

**North Georgia  
Conference United  
Methodist Women**

# The Reflector

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*Tryphenia Speed*  
NGUMW Conference President

### Greeting; Member; and Friends,

As we approach the season of celebrating the birth of Jesus, United Methodist Women are culminating the celebration of 150 years of mission. Like remembering the birth of Jesus, we cannot forget our beginning. I am glad United Methodist Women celebrated 150 years of mission service for without the past how do we move forward. If we did not have the United Methodist Women story, how would we move forward on this mission journey.

As we enter the season when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, I can't but wonder if we did not have Jesus' story, how would we move forward. We are who we are because of Jesus. I believe our past, our history, our legacy are the threads we build on for our future.

As I reflect on the many events North Georgia United Methodist Women had this year to celebrate, a song came to mind by Kool and the Gang. After reading the lyrics, I added a few words I felt appropriate to United Methodist Women. It goes like this:

*A celebration which has lasted throughout this year  
We had good times, stepping up, standing up and worshipping too  
We all have celebrated and had a good time  
Everyone around the conference have celebrated 150 years of Mission service.  
There's a new Mission service, Rising in the air, Feel it everywhere  
So bring your gifts, your talents, your prayers and your blessing  
Bring your laughter and worship too, we getting started on the next 150 years. We can't go on living life like buried treasure; It's time to stand as one; Everywhere, Around the conference, so what's your pleasure?  
COME ON United Methodist Women! Celebrate, there is more work to be done!*

As we celebrate United Methodist Women years of mission service, we must also celebrate the reason we exist and the reason United Methodist Women exist, **Jesus Christ**.

Our celebration of Jesus should last throughout our lifetime. We have so many reasons to Rejoice and to Remember and to move forward with Jesus the center of our Joy.

### Looking back as we move forward!

Wishing the Blessings of Jesus shower, you and your family during this season!

*Tryphenia*

**This is the  
season** **This is the  
reason**



## Greetings, Sisters in Christ!

As we head into the holiday season, I want you to know how thankful I am to each and every one of you for your commitment to be the hands of Christ to women, youth and children.

Thank you for your attendance at Annual Meeting in October. We had close to 300 in attendance to celebrate 150 years of being in mission. Dunwoody served as fabulous hostesses and our Conference and District historians put a lot of work into the historical aspect of the meeting including the bingo card game, the special information table and the slideshow.

Leadership Development Day for District officers was held in early November at Sandy Springs UMC, and the ladies there did a wonderful job of making us feel welcomed and providing a lovely breakfast. We had approximately 150 women in attendance and each Conference officer provided training to their District counterparts.

Please save the date for **Faith, Fun & Everyone** being held at **Winder 1st UMC**, Winder, GA on Saturday, **March 7**. We are still in the planning stages, but we plan to offer some wonderful and timely workshops as well as some great food and fellowship. I pray that everyone who attends comes away feeling blessed, refreshed and rejuvenated.

Following the Faith, Fun & Everyone event is **Southeastern Jurisdiction** in Mobile AL, **April 17-19**. I hope you have already made plans to attend.

Praying for a wonderful holiday season for you and yours.



Stephanie Dressler, Vice President  
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### Young Women's Event "U.M.W. ♥ Young Women"

Saturday, February 29, 2019  
**Cascade United Methodist Church**  
10:00am to 2:00pm

**Ages 13 to 40 years old**

**Registration is FREE!**

We would love to hear from the young women in our conference to stay connected. Please bring a friend to share information and enjoy activities.



Please RSVP to:  
**Nadine Lacy**

Conference UMW Membership, Nurture and Outreach  
Coordinator  
by **February 14, 2020**.

Nadine Lacy's e-mail address is [nlacy@bellsouth.net](mailto:nlacy@bellsouth.net).  
Please let her know if you have any questions.

★  
*And suddenly  
there was  
with the angel  
a multitude of  
the heavenly host  
praising God,  
and saying,  
Glory to God  
in the highest, and on earth  
peace, good will toward men.*  
**Luke  
2:13-14  
(KJV)**

## A new year is upon us and often that means re-examining our financial goals and plans.



### Treasurer's Corner

- ⇒ **Make a budget for your unit.** The local unit's budget consists of three main categories:
  - ◆ Pledge to Mission (60%) - The total amount that the unit expects to send on to the district treasurer.
  - ◆ Administration and Membership Development (10%) - Items that are necessary for the unit's functioning such as dependent care for meetings, postage and printing, scholarship to events, etc.
  - ◆ Mission Locally (30%) - This budget category that enables the local unit to be in mission in its own area -- such as your local woman's shelter, food pantry, or other community service.
  - ◆ Items that are the responsibility of the total church are not appropriate, such as the church budget or building fund, parsonage upkeep, or church-wide sponsored groups.
- ⇒ **Check that your unit's bank account is registered under the North Georgia United Methodist Women's tax/EIN number.** Historically, and according to the Discipline (§256.5 Article 6), UMW money belongs to UMW "for mission with the oppressed and dispossessed with special attention to the needs of women, children, and youth" (§1902). Think about going with your local credit union. Generally, for \$25 placed in a savings account, there are no fees for checking or low balances! If you need assistance moving your bank account, contact your district treasurer.
- ⇒ Quarterly remittances are due to your district treasurer by March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31.
- ⇒ Include this year's Sacrificial Giving Emphasis in your personal and unit budgets. Consider a sacrificial giving of \$16.00 for 2019-2020 to further assist our four mission institutions. Supplemental Giving Emphasis for 2020 is as follows:
  - ◆ First Quarter: New Bethlehem Community Center
  - ◆ Second Quarter: Clark Atlanta University
  - ◆ Third Quarter: Paine College
  - ◆ Fourth Quarter: Murphy-Harpst Children's Centers
- ⇒ Even though our 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration is over, the Legacy Fund continues. Become a Legacy Builder by making a monthly gift of \$18.69 or more to The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign. Become a Legacy Builder today! Go to <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/donate/legacybuilder>



