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Conference United  
Methodist Women

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# The Reflector

## The Voice of United Methodist Women

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## Generosity and Persistence



Tryphenia Speed  
NGUMW Conference President

### Greetings,

Is it June yet? - 2019 the year of the 150 Celebration is almost half over. I have enjoyed being rejuvenated by the celebrations I have attended and from reading and seeing pictures from other celebrations.

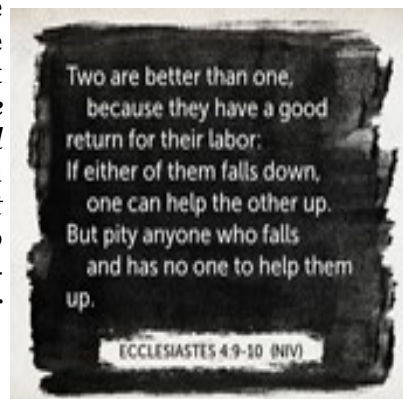
The theme ***"Sisterhood of Grace"*** leads us to think about our history and the future of United Methodist Women. As we celebrate, remember the strength of our history and the need to answer the call to serve women, children and youth. It has been through the strength of our faith and hope that love through action has remained. We are not alone, we have each other and together we can do more. We can use our different gifts to make each other stronger. Through the affirmation of each other we can help others to work out their situations.

United Methodist Women members work together to ensure others flourish through our generosity and persistence. The call for United Methodist Women to be generous in striving for economic justice for all is as great today as it was 150 years ago. Members are called to press on, to be supportive and cultivate ways for others. Our community survives through the help of God and the work we do together. We have come this far by faith in God and working with each other.

Are we there yet? United Methodist Women will need to continue to be generous and persistent in our service which will guide us through the next 150 years of mission. The North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women's guiding scripture for 2019 – ***"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up."*** Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NIV) - reminds us we need each other along with our faith and hope to turn love into action.

Blessings,

*Tryphenia*



## North Georgia Conference UMW Upcoming Events

Please plan on joining us for the **NGCUMW Annual Breakfast at Annual Conference** this year in Athens on **Wednesday, June 12**. The early registration deadline has passed, but you can still purchase your ticket at <http://ngumw.org/upcomingevents/>. **Tonya Murphy**, former Women's Division Director and former NGCUMW President will be speaking about her experience at General Conference in February. There will be a smattering of pictures from the Districts from their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations as well as some historical memorabilia on display. Again, UMCOR will be supported during Annual Conference with the collection of School Kits at the UMCOR trailer outside the Foundry Building on Monday and Tuesday during registration. **The scheduled drop off times are Monday 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm and Tuesday 8:00 am until 1:30 pm .**

Please save the date for the **NGCUMW Annual Meeting** being held on **October 5th** in Dunwoody, GA at Dunwoody UMC in the Atlanta-Roswell District. Registration will be available later this summer. If you feel you need to stay overnight or want to have lunch or dinner while in Dunwoody here's a list of great places to stay and eat:

### Nearby Hotels & Restaurants for North Georgia UMW Conference Annual Meeting Dunwoody United Methodist Church

#### HOTELS

Staybridge Suites	678-320-0111	4601 Ridgeview Road
Atlanta Marriott	770-394-6500	246 Perimeter Center Parkway NE
Embassy Suites	770-394-5454	1030 Crown Point Parkway
Crowne Plaza Ravinia	770-395-7700	4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road
Hampton Inn & Suites	770-350-9995	4565 Ashford Dunwoody Road
Residence Inn	770-730-1531	4695 Ashford Dunwoody Road

#### RESTAURANTS

J Christopher's	770-395-1642	5482 Chamblee Dunwoody Road
Dunwoody Tavern	770-671-9758	5486 Chamblee Dunwoody Road
Singha Thai	770-390-8619	5554 Chamblee Dunwoody Road
Mellow Mushroom	770-396-1696	5575 Chamblee Dunwoody Road
Marlow's Tavern	770- 559-7528	1317 Dunwoody Village Parkway
First Watch	678-443-3447	1317 Dunwoody Village Parkway
Corner Bakery Café	678-317-3843	4585 Ashford Dunwoody Road
California Pizza Kitchen	770-393-0390	4600 Ashford Dunwoody Road
J Alexander's	770-512-0153	4701 Ashford Dunwoody Road
Another Broken Egg	352-286-5749	4745 Ashford Dunwoody Road
Olive Garden	678-441-0270	4749 Ashford Dunwoody Road
Memphis Barbecue	770-394-7427	4764 Ashford Dunwoody Road
Chili's Southwest Grill	770-394-6175	4784 Ashford Dunwoody Road
Carrabba's Italian Grill	770-804-0467	1210 Ashford Crossing
Outback Steakhouse	770-481-0491	1220 Ashford Crossing
Joey D's Oak Room	770-512-7063	1015 Crown Point Parkway
Seasons 52	770-671-0052	90 Perimeter Center West
Chuy's Mexican	770-351-7777	118 Perimeter Center West
Zoe's Kitchen	770-512-8637	1165 Perimeter Center West

I look forward to seeing you over the summer! Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Stephanie Dressler**

North Georgia Conference  
Vice President

United Methodist Women

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770-337-8461



When did it get to be the end of May?!? My parents always told me that time would move faster as I got older. Well, it does! I can't explain it but I sure do feel it!

