

# The Reflector

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## Let your Light Shine in 2020

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Tryphenia Speed  
NGUMW Conference President

The year 2020 has much in store for the United Methodist Women members of the North Georgia Conference. I believe through prayer with faith, hope and love in action it will be a great year. The scripture for the 2020 theme is **Matthew 8:16**. I also like John 8:12 ... "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Both of these scripture gives us the inspiration for allowing our lives to light the way for others.

This edition of The Reflector, as with all of our newsletter, has lots of great information for 2020. Ways in which you can demonstrate your love in action. I hope you will read the entire newsletter, pray and determine where you need to put love into action. Some of the articles for your action:

- ⇒ Tabs Campaign- Climate Justices
- ⇒ People on the Margin – Climate Justices
- ⇒ Interrupting School to Prison Pipeline – Save-the-Date
- ⇒ UMW National Scholarship – Share with someone
- ⇒ Theresa Hoover Awards -Share with someone
- ⇒ Legacy Fund – March 23, 2020
- ⇒ 2020 Annual Conference UMCOR Kit – Climate Justices

**Legacy Giving Update-** The Legacy Fund is currently at **\$31,068.959** and growing. The endowment is performing well, already bringing in over **\$4.9** million in interest. As a permanently invested endowment, The Legacy Fund will forever be a source of income for United Methodist Women. We will continue to fundraise, promote, and grow the fund to reach and surpass our \$60 million goal by securing major gifts, 1869 Society Planned Gifts, monthly Legacy Builder pledges and gifts to Every Member Campaign. Mission giving must always come first because it supports all of the current mission and advocacy work United Methodist Women are doing as an organization. The Legacy Fund Endowment is money for the future. Proceeds from the invested funds will endow future core expenses so that even more can be directed to support and grow vital mission work throughout our country and world.

United Methodist Women is here for the long-haul, turning our faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth today – and building a foundation for the next 150 years. Let me know, if you need additional information or have questions on the Legacy Fund.

**UMCOR Kit** – As you know, relief supply kits help provide care for the most vulnerable during times of crisis. The North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women's initiative focus for 2020 is Climate Justices and in keeping with the focus, the 2020 UMCOR kit for Annual Conference is the cleaning kit. We are asking members and supporters to bring supplies to prepare cleaning kits. **Do Not bring assembled kits in buckets because of the limitations to handle at Annual Conference.** Some of the most needed items are: 4-8 oz pump spray air freshener, solid Glade style air freshener are also acceptable, 6-14 pump spray insect repellent, and pump spray bottles with protective covers. A list of all items for the kits can be found at: <https://www.umcmision.org/umcor/serve/relief-supply-network/cleaning-kit>

**Let's take action to help the Creation, to help women, children and youth. See you soon at United Methodist Women Event!**

Blessings,

*Tryphenia*



## Greetings!

Our theme for this year is **Let Your Light Shine** with the corresponding bible verse from Matthew 5:16 (NIV), **"Let your light shine before others, that may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."**



Stephanie Dressler, Vice President  
North Georgia Conference UMW

There are many references to light throughout the Old and New Testaments. Light helps dispel darkness, reveals injustice, and brings hope. Where have we seen God's light shine in and around us? How can we shine a light on issues in our world that cause anxiety on a daily basis? How can we expose evil and bring abundant life to neighborhoods and those on the margins? Where are we seeing God's presence in the midst of darkness? What spiritual disciplines nourish/bring light to our souls? Please keep these questions in mind this year as you go about the work of United Methodist Women.

As I write this article, we are in the final week of preparations for the Limitless Event at Cascade UMC on February 29 and Faith, Fun & Everyone at Winder 1<sup>st</sup> on March 7, and looking forward to the Southeastern Jurisdiction meeting in April in Mobile, AL. Hopefully you will be joining us for at least one of these events.

Please also plan to join us in Athens, Ga on June 19 (a Friday this year) for the Annual United Methodist Women's breakfast. Registration will be available in April, but please put this on your calendar now and plan to join us.

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*Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*  
-Philippians 2:4

By the grace of God, we are being transformed through Christ, we are called to obey the Lord and follow His example by walking in humility and love toward each other for the sake of unity. As you know, United Methodist Women has made a commitment to make a sacrificial gift to further the support of 4 National Missions Institutions. Our goal is to work together to carry out Christ's mission for the glory and praise of God. We ask that you join us in donating (\$16.00/member) to help the following Institutions, as they continue to do great work by serving people in the community.