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growing  
together



serving  
others



United Methodist Women

## First Sunday in Advent: Getting Ready

Check out our very own Sue Raymond's perspective during this season of preparedness for the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/first-sunday-in-advent-getting-ready>



## Greetings From Your Spiritual Growth Coordinator!

I am sending special greetings to each one of you, my dear Sisters in Christ! I hope that all is going well for you in your churches and in your local units of United Methodist Women! I want to encourage each one of you as you serve God.

As we are moving into the beautiful Christmas season, let us look at this verse from Luke 1:78-79.

*"Because of our God's deep compassion, the dawn from heaven will break upon us,  
to give light to those who are sitting in darkness."  
Luke 1:78-79 CEB*

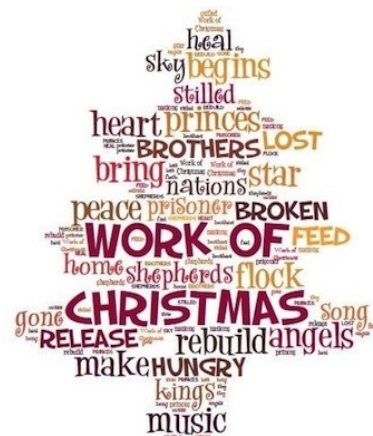
The Bible tells us that Jesus is the true light that splinters all darkness, the light that has never been overcome, the light that dwells among us, a source of life and light for all people. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we are invited to identify where and how that light shines in the world around us.

Let us think about how we have discovered God's light that splinters the darkness. Let us also reflect on ways that we can invite others to turn and discover what God is doing in the world. Also, let us remember to give thanks to all who have helped us to see God's light shining among us.

### "The Work of Christmas"

Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled  
When the star in the sky is gone  
When the kings and princes are home  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost  
To heal the broken  
To release the prisoner to rebuild the nations  
To bring peace among the people  
To make music in the heart.  
May it be so.  
Amen.



We seek the wisdom and help of God in all that we do as we minister to the needs of those around us. With love and joy, we follow God's commission to show God's grace to all we encounter. Blessings to each one of you.  
Amen

*Carolyn Lee Wilson*, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women  
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The season lends itself to give our most gracious, heartfelt thanks to North Georgia United Methodists who are the hands and feet of Christ in our communities. One such couple has left an indelible mark on the North Georgia Conference of The United Methodist Church and especially the United Methodist Women! Our gratitude for their service is bittersweet as we bid farewell to Terry and Sue Raymond, who, early next year will be retiring to the Pacific Northwest.



# Membership Nurture Outreach

As I sit here typing this article for the upcoming newsletter, I pause to thank God for all the blessings He has given to me this past year. So many good things for which I am so thankful. I count all of you, my UMW sisters among those blessings. As I am honored to continue to serve as your MNO coordinator on the North Georgia Conference, I meet new friends at each event I am privileged in which to participate. You have all been a blessing to me. I wish each of you a Happy Blessed Thanksgiving with your families and a Wondrous Christmas Season as we celebrate the birth of the Christ child.

One of the Blessings I count this year is the opportunity I had to travel to The Depot at Sager Brown in Baldwin, LA this past September with 5 other wonderful members of my County Line church family. I was a little apprehensive but excited when I decided to go and not quite sure what to expect. We had the most uplifting week ever, meeting new friends and helping to fill a huge order of 17,000 hygiene kits to be shipped internationally. Most shipments are sent within the United States but because these were being shipped to Sudan, each kit had to be carefully verified with specific notice taken on certain items. It made me realize how blessed I am to live in our wonderful United States of America. I honestly would recommend to any of you who have not been to Sager Brown and have the opportunity to go, please do so. I honestly was on a spiritual high for several months after returning back to my home. I am already signed up to go again next September. I can't wait.

For all of my District and Local counterparts as MNO coordinators, CENSUS 2019 is open and available to report. As we talked at our Conference training, it is your responsibility to get this information out there so we can have an accurate of our North Georgia UMW numbers. The form is quite simple and should be filled out by the Local President or their designated person completely. Looking forward to seeing the numbers exceed 2018 numbers greatly. The deadline is Monday, March 30, 2020 and at midnight, no registrations will be excepted. It is wise to get the form done well before March so if you encounter a problem, there is time to check on it and correct anything errors. Make sure you get a 'thank you' at the end and you will know that everything went in properly. I am here if you have questions.