The end of our Awards Year is June 30 – just around the corner. Make sure your unit is on track in support of our work in the world through the 5 Channels of Giving:

1. Pledge to Mission
2. Special Mission Recognition Pin
3. Gift to Mission Card
4. Gift in Memory Card
5. World Thank Offering

Then add to the Sisterhood of Grace and increase your Pledge to Mission through Candle Burning to be a 5 Star Plus Unit. Or give 5 Minutes of Candle Burning and be a 5 Star Plus 5 Unit. And then add to future generations of the Sisterhood of Grace by giving to the Legacy Fund so that they can continue the work against injustice.

To learn about any of our giving initiatives or to complete item 17 on the Mission Today goals, contact me or your District Treasurer.



***L. Susan Stroup***

North Georgia Conference UMW Treasurer  
treasurerngcumw@gmail.com  
770-546-0799

## Membership and Outreach



**Nadine Lacy**

Praying that each of you have had a wonderful Spring. Such a delightful time of new growth and new beginnings. Fresh starts are always a blessing and we all have times in our life when we welcome new beginnings.

Thank you so much for your diligence in helping to make sure our North Georgia Conference was well reported in the 2018 Census. We still have some work to do for the 2019 Census but thankful for a new opportunity to increase our number of Units reporting when we report our 2019 Census. These numbers can be reported from October 2019-March 30, 2020. I will be sending reminders out beginning in September.

I have heard from a few Districts who have had successful Faith, Fun for Everyone events and I know that our members have had some wonderful times and I thank you for sharing them with me. The 2020 Faith, Fun for Everyone will be hosted as a Conference Event. Keep your eyes and ears open for dates and location in the future.

Keep up the good work as we continue to expand and increase our membership and please do not hesitate to reach out to me if I can be of any help to you as we work together to become stronger in our Mission outreach as well as our numbers.

Blessings to each of you,

***Nadine Lacy***

North Georgia Conference UMW  
Membership, Nurture and Outreach

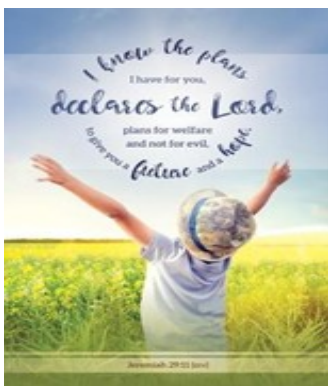




# Greetings From Your Spiritual Growth Coordinator!

***"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."***

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV



Today as we read the beautiful words of comfort and strength from Jeremiah 29:11, we can rest assured that God will be there with us through all that life brings our way.

We do not need to worry or fear the future because of God's love and his promises to us as his children. As United Methodist Women, we know that God is with us, and He gives us hope and a future. Praise God!

We want to thank everyone who attended our wonderful Spiritual Growth/Social Action Retreat at Rock Eagle on May 3-4, 2019. We had such a great time together in the beautiful, peaceful setting of Rock Eagle as we praised, worshipped, studied, and fellowshiped together in our supportive community of United Methodist Women. We are grateful to all who helped make this such a successful retreat! We give special thanks to our worship leader **Rev. Alisha Gordon**, who touched our hearts in

very special ways. **Dr. Cleopatra Warren** did an outstanding job with her eye-opening discussion of the book **Pushout**. **Pamela Perkins-Carn** gave us some excellent information about the EMI (End Mass Incarceration) Georgia Network. **Ellen Cooper** told us about the great work of Kidz2Leaders, a non-profit organization which exists to break the cycle of generational incarceration. We appreciate all of the comments and feedback that we received from the attendees. Thanks to everyone for making this retreat a success!

We are looking forward to seeing you and your friends at our **Mission u** Event which will be held at Fayetteville First United Methodist Church on July 26-27. Please make plans to attend! You may register online for this special event at [www.ngumw.org](http://www.ngumw.org) if you like. We hope to see you there!

My prayers are with each one of you as you continue putting faith, hope and love in action through your work in United Methodist Women. Blessings to you as you work to carry out our purpose of United Methodist Women knowing that God is with us and that He has plans to give us hope and a future. To God Be the Glory!



Carolyn Lee Wilson  
Spiritual Growth Coordinator

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Spiritual Growth Coordinator  
North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women  
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**If you are available, let's support Diana. She is a stellar vocalist, entertainer and a consistent supporter of United Methodist Women in the Conference, Atlanta College Park District and at Warren Memorial.**

**The event is at Warren Memorial UMC and it's FREE!.**

## Dear Fellow Interrupters:

Have you decided your position? What will you do to interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline cycle? Here are a few ideas on how you may help. Let us all do something!