**Clark Atlanta University** has made great strides in addressing complex social problems and improving the quality of life for children and families in the community. <https://www.cau.edu/>

**Paine College** mission is to not only focus on academic excellence and ethical values, but also helps to develop spiritually-center young adults for positions of leadership and service. The College is committed to being of service to those in the surrounding community. <https://www.paine.edu/web/mycampus/home>

**Murphy-Harpst** is a non-profit organization committed to providing a nurturing and safe environment, treatments and programs for abused and neglected children and youth in the community, putting each on a path leading to productive lives. <http://murphyharpst.org/>

**New Bethlehem Community Center** provides services and programs to improve the quality of life for those in the community facing challenging situations. <https://www.facebook.com/New-Bethlehem-Community-Center-Inc-510419395636160/>

## Our 2020 Mission Studies:

Spiritual Growth Study: **Finding Peace in Anxious World**  
Spiritual Growth Youth Study: **Managing Anxiety**  
Spiritual Growth Children's Study: **Managing Our Emotions**  
Issue Study: **Push Out - The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools**  
Special Publication: **Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission**

## SAVE THE DATES | MISSION U:

- ⇒ July 11 -12, 2020 Reinhardt University
- ⇒ July 26, 2020 Korean Atlanta UMC



*Janice Walker*  
Education and Interpretation Coordinator  
North Georgia Conference UMW





## THE LEGACY FUND ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN



L. Susan Stroup, Treasurer  
North Georgia Conference UMW

**Save the Date**  
**Let's continue our United Methodist Women legacy of**  
**mission and service**  
**on Day of Giving, March 23, 2020!**

[www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150)

From the beginning, United Methodist Women members have led the way in countless endeavors. Our membership is comprised of women from all backgrounds and experiences, compelled by their Christian faith to serve and lead in places near and far and in ways never imagined.

This includes tutoring children and youth in after-school programs, volunteering at community food pantries, teaching Bible Study in churches, visiting the infirmed in hospitals, advocating against legislation and policies that marginalize women and children, and supporting the 100 National Mission Institutions in the United States and the 107 international organizations in 110 countries that provide a pathway to healthy, productive and empowered living. The reach and presence of United Methodist Women is felt far and wide, efforts having a deep and lasting impact on the lives of women, children and youth each and every day.

This is what distinguishes United Methodist Women from other organizations, and attests to its longevity and relevance, today and especially in the years to come.

### WAYS TO GIVE

- **Online** [unitedmethodistwomen.org/150](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/150)
- **Phone** 800-278-7771  
Answered 8 am - 6 pm EST, Monday - Friday
- **Text** 41444 and enter "Legacy150" in the message
- **Check** Make check payable to:  
United Methodist Women  
Attn: Development, Legacy Fund  
475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor  
New York, NY 10115  
Write **"Day of Giving"** in the memo

- **Become a Legacy Builder** - \$18.69 per month <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/donate/legacybuilder>

***Please send your donation directly to national and not through your District Treasurer.***

*L. Susan Stroup*

North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women Treasurer  
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## Greetings From Your Spiritual Growth Coordinator!

Hello Dear Friends,

As we are moving into the season of Lent, I hope and pray that all is well with you and all of the women in your district and your local churches. This is the special time of the year when we reflect on Jesus and his life, sacrificial death and resurrection. It is a time to spend more time with God and to reconnect with Jesus Christ. Consequently, this will allow us to grow closer to Him every day. We need to be intentional about finding time to be with God every day with our devotions, reading the Bible, studying, and praying. I pray that this will be a meaningful time for you as you seek God in a very special way.



*Carolyn Lee Wilson*  
Spiritual Growth Coordinator

I am looking forward to seeing you and your friends as we gather for our upcoming events in United Methodist Women. These events include our Faith, Fun, and Everyone Event on March 7 at Winder UMC, Annual Conference at the Classic Center in Athens on June 18-20, and our North Georgia United Methodist Women's Breakfast at Annual Conference on June 19. In July, we will have our Mission u on July 10-11 at Reinhardt University and a special one-day Mission u event on July 25 at the Korean Church of Atlanta in Duluth.

Please continue to pray for our church, for United Methodist Women, and for women, children, and youth all around the world. Lord, hear our prayers.

