Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God” 1 John 4:7 NRSV

Message from the President ~ Martha Caves

I had hoped to have one good snow this winter, but spring is just around the corner it seems. As I am writing this I am in St. Louis (there is a little snow) at Leadership training. The theme this year for LDD (Leadership Development Days) is “Lead with Love.” We are all leaders of something, and leading can be scary. There are many clichés that tell us we won’t be on our own: If God brings you to it, he will bring you through it, or God doesn’t call the equipped, He equips the ones he calls!

Joshua 1:9 says “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (NIV)

Isaiah 43: 1a-2 says “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.” (NIV)

We are called to love everyone, boldly and courageously, with the assurance that God is with us, knows who we are, knows us by name, and will protect us from the fire! Remember you are not alone as you go through this year for United Methodist Women, leading others, and loving everyone who crosses your path.

The Conference Leadership Team is already at work on the Annual Meeting for 2020, and are always available to help and answer any questions you may have. Each district has a liaison from the Leadership Team, and we are all just a phone call, email, or text away!

Lead and love boldly and courageously!

Blessings,
Martha Caves
NCCUMW President
The 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.

Message from the Vice President ~ Ann Davis

The role of the Vice President is to guide the Executive Committee or Committee on Program Planning to achieve the unit’s goals for program, study and action. I urge the local units to use the United Methodist Women’s Program Book when planning programs. The book is an excellent resource to see how United Methodist Women are turning faith, love and hope into action. You may have to adapt the program for use in your local unit. Don’t forget to use the Prayer Calendar or have a RESPONSE moment.

You are telling our story about supporting women in mission at the local, district, conference, national and international levels. You are part of a network that teaches young women and children in classrooms, provides health care, gives shelter to the homeless and serves as an advocate for those who cannot speak for themselves.

The Conference Program Committee, chaired by the Vice President, has already had two meetings planning the 2020 Annual Meeting. We reviewed all your evaluations from 2019 and considering them in our planning this year. The Annual Meeting will be OCTOBER 3 at Methodist University. The meeting will be different this year. Enclosed In this KEDE you have a registration form for the Annual Meeting. It is not too early to register. The Sound District will be our host district. Reverend Linda Taylor will be our minister. Madeline Murphy is the Registrar. Accept the challenge of leadership in your local unit of United Methodist, uphold the Purpose and use your gifts to the best of your ability.

SAVE THE DATE: October 3, 2020, for Annual Meeting!

Blessings,
Ann Davis
NCCUMW Vice President
Message from the Treasurer ~ Sandra Creech Mendell

Great News!!! Our Conference met and exceeded our Pledge to Mission for 2019!!!

Thanks to all of our Members who gave their pledge money for United Methodist Women missions both here and around the world; these missions serve women, youth and children in so many ways. Your pledges come through your local unit Treasurer to the District Treasurer and then to the Conference Treasurer, and fund all the missions and ministries of the Conference and Districts in addition to sending the Pledge to our National office.

Now into 2020 our challenge to fund our budgeted District and Conference missions as well as meet our Pledge is great. Our number of local units and our membership are lower than the previous year for various reasons. There remains a good number of Members who want to support our missions and for that, I am personally thankful!

There are ways of encouraging giving, sometimes including members of the church in addition to United Methodist Women. In my own small church, we open Candle burning to the whole church on Mother's Day and Father's Day and it is surprising how many people participate. A list of the honorees and the donors is published as an insert to the bulletin. We also encourage the whole church to use Gift to Mission cards; we hope that becomes more successful. Additionally, there are ways to involve the church in World Thank Offering; everybody has much for which they should be thankful.

Our Missions depend on our pledge money. Our Conference and Districts do not have fund-raisers and therefore depend solely on Mission money sent in from local units. Local units can have fund-raisers; soup and sandwich lunches is a popular one for my unit. Our United Methodist Women donate the food and we invite the church members to have lunch with us for a donation. We typically do this on 5th Sundays and so far they have been successful and enable our unit to meet our pledge.

Think back to our Annual Meeting last year when we celebrated the 150th Anniversary of United Methodist Women. One of the things we heard about our foremothers was how they started with nothing and in six months sent two missionaries to India. These women were committed to their cause and determined to meet the needs of women in India. Could we adopt that attitude? Remember our foremothers sought to save two pennies a week from their household funds for missions; let's think of what we can do now to support Missions!

In the Service of Christ,
Sandra Creech Mendell
NCCUMW Treasurer

“Pilgrimage in the Western world is enjoying a growing popularity today, perhaps more so than at any time since the Middle Ages. Paths, trails, and roads once again greet spiritual travelers on the move who seek out grand cathedrals and roadside chapels, mountain shrines and ancient abbeys, sacred wells and holy islands. Pilgrim destinations across Europe and in the Americas--including Rome and Santiago de Compostela, Canterbury and Lourdes, Croagh Patrick in Ireland and Iona in Scotland, the basilicas of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico and Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre in Canada--are visited as much for the physical journey they demand as for the spiritual power they radiate.