Nadine Lacy  
Membership, Nurture Outreach Coordinator



Two Conference events are coming up in the first quarter of 2020. **Faith, Fun for Everyone** is coming in March and **Limitless** will be having a event in February so please be reaching out to any of the younger women in your District to encourage them to participate in this great event. I will be reaching out to you via email and go into more detail as to as how we will be able to help encourage participation in both of these events.

**Blessings to you all and thank you for all that do for UMW.**

*Nadine Lacy,* Membership Nurture Outreach Coordinator  
North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women



FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION



Our (four) National Mission Institutions for United Methodist Women are doing great work in the community helping people. In the same spirit, we are going over and above our pledge to make a sacrificial giving to help the following national mission institutions in our conference.



Janice Walker, E & I Coordinator  
North Georgia Conference UMW

**Murphy Harpst** is located in Cedar Town Georgia, is an independent not-for profit organization committed to meeting the needs of abused and neglected young people through residential placements in specialized foster care and community programs that serve at risk youth and their family, in partnership with United Methodist Women National Office. Service is available to all children regardless of race, color, creed, and who needs can be addressed and treated within the scope of program services.

**New Bethlehem Community Center**, located in the Bethlehem Community, is a non-profit community based organization providing adult education and services for family, children, senior adults, and at-risk people in Augusta, Georgia. New Bethlehem's history began in 1911 when a Deaconess from Alabama was appointed by the Women's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South to begin a social settlement for black people in the Augusta area. This was the first ever of its kind that was promoted by the council. Augusta was selected because the Methodist church had established Paine College to which the missionary council was already contributing funds. The doors opened for service in 1912. New Bethlehem opened in 2004 with that same passion and mission as the original Bethlehem Community Center.

**Paine College** is a private institution located in Augusta, Georgia, steeped in the tenets of Methodism that provides a liberal art education of the highest quality. The college emphasizes academic excellence, ethical and spiritual values, social responsibility and personal development to prepare spiritually centered men-women position of leadership and service.

**Clark Atlanta University**, located in Atlanta, 1.5. miles from downtown was founded in 1865 by America Missionary Association. In 1869 became Clark College founded by the Methodist Episcopal church, which later became the United Methodist Church. It was named for Bishop Davis Wasgatt Clark, the first President of Freedman's Aid Society, and became Bishop 1864. Clark Atlanta University's main campus houses 37 buildings (including an art museum).

Submitted by:

*Janice M. Walker*, Education and Interpretation Coordinator  
North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women  
Education and Interpretation Coordinator







Every **generous** act of giving,  
with **every** perfect **gift**,  
is from the **Father**.

James 1:17a



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE FUTURE.**

**MAKE A SACRIFICIAL GIFT TODAY.**

**CONSIDER.....**

Your sacrificial gift can help us further support our four (4) National Mission Institutions!  
**Only \$1.33 per month, \$4.00 per quarter, or \$16.00 per member can help!**



<p><b>Step One-Pray</b></p> <p>Pray that God directs your plans. "Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and He will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:3</p>	<p><b>Step Two-Budget</b></p> <p>Decide on an amount you can give during the upcoming year. "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33</p>
<p><b>Step Three-Pledge</b></p> <p>Communicate your plans by committing to an additional sacrificial giving. "Whatever you do work at it with all your heart." Colossians 3:23</p>	<p><b>Step Four-Give</b></p> <p>Make your gift or set up a recurring donation. "God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19</p>



**Won't you consider a sacrificial giving of \$16.00 for 2020 to further assist our four (4) National Mission Institutions?**

**Sacrificial giving period: January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020**

**(\*\*Additional information forthcoming\*\*)**



# Welcome to the Team!



Committee on Nominations is pleased to welcome Bernadette Hartsfield to our team! We would also like to thank our conference executive team officers that will continue to use their talents and gifts as they begin their second term.

## Advent A Season of Hope & Expectation

During this Advent season, I think about the very 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas--the birth of Jesus—and the fact that God loved us so much He sent his only begotten Son to earth to redeem us. We have been charged to go out and make disciples and to love as He loves.

For 150 years UMW have been the hands and feet of Jesus; they have continued to live out their PURPOSE by putting faith, hope and love in action. A few years ago, I read the following in a UMW newsletter:

### **First Corinthians 13 for United Methodist Women**

Though I attend circle meetings and make the finest plans but have not love, there will be no growth or renewal for me. And though I make my pledge, participate in the Reading Program, and fill hygiene and birthing kits, but have no awareness of the UMW mission focus,

### **It is not enough...**

And if I spend many hours of “being involved” and become tense, nervous, and unkind with the strain and have no love or understanding of community, justice and global concerns,

### **It is still not enough...**

A United Methodist woman is patient and kind; does not betray trust when someone brings her their confidences, does not gossip; is not easily discouraged; does not behave in ways that are unworthy... but tries at all times to be a living example of the good way of life which Jesus gives.