*“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to **do justice**, and to **love kindness**, and to **walk humbly** with your God?” (Micah 6:8)*



**North Georgia Project Transformation** summer day camp programs for elementary students focus on enriching the mind, body, and spirit. A unique focus is placed on improving literacy and social-emotional development. When reading skills improve, a child's self esteem and confidence are also raised. Project Transformation operates eight-week summer day camps serving children entering grades 1-6 in three high-need neighborhoods. Each day, children read one-on-one with community volunteers

and participate in activity-based literacy intervention. Children also participate in daily enrichment activities including recreational play and exercise, creative arts, and interaction with young adult interns and community volunteers. Currently, there are two **Site Locations**, North Springs UMC and Stone Mountain First UMC. For information about volunteering, visit the volunteer page <https://projecttransformation.org/north-georgia/get-involved/volunteer> or contact Diane Ward, ward@ptnorthgeorgia.org.

**Kidz2Leaders** is a non-profit organization that provides stability, opportunity and a Christian community for children of inmates to break the cycle of incarceration. Kidz2Leaders is always seeking adults, teens, and community groups for a variety of volunteer opportunities. Check out opportunities on their website, <https://www.kidz2leaders.org> or contact Ellen Cooper, Community Relations Manager at ellen.cooper@kidz2leaders.org. Those of you who heard Ellen speak during our recent Spiritual Growth/Social Action Retreat (SG/SA) at Rock Eagle know the need and the value of community support.



**Forever Family** provides Inspiration – Strength – Hope. The mission of Forever Family reads: To inspire hope in children of incarcerated mothers and fathers, to strengthen their families, to help the children become successful adults, and to share our considerable experience with communities worldwide to do the same. The letter writing campaign in which we participated during SG/SA is one of several ways that you may act to support children and families. Please call 404-223-1200 or visit <https://www.foreverfam.org> to inquire.

Lastly, I invite you to become inspired by reading the compelling article **“People of Faith Must Help Disrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline** written by Emily Jones, Executive for Racial Justice for United Methodist Women. The article may be found here: <https://www.redletterchristians.org/people-of-faith-must-help-disrupt-the-school-to-prison-pipeline/>



Peace and love,

**Jessica Godfrey**  
Social Action Coordinator  
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## Mission u: The Journey

**Mission u** is a wonderful place to immerse yourself into a weekend of study focusing on spiritual growth, social justice, and personal finances. It's a great place to rekindle and deepen our faith. Mission u continues to provide opportunities of transformation through new relationships, deep discussion, and structured learning about the United Methodist church. This year the study begins on Friday, July 26, to Saturday, July 27, 2019. This year's studies are the following:



Janice M. Walker

- ♦ **The Book of Mark-Spiritual Growth:** In Mark and Radical Discipleship, author Janet Wolf presents this well-known Gospel of Mark through the voices and experiences that are often relegated to the margins. Where we stand, what we see, who we listen to, whose stories and voices we value or dismiss, shape the way we understand the world and the Bible.  
**Leader:** Mary Anne Brannon, Rev. Eric Powell, Kathy Morris, Rev. Juan Quintanilla (Spanish), Rev. Sang Jae Lee (Korean)
- ♦ **What About our Money:** Explores how to relate to the money with the context of faith through this connection between our faith and our money needs. You'll explore biblical foundation of abundance and sufficiency standing opposition to the culture of scarcity we were brought up into.  
**Leader:** Rev. Dr. Varlyna Wright.
- ♦ **Youth Study / Who Do you Say That I Am?** Meeting Jesus through the eyes of Mark: by Carolyn Poling. You are guided through the Gospel Mark helping to define who Jesus is to them, who he say he is in scripture, and how this impacts how we live our lives. The Goal of this study is to help youth explore scriptures in a new way so they can develop their own faith and put it in to action.  
**Leader:** Asti White
- ♦ **Children/Marked:** A Mission Journey with Jesus in the Gospel of Mark Author: Rita Hays: Invites Children to join Jesus on an exciting lifelong Pilgrimage of discipleships and mission. The children will journey with the Gospel of Mark. For Children age 5 and up must have a guardian on the premises attending an Adult Mission u School.  
**Leaders:** Sue and Terry Raymond
- ♦ **"Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission"** by Ellen Blue The study will provide a historical survey of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations and amplify the voices that shaped the work through an overarching story of United Methodist Women changing the face of mission.  
**Leaders:** Cindy Campbell, Deaconess; Rev. Paula Milo Moultrie

**Mission u encourages men, women and children to use these tools and lessons as we continue to grow in faith.**

**Submitted by: Janice M. Walker**  
*Education and Interpretation Coordinator*



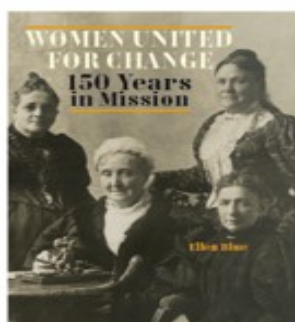


Mission u: It's for you!  
Register Today!

## **RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP—THEN AND NOW**

### **Join United Methodist Women at Mission u 2019!**

Take a deep dive into the Gospel of Mark, the topic of money,  
and the inspiring story of women organized for mission.