*The Pilgrim Journey* tells the fascinating story of sacred travel in the West over the course of two millennia: how pilgrimage was born and grew in antiquity, how it blossomed in the Middle Ages and faltered in subsequent centuries, only to reemerge stronger than before in modern times. It describes the pilgrim routes and sacred destinations past and present, the men and women making the journey, the many challenges of travel, and the spiritual motivations and rewards. And it explores the traditional stages of pilgrimage, from preparation, departure, and the time on the road, to the arrival at the shrine and the return home.

At the heart of pilgrimage is a spiritual longing that has existed from time immemorial. *The Pilgrim Journey* is both the colorful chronicle of numerous pilgrims of centuries past searching for heaven on earth and an illuminating guide for today’s spiritual traveler.” ~Back Cover

Reading books are available from Cokesbury, Amazon, Barnes and Noble, local book stores, and public libraries.

All District SPRs are to turn in reading results to me by **March 25, 2020**.

Grace and Peace,
Lynn Clewis
NCCUMW Secretary of Program Resources
Message from the Spiritual Growth Coordinator ~ Jerline (Sandy) Miller

The theme is love. Jesus summons us to love the poor, the immigrant, the prisoner, the homeless, the lonely, and the lost with willing and grace-filled hearts.

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God."

-1 John 4:7 NRSV

It’s time to really get excited! You will experience a day that you will remember for years to come. Praise and Worship will be led by Sherri Alford. The speaker is Reverend Gypsie Murdaugh, pastor of Greater Piney Grove UMC and St. George UMC, who will also feature her choir. We will also have a Communion service which will include a gluten-free station.

The afternoon session will feature the play “Glory Train” by the Galilee Drama Guild of Galilee UMC and the liturgical benediction “Let the Church Say Amen” presented by the Galilee Ministers of Dance.

Your registration form is included. Please register as soon as possible.

Keep our Spiritual Enrichment Event in prayer and pray that it will be a blessing to all in attendance.

SAVE THE DATE: May 16, 2020, for Spiritual Enrichment Event

Yours in Christ,
Jerline Miller
NCCUMW Spiritual Growth Coordinator
Message from the Social Action Coordinator- Annette Wright

Social Action Tidbits

Happy New Year to all and I am looking forward to working and seeing each of you at conference events.

In this KEDE article, I would like to highlight two issues: Advocacy and Voting. It is because these are two pressing issues we are faced with today. When I think of advocacy I think of a person or group supporting a cause or issue. Some might agree with me and others might not. However, United Methodist Women have been making a difference for over 150 years. You have the right to advocate for issues that you care about.

Since 2016 to the present, United Methodist Women, Inc. has been advocating for four priority issues: Climate Justice, Maternal and Child Health, Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration and Economic Inequality. We are challenged to be involved with social injustice. Although we have these four main priority issues for this quadrennial ending in 2020 we should continue to advocate for Global Justice/Peace, Human Trafficking, Immigration Justice, Peace Building, Racial Justice, Women’s Rights, Human Trafficking, Global Migration, Domestic Violence, Climate Change, and Gender Justice and Food Justice. We were organized for mission in the name of Jesus to take positions on social justice issues and change legislation, systems, structures and practices considered unjust and oppressive. Our foremothers advocated for fair practices and adopted the Charter for Racial Justice. Boldness has been and still is a quality of United Methodist Women. A quality we need to dismantle systems of oppression we have in this world. Boldness can also be noted by using your power to vote.

Our votes may be decisive to the outcome of North Carolina’s Primary leading to a General election in November. This November too, our collective identity as seekers of justice will also be on the ballot. Your vote has the power to move us closer to creating a world in which “...justice rolls down like water and righteousness as a mighty stream.” We must get out and vote! You have the power to pull a lever to change the conversation about our national priorities. We should raise our voices, we are empowered to help register those who are not registered, take individuals to the polls, become an election worker, knock on doors and get out and vote in support of equality and inclusion. You have the power to vote for the rights you believe in and even accompany a first-time voter to the polls. You have a voice and let it be heard by casting your vote!

Start today by educating yourself on the issue you feel strongly about. Remember that in all advocacy efforts United Methodist Women supports its work with a scriptural basis and follows the denominational mandates in the Book of Discipline and Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church. “John Wesley strongly emphasized the Christian life as a combination of faith and love put into practice”. The United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women affirm these same beliefs today.

Blessings,
Annette Wright
NCCUMW Social Action Coordinator
Message from the Dean of Mission u- Jin Lee

Happy New Year greetings!

Mission u of the NC Conference UMW is excitedly preparing for the upcoming Mission u 2020 on July 23-25 at Methodist University! Dates have been set, location finalized and study leaders have been confirmed. While the study leaders are preparing for their training in April/May, the Mission u leadership is organizing to bring you quality mission study experiences this year. Please mark your calendars, order and read the books ahead of time - Registration Form is coming soon!

