect time to bring new life to your unit by adding new members! Reach out to friends to share the joy, excitement, and creativity - not to mention the social stances of our UMW. Remember sometimes these invites will need to be numerous! Let them see how much you want them in our fellowship!

Getting involved, reaching out, and keeping informed, helps you keep your local unit healthy and on the forefront in your community. Please join us for the District Mission Study on April 22nd! The subject is Climate Justice. We will be looking for you in Wilkesboro.

Peace of Christ to you,

Denise Harris, Appalachian District MNO

Feel the...



We offer to share our passion for:

- **United Methodist Women**
- **Our Purpose**
- **Reading Program**
- **Social Action**
- **Mission Giving**
- **ANYTHING Your Unit would like us to share...LUV!**

... From United Methodist Women

Invite a District or Conference Officer to your unit gathering starting August 25, 2016 through August 24, 2017. You will then be entered for a chance to win a C.P.R. “Feel the LUV” care package, which includes:

- **Program Book**
- **Copy of Response Magazine**
- **Prayer Calendar**
- **Reading Program Book**
- **A Few Other Surprises**

Committed to Purposeful Renewal



Spiritual Growth:



Our God is an Awesome God! What a wonderful Celebration of Life for our UMW Sisters who passed in 2016. “Legacy of Light: Being the Light in Community” was a “wonderful time of remembering, fellowship and re-commitment” according to one of our evaluation comments. Thank you to all who made this day possible and to all who came to this event.

We Praise God for His love and grace. One person wrote, “Best Gathering Ever, Holy Spirit filled the atmosphere”. Dr. Irish Spencer brought a powerful and much needed message; the ladies from New Covenant in Lenoir (LaDawanna Bradshaw and Tammy Greene) led us in beautiful music; and Broad Street UMW fed us well and made us feel ever so welcome. Thank you to these ladies led by Jane Vance, President, and Denise Harris, Vice-President, of Broad Street UMW. “What a blessing to be at this Spiritual meeting” was another comment.

170 UMW attended this event. We collected \$627.77 for the Love Offering, \$389.00 for Rahab’s Rope to fight Human Trafficking, and numerous Hands-On Mission items for the Bethlehem Center in Winston Salem. God is Good! Thank you!

Now, as we gear up for our Spiritual Growth Retreat in June, let us be mindful of the many ways God is working in and through us as United Methodist Women. Go online at wncumw.org and register today, if you have not already done so. Make your room reservation! Bring a friend or your entire unit and join us in a time of reflection and spiritual renewal. I promise you will be blessed and be glad you came to the Lake!

2017 Spiritual Growth Retreat Online Registration is OPEN! (See flyer on pages 18 and 19 of this newsletter.)

When: Friday June 16, 2017 at 2:00 PM (On-site registration & Program Resource Room open at 1:00 pm; Gathering Praise for opening worship service begins at 6:45pm) to

Saturday June 17, 2017 at 12:00 PM



Where: Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium

Theme: S.M.I.L.E.: See Miracles in Life Everyday with

Retreat Leader: Rev. Ashley Thomas

Prayers and Blessings to you as you light your community with faith, hope and love. The Call to Community is NOW!

Peace and Christian love,
Sherry Summerlin, Spiritual Growth Coordinator
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Hudson, NC 28638
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Historian:

Making History? That’s a crazy question I know, but everyday living is our history and we remember with love the special happenings in our lives. We take pictures, save cards and letters sent to us, and often keep a journal of our journey. The UMW has been making history since March 23, 1869. I feel privileged to be a part of an organization that has that rich History of making a difference in the lives of women, children, and youth around the world; that history of women as a supportive community, sharing, learning and growing together in their faith. Keep your “History” alive with documenting your unit’s journey. Down the road, someone will look back and see the rich history that you have left for them. I want to encourage every unit to participate in the Legacy fund so that we can continue to make mission possible.