#### **THIS YEAR, OUR STUDIES ARE:**

**Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship**  
by Janet Wolf (Additional studies on Mark for children and youth also available.)

**Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission** by Ellen Blue

**What About Our Money? A Faith Response** by Susan K. Taylor

Be inspired. Be challenged. Respond to God's call.  
Continue the powerful legacy of compassionate service  
and passionate advocacy.

**All are welcome!**

**Location:** Fayetteville First UMC - Fayetteville, Ga.

**Date:** July 26-27, 2019

#### **Register Today**

Register online at <http://ngumw.org/upcomingevents/> or <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=450544&>  
Or you can return the registration form to Gloria Dixon, 2520 Zane Drive SW, Atlanta, GA 30331.  
Gloria's telephone number is 770-871-5685.



**Friday & Saturday  
July 26 – 27, 2019**

Fayetteville First United  
Methodist Church  
175 E. Lanier Ave  
Fayetteville, GA 30214  
770-719-3119

**REGISTER TODAY**

Online Registration is now available  
[www.ngumw.org](http://www.ngumw.org)

-OR-

return the registration form on back

## WHAT TO BRING

- > Bible, paper, pens/pencils & Study Book. Books will not be available for purchase on site.
- > Dress comfortably and bring a sweater for cold classrooms
- > Bring your own personal, refillable water bottle
- > Please plan to participate in the offering. Mission u will donate the offering to a mission initiative.

**Friday & Saturday  
July 26-27, 2019**

## YOU ARE INVITED ...

**The "MISSION u" Event** is a 2-day retreat open to **Men, Women, Youth and Children** (ages 5 and up) to study current issues impacting our communities and society.

Come and share this time of prayer study and fellowship with others from around the conference. This event is especially designed for all who want to deepen their understanding and passion for missions.



## STUDIES

### **The Book of Mark - Spiritual Growth**

In *Mark and Radical Discipleship*, author Janet Wolf explores what it means to live a life of radical discipleship today using the Gospel of Mark as the foundation.

Leaders: Mary Anne Brannon, Rev. Eric Powell, Rev. Kathy Morris, Rev. Juan Quintanilla (Spanish), Rev. Sang Jae Lee (Korean)

### **What About Our Money-A Faith Response**

Explores how we relate to money within the context of our faith.

Leader: Rev. Varlyna Wright

### **"Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission" by Ellen Blue**

The study will provide a historical survey of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations and amplify the voices that shaped the work through an overarching story of United Methodist Women changing the fact of mission.

Leaders: Cindy Campbell, Deaconess; Rev. Paula Milo Moultrie

### **Youth | Who Do You Say That I Am? Meeting Jesus through the Eyes of Mark**

The goal of this study is to help youth explore scripture in new ways so they can develop their own faith and put it into action. This is the mark of a true disciple.

Leader: Asti White

### **Children | MARKED: A Mission Journey with Jesus in the Gospel of Mark**

Ages five to twelve - In *MARKED: A Mission Journey with Jesus in the Gospel of Mark*, Rita Hays invites children to join Jesus on an exciting lifelong pilgrimage of discipleship and mission.

Leaders: Sue and Terry Raymond

### **PLENARY: RED BIRD MISSION TRIP**



**MISSION u: Learning Together for the Transformation of the World**





## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE...

### Friday July 26<sup>th</sup>

8:00 – 9:00 AM Registration  
 9:00 – 9:45 AM Welcome & Worship  
 Class 1: 10:00 AM – 12:15 PM  
 12:15 – 1:00 PM Lunch  
 Class 2: 1:15 – 3:15 PM

3:30 – 4:30 PM Worship  
 4:30 – 5:45 PM Break  
 5:45 – 6:45 PM Dinner  
 7:00 – 8:00 PM Red Bird  
 Mission Trip Plenary  
 8:15 – 8:45 PM Corners

### Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup>

(Please check out of hotel BEFORE coming to Mission u)

8:00 – 9:00 AM Registration  
 Class 3: 9:30 – 11:00 AM  
 11:15 – 1:00 PM Lunch 'n Learn Mission Plenary  
 1:15 – 3:15 PM Class Session 4  
 3:30-4:30 Closing Worship & Communion

Classes 1-4 must be completed for certification

## REGISTRATION FORM

### "MISSION u" July 26-27, 2019

Register online at [www.ngumw.org](http://www.ngumw.org) -or- print and complete form below.

Make check payable to Mission u and mail to:

Gloria Dixon, 2520 Zane Drive SW, Atlanta, GA 30331 (770-871-5685)

Email: [missionu.registrar@outlook.com](mailto:missionu.registrar@outlook.com)

Name:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Address:	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Youth* <input type="checkbox"/> Child* (check one) Youth/Child registration requires adult consent
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	Email:
Church:	District:
Emergency Contact Person:	Emergency Contact Phone #:
Physical/Medical Needs:	Allergies:

**CHOOSE YOUR CLASS (select only one class)**

☐ The Book of Mark- Spiritual Growth    ☐ English    ☐ Korean    ☐ Spanish

☐ What About Our Money

☐ "Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission"

☐ Youth (13-17) \*Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Who Do You Say That I Am? Meeting Jesus through the Eyes of Mark

\*Guardian/Parent/Adult of Youth (Required): \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Child (5-12) \*Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_ MARKED: A Mission Journey with Jesus in the Gospel of Mark

\*Guardian/Parent/Adult of Child (Required): \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

To begin your study, please purchase your book in advance. Study books may be purchased at <https://www.umwmissionresources.org>. Books will not be available for purchase at Mission u.