Our theme this year will be The Way of Peace: Our Longing for Community.

Anniversary Study - Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission by Ellen Blue. It is the second in a two-year study commemorating United Methodist Women’s 150th anniversary in 2020. It will provide a historical survey of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations. This study will amplify the voices that shaped the work, through an overarching story of United Methodist Women, which changed the faces of the mission.

Adult Spiritual Growth Study—Finding Peace in the Midst of Anxiety. The purpose of this study is to recognize the prevalence of anxiety today and its impact and to explore ways to find peace through scriptural and spiritual disciplines so that we can be rooted in God and energized to live fully as disciples of Christ. This book, Finding Peace in an Anxious World by Erin James-Brown, will examine anxiety and the impact it has in our lives, explore what the Bible has to say about peace as a Christian discipline, and consider ways one can practice peace as a way of life.

Issue Study—Mass Incarceration: School-to-Prison Pipeline. Our 2020 issue study will focus on the school-to-prison pipeline, using the text, Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools by Monique Morris. This is a powerful book and an important opportunity to dive deeper into the issues of school pushout, mass incarceration and the criminalization of children of color. A study guide that supplies a biblical and theological lens to view this issue will accompany this text.

Blessings,
Jin Lee
NCCUMW Dean of Mission u
Greetings!

My name is Stephanie Wright Houze, and I am serving as your Conference Communications Coordinator. Dawn Walker is our Conference Webmaster. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the KEDE. Please contact Dawn Walker if you have any questions or concerns about the website and technology. Thank you for your consistency, and commitment to NCCUMW!

In His grace,
Stephanie Wright Houze
NCCUMW Communications Coordinator
Come join other UMW members from across the North Carolina Conference as we continue to learn how God desires that we LOVE in 2020.

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.”

-1 John 4:7 (NRSV)

Speaker: Reverend Gypsie Murdaugh – Greater Piney Grove UMC and St. George UMC

Registration Deadline: Registration must be postmarked by May 9, 2020.

2020 North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RETREAT
Saturday, May 16, 2020
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Haymount UMC, 1700 Ft. Bragg Rd., Fayetteville, NC 28303

Registration Information: Register Today!

Name: _______________________________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: ____________________________________________________________________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Phone #: ____________________________________________________________________________________

Church: _____________________________________________________________________________________

Check one:  UMW Member  Unit Officer  District Officer  Clergy  Conference Officer  Deaconess  Guest

Home Missioner  Missionary  

Age Level: (Circle One) <19  20-29  30-39  40-49  50-59  >60

First Time Attendee:  Yes  No

Special Needs/Allergies (Please be specific: mobility, diet, etc.) _________________________________________________________________________________

In case of emergency, please notify: ___________________________ Phone #: _______________________

Registration for this One-Day Event: Saturday, May 16, 2020

Lunch is provided on site.

Registration begins at 9:00 AM

Event ends about 3:00 PM

Cost of Registration: $20.00 ______________

Make checks payable to: NCCUMW

Total Remitted  $______________

Please add $5.00 late registration fee if postmarked after May 9, 2020.

Hazel Hall, 4307 Coolidge Street, Fayetteville, NC 28311
Phone: (910) 491-2326   email: hhall29@yahoo.com

No refunds after May 9, 2020.
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48th Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women
Saturday, October 3, 2020 9:30AM (Music begins at 9:15)
Methodist University, 5400 Ramsey St., Fayetteville, NC 28311

Name: ____________________________________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________
Email: ____________________________________________ Phone #: _________________________
Church: ____________________________________________ District: __________________________

Check One: UMW Member _______ Unit Officer _______ District Officer _______ Conference Officer _______

Home Missioner _______ Clergy _______ Deaconess _______ Missionary _______ Guest _______ First –Time Attendee Yes/No

Emergency Contact Name ____________________________ Phone # ____________________________

** CHILD CARE PENDING **

Registration Fees and Lunch: Make Check Payable to NCCUMW

Early Registration Fee before September 15 ------------ $10.00 ________________________________

Registration Fee after September 15 ------------ $12.00 ______________________________________

Lunch: Circle One Turkey or Vegetable ------------ $10.00 ________________________________

Total Registration Fee Enclosed ___________________ $ ________________________________

On-site Registration Fee: $15.00 __________________

Lunch can be purchased on day of event: $10.00 ________

Total On-Site Registration Fee: $ __________________

Submit registration form and check to: Madoline Murphy, 3380 White Blossom Dr.
Winterville, NC 28590 Registration information 252-746-4797 or mamurphy39@gmail.com
Questions: Please contact Ann Davis at ardavis9@gmail.com or Call 252-916-7516
Home - 252-756-6371

* Bring your own tote.
* Check in begins at Huff Hall at 8:00AM Coffee available
* All lunches will be available in Huff Concert Hall

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FOLLOW – GO – SERVE – LOVE

The Summons

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