Beverly Curtis,
Historian



WNCC UMW
Mission u
 July 13-16, 2017

Register by June 27

Pfeiffer University
 48380 US Hwy 52N
 Misenheimer, NC 28109

“In Covenant with All Creation”



What does it mean to be in covenant with God? With our neighbors? With our planet? Join us at Mission u to learn about our covenant relationships and responsibilities with all of God’s creation.

Workshop for Leaders of Children: “Joined and Held Together—Children’s Study on Missionary Conferences”

Leader: Sandy Hieronymus
 Session Time: 4:15 pm Friday or Saturday

Full-Time Youth Camp: “In Mission Together—Youth Study on Missionary Conferences”

Leaders: Sherry Sink and Renee Hayes
 “This study focuses on the three U.S. missionary conferences of The United Methodist Church: Alaska United Methodist Conference, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, and Red Bird Missionary Conference. It also offers opportunities for youth who are interested in relationship-building and hands-on mission.”

Spiritual Growth Study: Living as a Covenant Community

Full-Time Leader: Dr. Patty Meyers
 Overview Leader: Ann Aldridge
 “This study examines major covenants throughout the Bible and what they reveal about God’s character and love for us.”

Geographic Study: Missionary Conferences of the US

Full-Time Leaders: Barbara Campbell, Rev. Becky Hall, Betty Letzig, Connie Locklear, Patricia Pemberton, and Daphne Strickland.
 Overview Leader: Rev. Mike Feely
 “This study gives an overview of the three missionary conferences in The United Methodist Church, the contexts out of which they grew and their current engagements.”

Issue Study: Climate Justice—A Call to Hope and Action

Full-Time Leader: Sandra Williamson
 “This study examines climate change and justice concerns raised by the drivers of the problem and the communities affected by it. Learn what we can do to positively impact the environment.”

Put the ‘u’ in Mission u!

Who should attend?

Local Unit officers and members of UMW, District and Conference UMW Officers, District Chairpersons of Mission Engagement, Clergy, interested men, women, and youth; in short—
YOU!

Registration is open May 1-June 27.

All Registrations must be RECEIVED
no later than JUNE 27, 2017.

NO ONSITE REGISTRATION

Check-in for Full-Time Studies:
Thursday, July 13, 2:00-6:00 PM
First session begins at 6:30 PM

One-Day Overview Studies:
Friday and Saturday.
Check-in is 8:00 AM-8:45 AM
with class beginning at 9:00 AM.

Registration Fees

Full-Time Youth Camp: \$150.00

Full-Time Adult Students:

Resident Students (Resident cost includes meals from Thursday dinner through Sunday breakfast):

New Hall: (Private room with a private bathroom): \$190.00*

*New Hall availability is based on postmark of registration form and limited to number of rooms made available by Pfeiffer.

Other dorms are single or double occupancy with community bathrooms.

Resident Double: \$160.00

Resident Single: \$175.00

Non-Resident Students:

Non-Resident/No meals: \$50.00

Non-Resident with 4 Meals: \$90.00

(Lunch and Dinner, Friday and Saturday)

Overview Students:

One-Day Overview without Lunch: \$30.00

One-Day Overview with Lunch: \$40.00

(One-Day Overview Students will choose one study and will have 6 hours of session time in that study. You will not get both studies unless you come both days; you are welcome to do so.)

Additional information may be found at:
www.wnccumw.org

Mission u Policies and Information

SPECIAL NEEDS: If you have any physical conditions that require consideration in room or classroom assignment, please explain on registration form or on a separate sheet of paper stapled to your form.

Child care is not available.

REFUNDS: There will be no refunds without at least 7 days' notice. (\$50.00 of Resident Fee is not refundable.)

HOUSING: Bring bed linens (including blanket and pillow), towels, clothes hangers, toiletries, bathrobe, and any other items you feel necessary for your comfort away from home. (Wireless internet is available all over campus.)

CLASSES: Full-Time students take two studies: Living as a Covenant Community and **either** Missionary Conferences **or** Climate Justice. Bring Bibles, pencils, paper, etc. Study books are available from the Mission Resource Center and at all Conference events prior to the school. A **limited** number will be available in the Resource Room during the school. Participants are **strongly** encouraged to purchase and read the texts before arriving at Mission u.