### MISSION u REGISTRATION FEES (includes classes and meals)

#### Friday and Saturday

☐ Adult: \$90.00    ☐ Youth 13 and up: \$45.00\* per child    ☐ Children 5-12: \$40.00\* per child

#### Friday Only

☐ Adults \$50.00    ☐ Adults: \$40.00

#### Saturday Only

#### \*Scholarships Available:

for registration fees for children and youth. Email: [missionu.registrar@outlook.com](mailto:missionu.registrar@outlook.com) for information. Scholarships for adults are for new attendees, first come first serve.

**Registration Deadline**  
 July 1, 2019



## LODGING...

**HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS** (Individuals are responsible for calling hotel directly to reserve room. Please mention Mission u to receive group rate.)

**HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS** | 140 Lanier Ave E, Fayetteville, GA. 30214  
 (770) 461-5600

Cost: \$125.75 per night, includes breakfast

(15) Kings with a sleeper sofa (child or adult)

(25) Doubles - Block closes on July 3rd

After July 3rd, cost reverts back to \$129.00 Kings; \$139, 2 queen beds

48 hours to cancel or change with full reimbursement by July 23rd, 2:00 PM

**HAMPTON INN HOTEL** | 110 Meeting Place Drive, Fayetteville, GA 30214  
 (770) 460-6700

Cost: \$147.60, complimentary breakfast

(20) King guest rooms

Payment by credit card or cash is due at check-in

Cancellation may be made up until 6:00 pm, 48 hours prior to the arrival date. If rooms are not cancelled within cancellation period, guest will be charged one (1) night's room and tax.

Reservations must be made by Thurs., 6/11/19 to receive the group discounted rate. Reservations made after this date are subject to availability and current rates.

## Sisterhood of Grace

### Greetings, Sisters in Christ!

I am your newly appointed Chairperson for the Committee on Nominations. I was born into United Methodist Women. Therefore, UMW has always had a special place in my heart. I have always admired this community of women. UMW are faithful, dedicated, and committed women of God. As a young girl, I observed the anointing on their lives and I watched them as they worked in the church, in the community, and in their homes. God blessed me with several role models that were faithful matriarchs in UMW: my mother, grandmother, and mother-in-law. They taught me not only to love this great organization, but how important it is to continue the legacy. I served as a committee member on CON. I have served as the LaGrange District President, District Treasurer, District Parliamentarian and in various positions at the local unit level. I have been married to my high school sweetheart, Rev. Julian Warner, for thirty-six years. We have three amazing children: Mr. & Mrs. Germond (Jillian) Walton, Minister & Mrs. Larry (Alkina) Avery, Jr, and Julian Warner, Jr; and four adorable grandchildren: Alivyah, Mathias, Anslei, and Ariyah.



Vanessa B. Warner, Chairperson  
Committee on Nominations

Although we are early into the New Year, The North Georgia Conference Committee on Nominations is already searching for qualified candidates for our 2020 slate. We need your help in identifying potential leaders to fill two positions on CON and elect three nominees for SEJ/PAG. Please feel free to submit your name or qualified candidates you know. Contact me at [jwarner@charter.net](mailto:jwarner@charter.net) or (770) 254-6889.

We have a lot to do to carry out the mission and purpose of UMW. We know that with God's help the fruits produced through our work will enhance the lives of many. Let's get started in 2019...I challenge all of us to continue to use our talents, gifts, and graces so this great organization will continue to flourish for

**ANOTHER 150 YEARS!**



Areas of Interest (I) or Concern (C)

Please identify all applicable areas either with an I or C.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Secretarial	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recruiting Members	<input type="checkbox"/>	Publicity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Action Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Workshops
<input type="checkbox"/>	Computer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Creativity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletters
<input type="checkbox"/>	Accounting/ Bookkeeping	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recording Minutes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Retreats
<input type="checkbox"/>	Organizing of Details	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Polity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Music / Song Leader
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nomination Team	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Relations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Building	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children
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Tell me how to share it with



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Circle preferred contact:

Phone

Email

Please return to Vanessa Warner or any member of  
the Committee on Nominations.

Thank you!

# Timeline of United Methodist Women in North Georgia

Submitted by: Historian – Eloise Sykes

It was a stormy night in Boston on March 23, 1869, that the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized. It was the first of eight women's missionary societies founded by our predecessor organizations.

The great task of The Methodist Episcopal Church in the nineteenth century was to evangelize to the world. Women in the newly organized societies were challenged and committed to participate in the movement. No longer were they willing to stand aside and leave the vital mission of the Church to men.