### **Love never fails...**

Meetings will be attended and then forgotten. Yard sales, bake sales, teas, and luncheons will come and go. Mission projects will be initiated and completed. Even after all of these, we know only a little and we can pass on only a little but when we have love, then our efforts can become creative; and our influence will make a difference for someone... somewhere...

### **And now abide these three:**

*Commitment - Participation - Love*

### **But the greatest of these is Love!**

**Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Remember, Jesus is the Reason for the Season! Rejoice! A Savior is born!**

*Vanessa Warner*

North Georgia United Methodist Women  
Chair, Committee on Nominations



Vanessa Warner, Chairperson  
Committee on Nominations



## Thank you for your attendance at the 2019 mission u event.

We were honored to be hosted by the Fayetteville First United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, GA in July. We are also grateful to the facilitators who led the 3 studies:



### ♦ **Spiritual Growth: Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship**

- ⇒ Classes were facilitated by Rev. Juan Quintinilla (Spanish); Rev. Sang Jae Lee (Korean); Mary Anne Brannon, Rev. Kathy Morris and Rev. Eric Powell (English).
  - ◇ *Children's Study: Marked: A Mission Journey with Jesus in the Gospel of Mark* Sue and Terry Raymond and assistant Lauren Brecht facilitators.
  - ◇ *Youth Study: Who Do You Say That I Am? Meeting Jesus through the Eyes of Mark* Asti White, facilitator.

### ♦ **Special Publication: Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission**

- ⇒ Rev Paula Milo Moultrie and Deaconess Cindy Campbell, facilitators

### ♦ **Issue Study: What About Our Money? (Part 2)**

- ⇒ Varlyna Wright, facilitator

We appreciate the overwhelming participation and support we received from all over North Georgia. The willing to teach list is included in this issue of the Reflector and we hope you will reach out to one of those persons to provide the study in your district or local church.

The offering from Mission u was \$800.00 and it will be used to support missional efforts much like the mission institutions in the bounds of the North Georgia Conference and beyond.

The evaluations has been reviewed and many of those suggestions and/or changes will be reflected during the 2020 Mission u event.

The team is exploring the option of having 2 Mission u events for 2020:

- Our traditional overnight study on a college campus the weekend of July 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- And the addition of a 1 day event with multiple studies on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the metro Atlanta Area. This will address concerns of decreasing cost, eliminate the need for a prohibitive overnight stay for some, and reach new persons with our event based on locations and time frame. Stay tuned for the confirmation of location and cost in the upcoming communications.

The Mission u team welcomes new leadership in 2020: *Dean Deaconess Jennifer Boydston* and *Assistant Dean National Program Advisory Group Member Ariel Murphy*. Please continue to support them with your presence, feedback and your prayers.

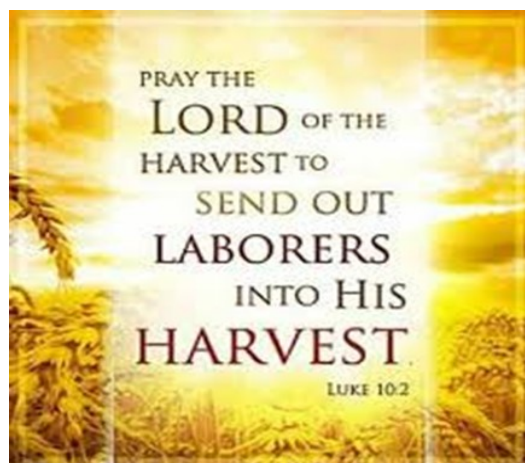
Thank you for your love and support as we continue our journey with United Methodist Women providing educational experiences that lead to personal change in order to transform the world for Jesus Christ.