CEU's and Advanced Lay Servant Certifications: Continuing Education Units and Advanced Lay Servant Certifications are available if requirements are met.

YOUTH CAMP: limited to 20 participants and will last the full time of Mission u. For youth participants, there are covenant and consent forms that must be completed and accompany the basic registration form. Those forms are available from the Mission u officers, District Presidents, and our Conference website at www.wnccumw.org. There will be a youth curfew in effect at 11:30 p.m. each evening.

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Hands-On Mission Project: School Kits

1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip)

2 pads (or loose leaf) of 8 1/2" x 11" ruled paper

1 30-centimeter ruler

1 hand held pencil sharpener

6 unsharpened pencils with erasers

1 eraser, 2 1/2"

12 sheets construction paper (varied colors)

1 box of 24 crayons (**only** this size)

Place items in cloth school kit bag (instructions online at <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/School>).

(Please make check payable to UMCOR Sager Brown for at least \$1.00 per kit for shipping.)

ADULT REGISTRATION - 2017 WNCC UMW Mission u

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Date	_____
Reg #	_____
Ck #	_____
Amt	_____

STUDENT TYPE: *Please choose your student type / housing preference.*

- () Resident - New Hall - \$190
 () Resident - Double Room - \$160 () Resident - Single Room - \$175
 () Non-Resident without meals - \$50 () Non-Resident with meals - \$90

- () One Day Over-View without Lunch - \$30: I will attend on _____ Friday _____ Saturday
 () One Day Over-View with Lunch - \$40: I will attend on _____ Friday _____ Saturday

STUDENT INFORMATION: *Please PRINT CLEARLY and complete all information.*

Name: _____ First Timer? () Yes
 (Name for name tag)

Church: _____ District: _____ () F () M

Age Level: () 18 - 29 () 30 - 39 () 40 - 49 () 50 - 59 () 60 & over

Address: _____
 Street or P. O. Box City State ZIP

Telephone : () _____ Email: _____

Roommate (if applicable) _____ (Forms must be sent in together!)

Emergency contact: Name: _____ Telephone: () _____

Special Housing/Classroom Needs (*please be specific*): _____

Resident & Non-Resident Full-Time Students, which Mission Study do you prefer? Note: All full-time students participate in the Spiritual Growth Study and choose one class from the two listed below.

- () Missionary Conferences in the US or () Climate Justice

One-Day Overview Students, which Mission Study do you prefer?

- () Living as a Covenant Community or () Missionary Conferences in the US

Workshop for Children’s Leaders (4:15 pm Friday or Saturday): () I plan to attend this.

- PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:** *Are you a ...* () Conference Officer () District Officer
 () Local Unit Officer () Unit/Circle Member () Scholarship Recipient () Mission Personnel
 () Deaconess () Clergy () Study Leader

PLEASE CHECK IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP AT Mission u as a:

- Full-Time Students:** () Golf Cart Driver () Class Hostess—Assist the study leader as needed
 () Class Tech Support () Class Secretary—Take roll in class

Overview Students: () Class Secretary/Hostess (Take roll and assist study leader as needed)

REGISTRATION FORM & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 27, 2017

Make check payable to: United Methodist Women

Mail check and registration form to:

LaDonna Butts
 865 Lake Lynn Rd
 Concord 28025-9634



PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Ground Rules for Effective Meetings

- 1. Set time limits before starting**
- 2. Share all relevant information**
- 3. Focus on interests, not positions**
- 4. Disagree openly; issues, not personalities**
- 5. Keep discussions focused**
- 6. Make statements, invite questions & comments**
- 7. Discuss undiscussable issues**
- 8. All members participate in all phases**
- 9. Make decisions by consensus**
- 10. Respect each other**

United Methodist Women Appalachian District Stipend Application 2017

Each year the Appalachian District awards stipends for attendance at the following events:



for Mission u



for the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting



for a teen girl to attend one of the above events

Each unit is encouraged to submit applications from your unit based on only two considerations:

A person who has never attended before

A person who is interested in learning more about United Methodist Women

Please encourage women in your unit to apply for one of these great opportunities to grow their faith! The recipients of the stipends will be chosen by the District Executive Committee by June 1, 2017.