One hundred fifty years later we continue the legacy of women organized for mission as United Methodist Women.

**1870's** saw the great expansion of missionary societies. On the day of the authorization of the Woman's Missionary Society by the General Conference (May 24, 1878), women in North Georgia began to work toward organizing a conference body.

**1878** – The organizational meeting of the women of North Georgia was held in Marietta. **Miss Harriett Colquitt** became the first president and served ten years. Dues in those early years were 10 cents a month for each member, but those who could afford to give more were encouraged to do so.

**1906** - The General Conference voted that the Foreign Missionary Society and the Home Missionary Society should merge into the Woman's Missionary Council and brought under the authority of the denomination's General Board of Missions.

**1910** - The merger of the Foreign Missionary Society and the Home Missionary Society became complete. In the conference and local churches the name used was the Woman's Missionary Society.

**1911** – The first organizational meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was held on May 12, 1911 at Rome First Methodist Church.

**1968** - The merger of the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren Church became the United Methodist Church and we became **United Methodist Women**.

**1972** – Our name officially changed to United Methodist Women. In North Georgia, the service of celebration was held February 24, 1973 at Trinity-on-the Hill United Methodist Church in Augusta. **Maude Sneed** was the first president of North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women.

Presidents following Maude Sneed are:

**Elizabeth London**

**Marie W. Copher**

**Caroline Drinkard**

**Doris B. Paul, AMRY**

**Dr. Shantalita "Shan" R. F. Yohan**

**Julie Wendt**

**Louise Young**

**Tonya Murphy**

**Deloris Carhee**

**Sue Raymond**

**Tryphenia Speed**

**Today**, the **North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Women** is a strong 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.

References: **"A Story Not Yet Over—The Journey, United Methodist Women in North Georgia Volume II"**, North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women Yearbooks and the United Methodist Women website.





## News From Around the Conference.....



ADOX ladies have been very active in spreading the love of Jesus, through various type of Ministries in their communities. The young ladies of Cedar Grove were excited as they attended an Action Ministry event.

It was great to have 10 women from our district, who spent a week working in a house, in the school and ministering to the community at Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky.



The Decatur First ladies were excited to host a Valentine Lingerie Party to benefit the ladies at the Breakthru House.

Our Hispanic Ministry coordinator Isabel De Sousa, continues to keep the mission with the Hispanic ladies vibrant as they are in bible study, they also work with the Hispanic children in the community. They are excited about doing Vacation Bible School in July, with the children of the Hispanic community of Snellville.

The ladies of Lithonia First UMC, hosted our Lenten service in April, it was well attended. The speaker was Rev. R. JaiKing, Youth Pastor of Ousley UMC.

We look forward to our UNBUNTU Day which will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup> at North Decatur UMC.

Along with our new President Mary Cannon, each of our District Coordinators is working hard to keep our ladies informed and up to date on the missions and ministries of the United Methodist Women.

Our newsletter the "HiFlyer" is published on a quarterly basis.

*Iris Green*

**ADOX Communications Coordinator**



Thank you **Augusta District** for making this celebration the best ever!  
**150 years in mission!**

The party we had was so much fun.

Additional photos can be viewed at

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/zJCCJBcjz6ktZr6>

**Jennifer Cheely**

Augusta District UMW President





# THE CROSSWORD

ATLANTA COLLEGE PARK DISTRICT

*Annual Lenten Day Apart Service  
Sunday, March 31, 2019*

*150th Anniversary Celebration*



*"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor; If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up." --Ecclesiastes 4:9,10 (NIV)*

***Speaker: Reverend Yvette Massey***  
*Associate Director*

*Laster Chapel United Methodist Church  
4790 Yates Road  
College Park, GA 30337*





On March 16, 2019, Pleasant Grove UMC in Cumming hosted Atlanta-Roswell District UMW Social Action and Lenten Event. Each year during Lent, all UMW units in the Atlanta-Roswell District gather to worship and work on a district designated social action project. This year our focus was on maternal and children's welfare. Family Haven, a domestic violence shelter in Cumming, was chosen as our project to address their needs from gift cards for groceries, clothing, and bedding to gas cards for transportation.



After nice breakfast and fellowship time, we enjoyed special song presented by "KCA Women's Worship Team" Korean sisters sang beautifully.

Amy Barfield, Development Outreach Manager accompanied by an Education Director and a volunteer from Family Haven gave us presentation about their program advocating for victims of domestic violence and their families.



For our activity we packed brown bags for Family Haven kid's for snack. Every unit brought juices, cookies, crackers, chips, etc. We made an assembly line and packed more than 300 bags. We ran out of bags so we put them in big plastic bags for them to carry. About 40 ladies participated in this event. We had so much fun.



We are so proud of Dunwoody UMW circles for their generosity. Barbara Giametta, President of Dunwoody UMW presented the director with gift cards totaling over \$1,000 collected from our ten circles. She cried. They also collected \$350 toward the center's badly needed security system. They also brought two cars trunk full of donated items for the shelter.



After we finished packing we moved to Church Sanctuary for Worship Service.