*Tonya Murphy*

Dean Mission u



Tonya Murphy, Mission u Dean



### 2019 Mission u Studies: Willing to Teach

Study Name	Name	Home Church Info	Email	Phone
150 Yrs	Kemberling, Tami	Fayetteville 1st UMC		
150 Yrs	Evans, Jackie	Connections & Metropolitan UMC	<a href="mailto:jacquelynaevans@gmail.com">jacquelynaevans@gmail.com</a>	404.922.2734
150 Yrs	Solomon, Bobby	Elizabeth Lee UMC Chickamauga	<a href="mailto:bobbysolomon@windstream.net">bobbysolomon@windstream.net</a>	706.764.1991
Practicing Resurrection - Mark	Strong, Gayle	Union Chapel UMC	<a href="mailto:fgaylestrong55@gmail.com">fgaylestrong55@gmail.com</a>	770.912.9284
Practicing Resurrection - Mark	Livingston, Faye	Fayetteville 1st UMC	<a href="mailto:fayecl@mindspring.com">fayecl@mindspring.com</a>	770.401.9761
Practicing Resurrection - Mark	Ragland, Mary	Connections & Metropolitan UMC	<a href="mailto:Rmarygoldragland@aol.com">Rmarygoldragland@aol.com</a>	404.933.7914 cell 404.243.6844 home
Practicing Resurrection - Mark	Cartwright, Carolyn	teach at home church only	<a href="mailto:cmarch10@aol.com">cmarch10@aol.com</a>	770.460.1214
Practicing Resurrection - Mark	Gallaher, Janice	NW District (Elizabth Lee Chickamauga)	<a href="mailto:jmgallaher@juno.com">jmgallaher@juno.com</a>	423.653.5424
Practicing Resurrection - Mark	Brannon, Mary Ann			
(Spanish) Practicing Resurrection	Martinez, Irma	Norcross First UMC		404.207.9145
(Spanish) Practicing Resurrection	Engleton, Alberto	Norcross First UMC	<a href="mailto:AlbertoEngleton@yahoo.com">AlbertoEngleton@yahoo.com</a>	
150 Yrs	Green, Iris	Snellville UMC		404.704.6584
150 Yrs	Wright, Gloria	Covington First UMC	<a href="mailto:gbfwright@gmail.com">gbfwright@gmail.com</a>	678.862.2756
Practicing Resurrection - Mark	Ruger, Cassie	Clifton UMC	<a href="mailto:cassieruger1949@gmail.com">cassieruger1949@gmail.com</a>	404.819.1086
Practicing Resurrection - Mark	Taylor, Cande	Carrollton First UMC	<a href="mailto:candet53@gmail.com">candet53@gmail.com</a>	770.265.4518
Practicing Resurrection - Mark	Neal, Claudette		<a href="mailto:claudette915@aol.com">claudette915@aol.com</a>	678.516.6895
150 Yrs	Landrum, Angelia	Moore's Chapel UMC	<a href="mailto:areneelandrum@gmail.com">areneelandrum@gmail.com</a>	
150 Yrs	Stroup, L. Susan	Kresge UMC Cedartown	<a href="mailto:LSusanStroup@gmail.com">LSusanStroup@gmail.com</a>	
150 Yrs	Riccardi, Nancy	Fayetteville 1st UMC		
150 Yrs	Cannon, Mary	Ousley UMC	<a href="mailto:jmacannon3@gmail.com">jmacannon3@gmail.com</a>	
150 Yrs	Saunders, Martha	teach at home church only	<a href="mailto:masaunders1930@gmail.com">masaunders1930@gmail.com</a>	
150 Yrs	Riccardi, Nancy	Fayetteville 1st UMC	<a href="mailto:nsr1528@gmail.com">nsr1528@gmail.com</a>	770.715.3758
Practicing Resurrection - Mark	Lacy, Nadine		<a href="mailto:nlacy@bellsouth.net">nlacy@bellsouth.net</a>	770.428.3585
Practicing Resurrection - Mark	Savage, Marilyn		<a href="mailto:marilyn.savage@bellsouth.net">marilyn.savage@bellsouth.net</a>	770.402.8662
Practicing Resurrection - Mark	Jefferson, Carla		<a href="mailto:cjefferson69.cj@gmail.com">cjefferson69.cj@gmail.com</a>	678.365.1299
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# Mission u

Learning Together for Transformation of the World



## New\$ From Around the Conference.....



The United Methodist Women of ADOX District are Bold in serving their Community.

Mountain Park ladies during the summer months feed school age children in the Stone Mountain Area through their Lunches of Love Program. Zoar ladies are always hard at work in the Women's Community Kitchen, providing hot meal for a hungry soul. They also helped at the Impact Warehouse. In November, other ladies went to help at the Impact Warehouse for an UBUNTU project.



Special thanks to Sue and Terry Raymond for their tremendous service in overseeing such a vast task at the Impact Warehouse.

Cedar Grove ladies are living out the Purpose of Knowing God, through Retreats. Snellville ladies collected children's coats and hoodies which were distributed to the Elementary Schools in the area, just in time for the cold weather. Ousley ladies continue to provide much needed items for residents of Brannon Towers. In October at our Annual Meeting items were collected for the residents of Brannon Towers.

It has been and continues to be a wonderful year for ADOX ladies, as we serve God through serving and loving those in need.

*Iris Green*

ADOX Communications Coordinator



### Augusta District

We are so thankful for Nancy Gallagher and the time she has served the Augusta District UMW. Nancy is retiring from the treasurer job this year. We will miss you Nancy but we hope that you use the opportunity to serve in new ways for the Kingdom.

Submitted by:

*Jennifer Cheedy*

Augusta District President







The Augusta district United Methodist women ended the 2019 year with a celebration of 150 years of women in mission at Milledgeville First United Methodist Church. The Annual Meeting was hosted by the gracious ladies of the UMW unit. There was a time period fashion show and many units shared their history. Reverend Janet Cavin was the speaker. At this meeting we honored the retiring treasurer for the district, Nancy Gallagher. Nancy has served the Augusta district United Methodist women for over 20 years. Thank you to all who attended. Thank you to the ladies of Milledgeville First for hosting. A special thank you to Nancy Gallagher for her service! For 2020 The United Methodist women plan to have a Spring meeting March 28 at Mistletoe State Park. We are looking forward to continuing to serve the Augusta district through the efforts of United Methodist women.

### RECIPIENTS OF DORIS PAUL AWARD AT NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE UMW ANNUAL MEETING - OCTOBER 5



The Late Doris B. Paul dedicated her life, "Making the Mission of the UMW Happen." Women of all ages joined the UMW organization due to Doris leadership skills, support for missions and friendship. She worked to increase the knowledge of the women's missionary movement, the rights for ordained clergy women, taught mission studies and advocated for issues that involved women children and youth.