Please remember to keep our North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women's theme in your hearts, your minds, and your prayers:

**"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN."**

*Matthew 5:16*

*May God bless you in all that you do as you let your light shine!  
Blessings to you.*



*Carolyn Lee Wilson* Spiritual Growth Coordinator  
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## Become School to Prison Pipeline Disruptors

### Do Your Part to Help Children Succeed!

Join the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women and Project Transformation North Georgia  
May 2, 2020 from 9AM - noon at Cascade United Methodist Church, 3144 Cascade Rd SW, Atlanta, GA 30311

Learn what SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) can do to:

- keep kids engaged and learning
- reduce disciplinary infractions in schools, and
- lessen kids' chances of getting caught up in the "school to prison pipeline"

SEL curricula, together with engagement and advocacy by parents, teachers, and concerned citizens, can improve school climate and student success.



**School should lead to meaningful,  
productive lives!**





Nadine Lacy, Coordinator  
Membership, Nurture Outreach

## Greetings to you all,

Praying you are well and enjoying this brand New Year of 2020. Busy start to the year with a lot going on in the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women.

By the time you read this newsletter, we will be in March and Census for 2019 deadline of March 30, 2020 will be fast approaching. It is my hope

that most of our local units have already completed the Census and are counted. If you have not, please put that on your to do list and don't let your Unit be left out. I look forward to see those numbers growing for our Mission Outreach. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me and I would love to help you with any concerns or questions you might have.

In the meantime, we had our **Limitless event** planned especially for our ladies age 14-40 at Cascade UMC on February 29th. Praying that we will be able to report a record attendance for that day. Lots of planning and hard work has been devoted to this event's planning and implementation. Thanks to **Deloris Carhee** for her willingness to serve as coordinator for this event.

**Faith Fun for Everyone** will be held on March 7th at Winder United Methodist Church and I look forward to seeing many of you there to learn, fellowship and play together. It is going to be a great event. There will also be great food as always.

**Blessings to each of you and for all you do in our North Georgia UMW to fulfill our Purpose.**

*Nadine Lacy* Membership Nurture Outreach Coordinator  
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The Mission Coordinator for Membership, Nurture and Outreach helps members of the Local UMW see great Opportunities:



SPIRITUAL GROWTH



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



INVOLVEMENT IN MISSION  
PARTICIPATION IN STUDY AND  
SOCIAL ACTION

## Calling u...To Celebrate

We're Calling u... to enjoy exciting workshops!

We're Calling u... to enjoy great music!

We're Calling u... to celebrate 150 years of service to the United Methodist Women.

This and so much more awaits you at the United Methodist Women's 2020 Southeastern Jurisdiction event April 17-19, 2020 at the Renaissance Riverfront Hotel in 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



# NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

## Greetings Sisters in Christ,

The North Georgia Conference Committee on Nominations has begun the process of reviewing qualified leaders for conference level positions to begin January 1, 2021. Positions to be filled will include President, Secretary, Spiritual Growth, Communications, Chair of Nominations, and 3 members of Committee on Nominations. We need your help in identifying these potential leaders. Please feel free to submit your name or recommend someone you know. Persons should have a passion in missions for women, children and youth. Nominations and recommendations need to be submitted to the committee prior to **March 31, 2020**. You may contact me or any member of the Nominating Committee with your recommendation or for additional information.



Thank you for continuing to put your Love in Action and being the hands and feet of Jesus. As I reflect on our theme for this year, continue to let your light shine and walk in the light.

Praying God's many blessings upon each of you!

*Vanessa B. Warner*

Chairperson, Committee on Nominations

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Thank you Ben Hill and Newnan Chapel for inviting me to be a part of your programs!



Happy 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday!  
Ms. Dorothy Shockley  
March 1, 2020  
(Vanessa Warner pictured  
with Ms. Shockley)



Ben Hill Prayer and Self-Denial with  
Installation of Officers



Newnan Chapel Annual Women Day



## Dear Sisters,

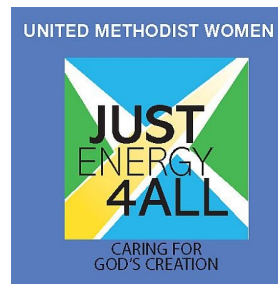
Beginning this year, our Social Action focus is **Just Energy for All**. Although we have not and should not forget the remaining campaigns for this quadrennial (school to prison pipeline, living wage for all and maternal mortality), I will direct most of my attention to learning as much as I can on matters concerning creation care and climate justice. The Just Energy focus involves many points: sustainability, conservation, energy consumption, environmental hazards, climate change and other problems that affect and upset the balance of God's greatest creation...the earth and all things in it.