Deaconess Jo Sheetz gave us Devotion. We had Holy Communion given by Reverend Dana Overton Garrett. Everybody enjoyed this event. It does not matter what circumstances we are in, UMW sisters continue doing mission work because it is right thing to do.

**Faith, Hope and Love In Action,**  
*Grace Pyen*  
 AROS District UMW President





## A Beautiful Beginning: Meeting with Cliftdale UMW and Korean Church of Newnan

Haejin Ban, Korean Language Coordinator



Last October, I received a random email from Carol Hovey, introducing herself as the UMW Unit President of Cliftdale UMC. She simply said that she tried to contact a Korean church in her neighborhood and was asking if I can help her to get some contact information. I was very pleasantly surprised. There are 10 churches in N GA Conference that have Korean speaking congregations, most of them located in North of Atlanta. I have been trying to contact the churches, introducing UMW and inviting them to UMW events without much success. Carol wrote that she lives near Korean Church of Newnan and has visited the church a couple of times in attempt to connect with them. I immediately sent her the contact information of the Senior Pastor and Young Lim, the President of the Women's group at Korean Church of Newnan.



After numerous emails in Korean and in English and a couple of Carol's visits to Korean Church of Newnan, we finally set a date to meet together. Carol invited us to her Unit's monthly meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> and we all gathered together to eat, share and pray. Cliftdale UMW unit prepared a wonderful lunch welcoming Young Lim and Jung Ko from Korean Church of Newnan and shared how they have been serving their Church, Community, and UMW. They shared their Missions excitedly and assured



Young and Jung that they will support anyway they can to help them to establish a UMW Unit at Korean Church of Newnan. Korean Church of Newnan has two women's groups but has not really been connected with UMW. I was very grateful that Carol put so much effort to connect two churches and really appreciated that Young and Jung opened their hearts to learn more about UMW.

After lunch and laughter, Carol gave flower pots to Young and Jung. It was a small pot but with a potential to grow and blossom. It was just a lunch but I believe that it would be the beginning of a beautiful relationship that God has planned and planted in two units to grow and blossom together.





## Griffin District holds celebration worthy of United Methodist Women's 150 year



*About 140 women attended the luncheon.*

Some 140 women from across the Griffin District gathered March 30 at McDonough First UMC for a 150th anniversary celebration of United Methodist Women that was both meaningful and festive.

The day began with a worship service and historical presentation highlighting our history over a century and a half. The service concluded with Holy Communion and was followed by lunch in a party setting, complete with balloons, favors, birthday cake and door prizes. Everyone took home a 150-year bookmark and magnet, as well as a 150-year pin.

The worship service offering totaled \$970 for the Legacy Fund, which the district treasury rounded to \$1,000. Since all contributions received to the fund in March were to be doubled, this meant our offering totaled \$2,000

A number of women from differing United Methodist Women's groups helped lead the worship service. The Rev. Carol Cook, pastor of McDonough First UMC, officiated at the service of Holy Communion, while music was under the direction of Mary Gorham and Ann Keesey, also from McDonough First.

The historical presentation began with a look at the 1869 event in Boston, when Methodist women formally organized for mission and sent their first two missionaries to India. However, most of the program focused on the North Georgia Conference and its mission work, dating back to 1878 when it was officially part of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

During the historical presentation, we looked at four time periods: 1869-1910; 1911-1939; 1940-1972; and 1973 until the present. Each time period featured narration by Janie Clark, a member of Griffin First UMW, and portrayals of two women from the period. After each time period, we sang a song that had been written during that time frame.

The women featured in the first time period were Laura Haygood from Atlanta, who was active in home missions before deploying as a missionary to China, and Anna Hall, who served in Africa and then came back to Atlanta where she spent her later years active in Central United Methodist Church. Ms. Haygood was portrayed by Jean Bouts from Wesley Way UMW and Ms. Hall by Maxine Richardson from the Riverdale First UMW.



Taking part in the historical presentation were, from left back row: Ena Tomlinson, McDonough First; Michelle Cole, New Hope, Hampton; Tracy Larson, Morrow First; Janis Price, McDonough First; and Maxine Richardson, Riverdale First. From row, from left: Janie Clark, Griffin First; Cornelia Smith, Andrews Chapel, Jonesboro; and Jean Bouts, Wesley Way.

The second time period, from 1911-1939, looked at home mission institutions and specifically at the efforts of Ethel Harpst and Sarah Murphy who established children's homes a few miles apart in the Cedartown area in the 1920 and '30s. In the segregated structure of those days, Ethel Harpst cared for white children and Sarah Murphy for black children. The two homes are now merged into the Murphy-Harpst Children's Centers and are still supported by United Methodist Women. Ms. Harpst was portrayed by Tracy Larson, Morrow First UMW, and Ms. Murphy by Cornelia Smith, Andrews Chapel UMW in Jonesboro.