Addie Shopshire-Rolle - ACPK Charlie Mae Humphreys - AMRY Lola Parks - ACPK

### DORIS PAUL PURPOSE AWARD

The Doris Paul PURPOSE Award was created at the late Carl Paul's request to honor women who lived out the UMW PURPOSE in outstanding ways. Carl Paul donated fifty Special Mission Recognition (SMR) pins from the collection of his late wife, Doris Paul. In an effort to continue the legacy of the PURPOSE exemplified by Doris Paul, Tonya Murphy (former Conference President), along with the Administrative committee, wrote the qualifications for lay/clergy women to be nominated for this award. The late Doris Paul was special to a lot of us and transformed many lives. Doris exemplified what it means to be a United Methodist Women. The Special Mission Recognition pin will be given to women (lay/clergy) who have followed in Doris' footsteps in living out the PURPOSE.

- Being part of the community of women
- Knowing God
- Developing a creative supportive fellowship

Colossians 3:12&14

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.





## GRIFFIN DISTRICT UMW

Submitted by:

*Alice Smith*, President Griffin District United Methodist Women

### *Ending 'School to Prison Pipeline' requires commitment of all.*

Griffin District United Methodist Women focused on the "School to Prison Pipeline" at their annual meeting Nov. 9 at Christ UMC in Forsyth.

The speaker was Pamela Perkins Carn, one of the original conveners of the End Mass Incarceration Georgia Network and former director of the Interfaith Children's Movement. She described educational, societal and criminal justice factors that are forcing children out of school at an early age. As a result, they end up on the streets or under jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system.

In one year, she said, 15,000 pre-K through third graders were suspended in Georgia. "We start early telling children you don't belong here," she said. "It only takes five days [out of school] to change a child's attitude about school, for a child to develop a negative attitude toward school."

Factors contributing to the pipeline, she said, are lack of an early educational system that benefits all children, zero tolerance discipline policies in schools, income disparities and the high number of low-income families in the state and high-stakes testing.



Pamela Perkins Carn speaks to Griffin District United Methodist Women at their annual meeting

Those children most severely affected by the pipeline are children of color, poor children, children with learning disabilities and increasingly children with LGBTQ tendencies. Of these groups, African American boys are the most adversely impacted.

"We have to come together and work together," she said. "We all have a role in ensuring that our children have what they need."

United Methodist Women is a natural group to take up this challenge, since we have many educators in our midst, many of us are mothers, and our faith requires us to respond to those in need.

One of the ways Griffin District United Methodist Women has assisted those children caught in the pipeline is by collecting undergarments and socks for the clothes closet operated by the Office of Reentry Services for youth exiting the Macon Youth Detention Center. They are either going back to school or to work, and the appropriate clothing helps instill confidence in them.

Attendees to the annual meeting brought a huge amount of under-clothing and socks and gave generously to an offering designated for the closet to buy pants, shirts, tops, etc. in specific sizes to fit specific needs. The offering totaled \$600 (\$540 collected that day, with an additional contribution of \$60 from the district).

"On behalf of the Office of Reentry Services of the Department of Juvenile Justice, we are so grateful for the contribution the Griffin District of United Methodist Women has given," said Sade Winchester Parks, a coordinator for the reentry services program. "We will be able to provide the necessary clothing resources for the youth in need due to your organization."

In another exciting event at the annual meeting, Colleen Fryza, social action coordinator, announced that Georgia Senator David Perdue has issued a proclamation congratulating United Methodist Women on their 150th anniversary.

"The United Methodist Women have made an incredible impact over the last 150 years," he said. "I applaud the efforts this organization has made to improve the lives of those in your community, across the country and around the world. I look forward to many more years of continued service."

Following the annual meeting and worship service, local church officers gathered for leadership development led by district officers.



Nine large shopping bags of socks and underclothes were collected for the clothes closet associated with the Macon Youth Detention Center. Since each packet that was donated had multiple items, these donations included hundreds of pairs of socks, briefs, panties and other items for boys and girls.





## Your help is needed

The Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform, created by the Georgia General Assembly in 2011 under the leadership of Gov. Nathan Deal, passed several criminal and juvenile justice reform measures that made Georgia a national leader in justice reform efforts.

Now the 2020 General Assembly is being asked to extend this council under the leadership of Gov. Brian Kent. Please show your support of this action by:

- ♦ Calling the governor's office at 404-656-1776
- ♦ Emailing a message to [georgia.governor@gov.state.ga.us](mailto:georgia.governor@gov.state.ga.us)
- ♦ Mailing a letter to: Brian P. Kemp, Office of the Governor, 206 Washington Street, State Capitol, Site 203, Atlanta, GA 30334.