This application is for: (check one)

- Mission u at Pfeiffer University July 13-16, 2017
- Western North Carolina Conference Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska September 29 – October 1, 2017
- Teen Application for Mission u at Pfeiffer University July 13-16, 2017
- Teen Application for North Carolina Conference Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska Sept. 29 – Oct. 1, 2017

Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone

Mobile Phone

Work Phone

E-mail Address

Local Church

Please share why you want to attend your chosen event and how you plan to use the knowledge you will gain:

Recommendation statement from a fellow United Methodist Woman:

Signature

Date

Return completed form to Lorraine Burns, PO Box 473, Granite Falls, NC or lorraineburns@gmail.com.

2017 Appalachian District United Methodist Women Officers

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336-957-3024 h 336-468-0313 c	828-302-3815 c 828-757-9719 h	336-957-3058 h 336-244-1920 c	828-754-5526 h
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Granite Falls, NC 28630	Lenoir, NC 28645	Granite Falls, NC 28630	Taylorsville, NC 28681
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2017 UMW Appalachian District Nurturing Partners

Church / Unit	Nurturing Partner	Church / Unit	Nurturing Partner
Altamont	Susan Allen	Ebenezer (Granite Falls)	Anna Bottoms
Antioch	Belinda Johnson	Elk Park	Roberta Walker
Arbor Grove	Jan Taylor	Fairmount	Beverly Curtis
Banner Elk	Sherry Summerlin	FaithBridge	Susan Allen
Barbara Heck	Kimberly Smith	First (Elkin)	Terrie Clark
Baton	Margo Bowman	First (Granite Falls)	Beverly Curtis
Beaver Creek	Margo Bowman	First (Jonesville)	Kimberly Smith
Bethany	Jan Taylor	First (Lenoir)	Lorraine Burns
Bethel	Sherry Summerlin	First (North Wilkesboro)	Jan Taylor
Bethelview	Susan Allen	First (Taylorville)	Sherry Summerlin
Bethlehem	Linda Greer	First (Troutman)	Terrie Clark
Boone	Jan Taylor	Friendship (Boone)	Susan Allen
Broad Street	Linda Greer	Friendship (Statesville)	Beverly Curtis
Calvary	Susan Allen	Gamewell	Lorraine Burns
Carson's Chapel	Anna Bottoms	Grassy Creek (Grassy Creek)	Pratt Davis
Cedar Valley	Margo Bowman	Grassy Creek (State Road)	Kimberly Smith
Chapel Hill	Terrie Clark	Green Hill NC	Margo Bowman
Charity (Elkin)	Donna Parks Hill	Green Valley	Pratt Davis
Charity (Millers Creek)	Jan Taylor	Harmony	Beverly Curtis
Chestnut Hill	Pratt Davis	Harper's Chapel (Patterson) NC	Margo Bowman
Christ Boulevard	Brenda Kimberlin	Helton	Pratt Davis
Clarksbury	Beverly Curtis	Henson's Chapel	Margo Bowman
Clifton	Nancy Reigel	Hiddenite	Anna Bottoms
Colliers	Anna Bottoms	Hudson	Lorraine Burns
Cool Spring	Micki Earp	Jefferson	Jan Taylor
Cox's Chapel	Pratt Davis	Jonas Ridge	Susan Allen
Creston	Pratt Davis	Lansing	Donna Parks Hill
Crossfire	Jan Taylor	Liberty (Hiddenite)	Micki Earp
Deerfield	Roberta Walker	Linville	Susan Allen
Dunkirk	Jan Taylor	Little Laurel	Pratt Davis
Ebenezer (Elkin)	Denise Harris	Littlejohn	Anna Bottoms