## Griffin District holds celebration worthy of United Methodist Women's 150 years (continued)

The third time period, from 1940-1972 when we were known as the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild, highlighted women on the home front. both in the local church and on the conference level. Janis Price, a member of McDonough First UMC, portrayed her mother Jean Price, and Michelle Cole, a member of New Hope UMC in Hampton, portrayed Esther Shopshire, a leader in the Georgia Conference. For most of this time period white and black churches were segregated, with white churches belonging to the North Georgia Annual Conference, and black churches to the Georgia Conference.



Jennifer Johnson - The historical program ended with a powerful call from Jennifer Johnson, district spiritual growth chair, to welcome and mentor young women into the UMW.

The merger of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church ended this segregated structure in 1968, and since 1972 we have been one inclusive organization known as United Methodist Women. This last time period featured Ena Tomlinson, a member of McDonough First UMW, who described how United Methodist Women welcomed her as an immigrant from Jamaica in 1978. In another powerful testimony, Jennifer Johnson, a member of Wesley Chapel UMW and Spiritual Growth chairperson for the district, issued a clarion call on the importance of bringing new and younger women into the fold.

The historical narrative highlighted how the objectives of United Methodist Women's work have remained much the same despite enormous societal changes over 150 years. "We still focus on social issues and advocate for change," said Janie Clark. "We are called to grow in faith and our commitment to Christ, in whose name we go out to serve. We are called to study, read, become informed and to act. We are called to be a supportive com-

munity for one another and fellowship is a large part of what we do. And we are, from the earliest days until now, called to be in mission."

**Praise God for 150 years of United Methodist Women,  
and praise God for each individual woman who has  
served or continues to serve in the name of Christ.**

*Alice Smith, President*  
*Griffin District United Methodist Women*



Everyone enjoyed anniversary cake.

**PURPOSE**  
OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



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## Our Sisterhood of Grace at REDBIRD Mission

On March 31, I joined 21 other United Methodist Women from the North GA Conference for my first Mission Trip. We traveled about 8 hours to REDBIRD Mission Site in Beverly Kentucky, one of the 10 most impoverished counties in the nation. I knew 5 of the women really well, several by face, and the others I had never met.



On the first day, we were reminded of the strength in Sisterhood. As the week progressed, our 22-strand chord became really strong. We worked together, laughed together, prayed together, and overcame obstacles that only God knew we would face. We even shared a birthday with birthday cake!

We accepted 3 worksite opportunities: Preparing a Volunteer House – Cleaning, Painting, and Cleaning again. Working in Community Outreach – Working in: the Community Store, Senior Center, Food Pantry, and Baby Closet. Washing a car for meals on wheels, and painting a fence. Helping at REDBIRD School – Art projects and individual student tutoring.



All the teams came together each night for camp orientation, sharing, worship, talent/no talent night and communion. Each morning and night our cabin shared team devotions. We named ways we saw God at work each day. (Like: the 4-yr. old girl running around the store in her light up shoes, the torn shower curtain that was magically replaced, or the team members who immediately helped clean the spilt paint out of our hair).

We were reminded that the most important thing we do is LOVE. LOVE on the people at our worksites. LOVE on the REDBIRD staff. LOVE on each other. And when we prayed together, our tradition became: Right Hand up- Left Hand down. Because – You can always lift someone else up and others keep you lifted up. It was a week of Work, Fellowship, and Love. And, I now have 15 new Sisters in Christ.



Kathy Cook plans to lead another team to REDBIRD next year. Please be in prayer as you look forward to details about this special opportunity and God's call on your heart.

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# North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women Calendar 2019-2020

<b>Event</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>2020</b>
Program/CON Executive-Overnight	<b>Jan 11-12</b>	Collinswood at Aldergate Buckhead, GA	<b>Jan 11</b>
Finance/ E & I/Historians	<b>Mar 2</b>	TBD	<b>Feb 15</b>
Faith, Fun, Everyone	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Mar 7</b>
Program/CON Executive	<b>Apr 13</b>	Dunwoody UMC AROS District	<b>April 11</b>
Spiritual Growth Event/Social Action	<b>May 3-4</b>	Rock Eagle Eatonton, GA	<b>N/A</b>
NGC Annual Conference	<b>Jun 11-14</b>	Classic Center Athens GA	<b>Jun</b>
UMW Breakfast	<b>Jun 12</b>	Classic Center	<b>Jun</b>
Limitless Event	<b>Jul</b>	TBD	
CON/ Program Executive	<b>Jul 13</b>	TBD	<b>Jul 11</b>
Mission u	<b>Jul 26-27</b>	Fayetteville First UMC	<b>Jul</b>
Annual Meeting	<b>Oct 5</b>	Dunwoody UMC AROS District	<b>Oct 3</b>
Program Committee	<b>Oct 11</b>	Teleconference	<b>Oct 16</b>
Leadership Development/ Executive Meeting	<b>Nov 2</b>	Sandy Springs UMC AROS District	<b>Nov 7</b>
<b>District President's Annual Reports</b>	<b>Aug. 1</b>		<b>Aug 1</b>
<b>2020 District Officers &amp; Dates</b>	<b>Nov. 1</b>		<b>Nov 1</b>

## **Ubuntu Day of Service**

Date and Time: To be determined by each District

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