## LAGRANGE DISTRICT UMW

Submitted by:

*Nancy Ricciardi*, LaGrange District Communications Coordinator



On November 9th fifteen LaGrange District United Methodist Women took a trip to Montgomery, AL to learn more about racial justice. We spent the morning touring the Legacy Museum which is actually located on a site where tens of thousands of slaves were warehoused, auctioned just a block away, and then sent away through docks on the Alabama River or a nearby rail station. The Equal Justice Initiative started by Bryan Stevenson has conducted extensive research into the story of how slavery has evolved. When slavery was abolished by the Emancipation Proclamation tactics changed for keeping blacks out of main stream America. Convict leasing, lynching, and other forms of racial

terrorism forced millions of blacks to flee for safety to the north and west. Civil rights progress in the 1960's did not end the injustice. The tactics just evolved into our current criminal justice system where mass incarceration devastates the black community mostly hidden as the "Drug War" and "Get Tough on Crime" rhetoric. After lunch we toured the National Memorial for Peace and Justice with over 800 six-foot monuments each representing a county where documented lynchings occurred. Names of thousands of lynching victims are inscribed on these huge columns. Unfortunately, each county in our district is represented in this memorial. It was a disturbing day to learn the truth about racial injustice in our country, but it is truth all of us need to face and use to make change from this point forward. The United Methodist Women's Charter for Racial Justice acknowledges that "racism is a rejection of the teachings of Jesus Christ" and encourages us to work for a more inclusive society. I know there are fifteen women in our district wanting justice. We shed tears over what we learned, had frank discussions about harsh realities, and mourned the tremendous number of senseless losses that have too long been swept under the rug. Apartheid in South Africa and the Holocaust in Germany have been acknowledged and memorialized for the world to see, but this dark shadow of American history must be lifted by the truth if equal justice is to be truly experienced. There is far more information than we could wrap our minds and hearts around in just one day. I encourage each of you to make this disturbing but enlightening trip on your journey to embrace equal justice for all.





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## 2020 North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women Logo

(Logo based on the National United Methodist Women 2020 Program Calendar)



*Let Your Light Shine*

*before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*  
Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

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**April 17-19, 2020 • Mobile, Alabama**  
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**ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE:**

Website <http://www.umwsej.org/registration>



## **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.

## North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women

# Scholarship Application Form



The Southeastern Jurisdiction (SEJ) United Methodist Women will award three scholarships in the amount of \$200.00 each to attend the 2020 SEJ Quadrennial Meeting Assembly. To apply for scholarship assistance, you must be a member of the United Methodist Women within the North Georgia Conference and **1) A woman who have never attended the SEJ Quadrennial meetings OR 2) A newly retired United Methodist Women member OR 3) A United Methodist Women member under age 40.** Women will be asked to write an article and share their experience at a Conference event.

**Please complete this application form, provide all requested information and send the completed form to: Tryphenia Speed 4412 Wesleyan Pointe Decatur, GA 30034 or email to [spee2422@bellsouth.net](mailto:spee2422@bellsouth.net)**

Scholarship applications **must be received by December 31, 2019** to be considered. Scholarship recipients will be notified by January 15, 2020. Proof of registration will be required before the funds are released.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Clearly

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Area code & number

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

The following three questions are asked to give us an understanding of your interest and involvement in United Methodist Women and Community. (use the back for additional space)

1. What responsibilities have you had in your Church, Community or School?

2. What local, district or conference events have you attended?

3. What are your expectations of attending the SEJ Quadrennial meeting?





## Calling u... To Celebrate

### Southeastern Jurisdiction United Methodist Women Quadrennial

### April 17 – 19, 2020 - Mobile, Alabama



**ONLINE REGISTRATION:** Website: <http://www.umwsej.org/registration>

**LOCATION OF SEJ EVENT:** Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel - 64 South Water Street, Mobile, Alabama. Phone direct to the hotel: 251-438-4000 or the 800 number: 1-800-922-3298 (A block of rooms has been reserved until March 15, 2020.)

**COST OF ROOMS:** \$129 plus tax per room Friday through Saturday night. When making reservations to receive this special rate you must mention **Southeastern Jurisdiction United Methodist Women**.

**REGISTRATION:** Early Bird Registration **cost** is: \$185 per person - deadline for early bird registration is December 1, 2019. After Dec. 1, 2019 will be: \$210. After March 2 there is a late fee of \$25 for a total of \$235. Registration closes March 15, 2020. Registration refund: 50% up to March 15, 2020. NO REFUNDS after March 15, 2019

**CHECK IN:** 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. in the lobby of the hotel on Friday, April 17, 2020. Persons arriving after 6:00 p.m. on Friday should make prior arrangements with Registrar, Gertrude Stewart. Registration will continue on Saturday from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m.

**MISSION EVENT:** Ubuntu Day will be a workday at Dumas Wesley Community Center Departing from the hotel at 9:30 a.m. on Friday - returning to the hotel about 2:30. There is a \$35 fee to be paid during Online Registration. If your conference would like to donate items to this United Methodist Women supported facility I have listed a few items as suggestions for the Sybil Smith Apartments (there are 17 apartments for single parents with children to live for up to 2 years while they are learning parenting skills, work skills, money management skills, etc.)

**CRITICAL NEEDS:** dish sets, flatware sets, pots/pans sets, garbage can (kitchen), knife sets, twin comforters, pillows, bathmats, towels, washcloths, hand towels shower curtains, toilet paper, trash bags, storage/organizer for clothes.