I have come to understand that all of the campaign issues which we've focused have roads leading to creation care. We have wounded the earth and must now do all we can to repair, replenish and restore it for our children, grandchildren and future generations.

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

*For the Beauty of the Earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies.*

*Christ, our Lord, to you we raise  
This, our hymn of grateful praise.*



Jessica Godfrey  
Social Action Coordinator

\*Holy God, you are known among your people by many names. Yet all of us share this precious, sacred and fragile planet. Unite us in this work of protecting this place we call home. Amen.

Let's do this work together. The UMW website has a wealth of information to aid your efforts.  
<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/action>

**Peace and love,**

*Jessica Godfrey*, Social Action Coordinator  
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\*Prayer taken from "For the Beauty of the Earth, A Lenten Devotion by Leah D. Schade

2020 is our year as UMW to delve into learning and actions relating to creation care and climate and environmental justice.

This event is featured in the NG Conference Weekly Update. I'm sure you will come away empowered and yearning to learn and do more to protect the earth and all God's people in it!

Will you join me as we pray... learn ... act ... together!

**Creation Care: Decatur First UMC to Host Environmental Justice Series - March 5 - April 9**

*What is a fenceline community? Who lives there? What are their special concerns?*

Decatur First UMC will host a 6-part series from March to April featuring leading environmental justice advocates in the state. The focus will be on issues faced by "fenceline communities," those that border electric plants, chemical plants, and other industries. Energy, food access, racism, advocacy, and faith will be covered in this series.

The series will start Thursday, March 5, and run every Thursday through April 9 at 7:00 pm.



Who lives in a fenceline community? What challenges do they face that other communities don't face?

Join Decatur First UMC  
Creation Care team and the United Methodist Women  
as these topics are explored in a 6 part series on  
justice, racism, and the environment



**March 5** – Faith & the Community  
*Whitney Brown, Georgia Interfaith Power & Light*



**March 12** – Energy Equity  
*Eriqah Vincent, Partnership for Southern Equity*



**March 19** – Environmental Racism  
*Dr. Mildred McClain, Partnership for Southern Equity*



**March 26** – Fenceline Grass Roots Advocacy  
*Lindsay Harper, Georgia WAND*



**April 2** – Food  
*Natasha Dyer, Atlanta Office of Resiliency*



**April 9** – Water  
*Dr. Jacqueline Echols, South River Watershed Alliance*

**7:00 pm - Room 209**

**Decatur First United Methodist Church**  
**300 Ponce De Leon Avenue**  
**Decatur, GA 30030**

[www.decaturfirst.org](http://www.decaturfirst.org)

Questions? [bethbond007@hotmail.com](mailto:bethbond007@hotmail.com) or [seawater@gsu.edu](mailto:seawater@gsu.edu)

**JUSTICE  
FOR ALL**



## North Georgia United Methodist Women start new program to raise awareness on Climate Change

*<sup>41</sup> Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. <sup>42</sup> But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. <sup>43</sup> Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. <sup>44</sup> They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on." (Mark 12:41-44)*

Often, when faced with great challenges, we ask ourselves what can I do? We feel too small to make a contribution that feels significant. As Christians, we have hope instilled in us by our faith which is so wonderfully expressed in Mark 12:41-44. We know everyone must do their part regardless of size. It all counts!

As United Methodist Women, we have been working on Climate Justice for the past quadrennium, but recently the news of global warming has become all too frequent. We all want to do something more and there are plenty of actions we can take. That is why this new program **Tabs for Creation** is a small but meaningful step in raising awareness in UMW Units and Circles. The program also provides a way to involve the whole church and engage children in your church.