Church / Unit	Nurturing Partner	Church / Unit	Nurturing Partner
Mabel	Susan Allen	Rocky Springs	Denise Harris
Macedonia	Beverly Curtis	Rose Chapel	Margo Bowman
Maple Springs	Jan Taylor	Sandy Ridge	Sara Reid
Marvin	Linda Greer	Scott's Chapel	Anna Bottoms
Midway	Denise Harris	Shiloh (Sparta)	Pratt Davis
Millers Creek	Jan Taylor	Shiloh (Statesville)	Annette Echard
Minneapolis	Brenda Kimberlin	Smethport	Martha Phillips
Monticello	Linda Greer	Smith Memorial	Margo Bowman
Mount Bethel (Hickory)	Sherry Summerlin	Snow Creek	Sara Reid
Mount Bethel (Turnersburg)	Beverly Curtis	South River	Sherry Summerlin
Mount Hermon	Sherry Summerlin	Sparta	Kimberly Smith
Mount Olivet NC	Margo Bowman	Stony Point	Anna Bottoms
Mount Zion (Lenoir)	Margo Bowman	Sutherland	Belinda Johnson
Mount Zion (Piney Creek)	Pratt Davis	Temple Hill	Kimberly Smith
Mount Zion (Spruce Pine)	Roberta Walker	Transou	Roberta Walker
Mountain View	Annette Echard	Trinity (Lansing)	Beverly Curtis
Nathan's Creek	Donna Parks Hill	Trinity (Lenoir)	Lorraine Burns
New Covenant	Sherry Summerlin	Trinity (Statesville)	Annette Echard
New Salem	Annette Echard	Union	Jan Taylor
Newland	Micki Earp	Union Grove	Sara Reid
North Wilkesboro	Sherry Summerlin	Valle Crucis	Susan Allen
Olin	Kimberly Smith	Vance Memorial	Martha Phillips
Philadelphia	Linda Greer	Warrensville	Susan Allen
Pine Grove	Belinda Johnson	Wesley Chapel (Hamptonville)	Kimberly Smith
Piney Creek	Pratt Davis	Wesley Chapel (Troutman)	Anna Bottoms
Piney Grove	Kimberly Smith	Wesley Memorial	Denise Harris
Pisgah (Hiddenite)	Beverly Curtis	Wesley's Chapel (Elkin)	Kimberly Smith
Pisgah (Linville Falls)	Donna Parks Hill	West Jefferson	Anna Bottoms
Pleasant Valley	Susan Allen	White Rock	Kimberly Smith
Providence	Sara Reid	Whitnel	Margo Bowman
Rhodhiss	Lorraine Burns	Wilkesboro	Terrie Clark
Roaring River	Kimberly Smith	Zion	Roberta Walker

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Western North Carolina Conference

2017 Spiritual Growth Retreat
June 16-17, 2017

Opening Session 6:45pm
Ends Noon Saturday

Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium
Rev. Ashley Thomas, Retreat Leader



S.M.I.L.E.

See Miracles in Life Everyday



Our 2017 Retreat Leader is **Rev. Ashley Thomas**, Pastor at Stokesdale UMC, in Stokesdale, North Carolina.

Hands On Mission Project:

UMCOR Layette Kits



Layette kits provide basic supplies for many women to swaddle and care for their newborn babies that they welcome into the world

Music Leaders: Joyce Brooks, Song Leader with musicians Matthew Stafford, Acoustical Guitar and Gary Chapin, pianist .

See UMCOR Layette Kits at: <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/Layette>

Complete information about the retreat is available on our website:

www.wnccumw.org

Mark your calendar!

Register ONLINE!

Join us at the lake!

Retreat Registration: (Begins February 1, 2017)

- On-site registration at the retreat - \$25.00 per person
- **Get a DISCOUNT! Register early and ONLINE!** Online advance registration, February 1, 2017 through June 11, 2017 is only \$15.00 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 35 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.