**NON-CRITICAL NEEDS:** aluminum foil, zip-lock bags, coffee filters, paper towels, potholders, measuring spoons, measuring cups, kid's sippy cups, can opener, coffee pot, pitcher, mops/brooms and trash bags to name a few.

**WORKSHOPS:** We will be offering 10 different workshops with great leaders! Check them out at our registration site.

**SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION LEGACY COOKBOOK:** The cookbook will be available for purchase at registration. This cookbook will have approximately 20-25 recipes from each conference, and it will also include a brief history of each conference. Cost at registration will be \$15 - at the event: \$20. All proceeds will go to the Legacy Fund Campaign.

**MEALS:** Meals included area box lunch and the dinner banquet on Saturday. You are responsible for any other meals. The hotel will have several Kiosk stations in the hotel as well as the restaurant located in the hotel. There are several restaurants in the close vicinity of the hotel.

**PARKING:** The hotel has a parking garage. We have a special rate of \$8 per day (you must mention the SEJUMW event. You cannot go in or out without paying each time. For Charter buses there is parking space available in the adjoining convention center as a cost of \$25 per day.

**TRAVEL:** At Online Registration, your mode of travel, your arrival and departure times must be included. Airport shuttle to and from the airport is complimentary. You must notify the Registrar, Gertrude Stewart if you will be using the shuttle.

**ONSITE CHILDCARE:** Childcare for ages 2 years to 10 years will be available during the times we are in session at a cost of \$50 per child. Snacks and juice include. No meals.

**LOCAL SITES/THINGS TO DO:** The Mobile area has numerous world-class attractions including: The USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park, Bellingrath Gardens and Home, and the Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center. Carnival Fantasy offers year-round voyages from Mobile to exotic ports in the Western Caribbean to include Cozumel, Progreso and Costa Maya. In addition to sight-seeing opportunities, Mobile has numerous locally owned popular restaurants featuring fresh caught gulf seafood that are nearby and convenient to the hotel. Go to: [meetinmobile.org](http://meetinmobile.org) for more information about local attractions.

**THE MOBILE REGIONAL AIRPORT:** is served by Delta Airlines, US Airways, American and United Airlines that offer daily non-stops from Atlanta, Charlotte, Dallas, Houston and Chicago. There are 40+ daily flights.

# North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women Calendar 2019-2020

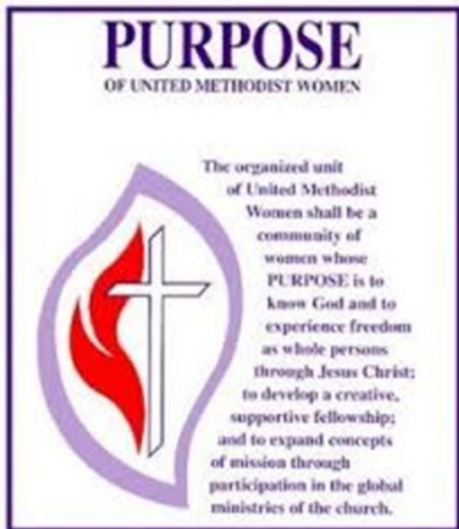
Event	2019	Location	2020	Location
Program/CON Executive			January 11	Central UMC (ACPK)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Overnight Meeting	Jan 12	Collinswood	N/A	
Finance/E & I			February 15	Columbia Drive UMC (ADOX)
Limitless Event			February 29	Cascade UMC (ACPK)
Faith, Fun, Everyone	N/A		March 7	Winder 1 <sup>st</sup> UMC (Athens Elberton)
Program/CON Executive	Apr 13	Dunwoody UMC (AROS)	April 4	Embry Hills UMC (AMRY)
Spiritual Growth Event/Social Action		Rock Eagle Eatonton, GA	N/A	
Assembly	N/A		SEJ April 17-19	Mobile, AL
NGC Annual Conference	Jun	Classic Center Athens	June 18-20	Classic Center Athens
UMW Breakfast	Jun	Classic Center, Athens	June 19	Classic Center Athens
Mission u	Jul 26-27	Fayetteville UMC Fayetteville, GA	July 10-11	Reinhardt College Waleska, Georgia
CON/Program Executive	Jul 13	Cascade UMC (ACPK)	July 18	New Bethlehem Center Augusta, GA
Annual Meeting	Oct 5	Dunwoody UMC (AROS)	October 3	Embry Hills UMC (AMRY)
Program Committee	Oct 10	Teleconference	October 8	Teleconference
Leadership Development/ Executive Meeting	Nov 2	Sandy Springs UMC (AROS)	November 7	Carrollton 1 <sup>st</sup> UMC (ROCA)
<b>District Presidents' Annual Reports Due to Conference Officers</b>	<b>July 17</b>		<b>July 24</b>	
<b>Reports Due to Conference V.P.</b>			<b>August 1</b>	
<b>District Officers &amp; Dates Due to Secretary</b>	<b>November 1</b>		<b>November 1</b>	

Ubuntu Day of Service to be determined by each District

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