Contact Persons:

Retreat Information

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Reservations Phone #:

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**Lake Junaluska
Reservations:**

**Housing Reservations
Open February 1, 2017**

To book Lake Junaluska
lodging for the
Spiritual Growth Retreat:

- **Call the Lake Junaluska reservations department at 1-800-222-4930.** Then select 1 for the Reservations Department, and the next available agent will be glad to assist you. The Lake Junaluska reservations team is on duty from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. **Our Group Code is 28810108130.**
- **Reservations can also be made online using the Group Code at: www.lakejunaluska.com**



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2017 Spiritual Growth Retreat

June 16-17, 2017 - Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Lake Junaluska Accommodations & Rates

The Terrace / Lambuth Inn

(Private baths, Free WIFI, air conditioning, phone, elevator)

Rates are per person, per day, **ROOM & MEALS**, before applicable taxes.

	Terrace Rooms	Lambuth Rooms	Meals* Both	Terrace Total	Lambuth Total
Single	\$114	\$100	\$26	\$140	\$126
Double	\$57	\$50	\$26	\$83	\$76
Triple	\$45	\$37	\$26	\$71	\$63
Quad	\$39	\$30	\$26	\$65	\$56

* BOTH FRIDAY DINNER AND SATURDAY BREAKFAST ARE REQUIRED WHEN STAYING IN THE TERRACE AND THE LAMBUTH INN: COST \$26/PERSON.

Note: In response to evaluations, Saturday lunch eliminated from meal plan

Lakeside Lodge

(Private baths, air conditioning, TV, phone, no elevator)

Rates are per person, per day, no meals, before applicable taxes.

Single	\$72	Triple	\$33
Double	\$43	Quad	\$27

Junaluska Apartments

(Private baths, air conditioning, TV)

Rates are per person, per day, no meals, before applicable taxes.

Single	\$72	Triple	\$33
Double	\$43	Quad	\$27

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

Important Lodging Information: Lodging reservation deposit : (1) Preferred -paid by credit card upon booking reservation; or(2) Due and payable by check or credit card no more than seven business days from booking reservation. To facilitate a quicker check in, please contact reservations prior to arrival to make changes in roommates or billing. All meal charges for Terrace and Lambuth will be included in reservation deposit at the time of reservation. If reservation deposit is not received within 7 business days following booking, the room will be released back to the room block reserved for WNCC UMW SGR Event.

Individual lodging deposit refund policy: Cancellations 15 days or more before an event receive a full refund minus a \$15 processing fee. 14 days or less before an event will not receive a refund.

CHECK IN TIME FOR 2017 for all facilities is 4:00pm; CHECK OUT is 11:00am. CREDIT CARD AND ID WILL BE REQUIRED AT CHECK IN. YOU CAN PAY IN FULL PRIOR TO ARRIVAL TO GET EXPRESS CHECK-IN ONCE YOU ARRIVE. For those who do not have credit cards, the Lake suggests purchasing pre-paid credit cards prior to arrival.

Important Meal Information: The confirmation letter you receive after making your reservation will include lodging charges, meal charges (if staying in Terrace or Lambuth Inn), and taxes. Optional meals when staying in other lodging facilities :Guests may purchase Friday dinner for \$16 and/or Saturday breakfast for \$10. Saturday lunch will not be available on campus.

UMW Appalachian District 2017 Calendar

April 22	District Mission Study (see flyer on page 5) Wilkesboro UMC, Wilkesboro NC
August 27	District Annual Meeting Grace Chapel, Granite Falls NC
November 4	District Leadership and Membership Development Location TBD

Western North Carolina Conference 2017 Dates

June 16 – 17	Spiritual Growth Retreat (see flyer on page 18) Lake Junaluska
July 13 – 16	Mission u (see flyer on page 10) Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer NC
Sep 29 – Oct 1	Annual Celebration Lake Junaluska
October 14	Ubuntu Day Various locations
October 21	Leader Development Day (District UMW) Location TBD