### So what is Tabs for Creation?

It is a new program for UMW to collect aluminum tabs to be recycled. Aluminum tabs use the most aluminum by weight in cans. Plus, they are small and easy to ship. They don't involve the burden of collecting cans which can be messy and dirty. Benefits of participating in the program include: educating our local UMW unit and churches on recycling and other issues, reduce the energy needed to make new aluminum, reduce carbon footprint of mining new aluminum, and help make people aware that recycling is still important despite recent news. In fact, using recycled aluminum reduces 80% of the energy used to create new packaging. That's a huge impact. Bonus, aluminum tabs are valuable. By collecting tabs we can raise funds for the UMW Climate Change efforts!



### So what does it involve?

UMW members start collecting aluminum tabs. Have members bring them to unit or circle meetings. Ask the church if you can set-up a collection container. Children love the hide and seek aspect of finding tabs to collect. So maybe place a container on the Sunday School floor or have them collect each Sunday in Sunday School. Make this a church wide activity. Bring your tabs to a district or conference event or mail them to Beth Bond, Creation Care c/o Decatur First United Methodist Church, 300 E Ponce de Leon Ave, Decatur, GA 30030.

### I don't drink soda!

Aluminum tabs are on many more things besides Coke and Beer cans. Aluminum tabs are on soup and other food cans, pet food cans, and tennis ball cans (any tennis players out there?). Anything that has a pull tab is probably made out of aluminum. Collect them all.

### We already collect tabs

Some of you may already be doing this for another non-profit. That's great! We are encouraging you to make your efforts bigger. Split the donations by giving half to the non-profit and half to UMW. You'll probably end up donating more to the non-profit because of increased awareness.

### I am in a small church

Then take it to your community! Have friends, family members, neighbors and community members drop them off. This gives you a front facing opportunity to interact with your local community. You might even try to get an article in your local newspaper. Plus, for locations that don't have recycling this gives people a way to do their part.

The North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women are excited about this new project that gives you a daily activity to make your contribution to caring for God's creation. Look for more actions that you can take to help do our part towards creation care.

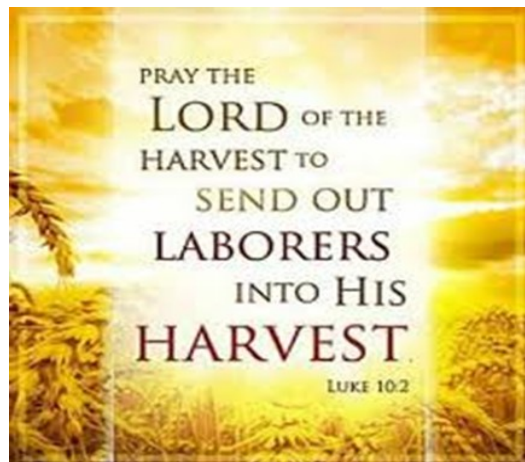
The United Methodist Women's website is a good place to start <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/climate-justice>.

*Many small people, making many small changes, in many small places, can change the world.*

*— African Proverb from Climate Justice, edited by Pat Watkins.*

Submitted by:

*Beth Bond* UMW Southeastern Just Green Jurisdictional Guide



### 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
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(Spanish) Practicing Resurrection	Engleton, Alberto	Snellville UMC		404.704.6584
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150 Yrs	Wright, Gloria	Clifton UMC	<a href="mailto:cassieruger1949@gmail.com">cassieruger1949@gmail.com</a>	404.819.1086
Practicing Resurrection - Mark	Ruger, Cassie	Carrollton First UMC	<a href="mailto:candet53@gmail.com">candet53@gmail.com</a>	770.265.4518
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Practicing Resurrection - Mark	Neal, Claudette		<a href="mailto:areneelandrum@gmail.com">areneelandrum@gmail.com</a>	
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150 Yrs	Stroup, L. Susan	Kresge UMC Cedartown		
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
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Practicing Resurrection - Mark	Holland, Winifred H.		<a href="mailto:winifredholland@comcast.net">winifredholland@comcast.net</a>	706.291.4705 cell 706.766.5028
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## Mission u

Learning Together for Transformation of the World

## Mark Your Calendar!

### 2020 Mission u

July 10-11 at Reinhardt University and a special one-day Mission u event on July 25 at the Korean Church of Atlanta in Duluth

(Additional information forthcoming)

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



### THE CROSSWORD

Atlanta-College Park District UMW Newsletter  
SPECIAL EDITION - FEBRUARY 2020



*The Atlanta College Park website has been revised and has been launched!*



[www.acpkumw.org](http://www.acpkumw.org)

Website Committee:  
Christine Winston, Webmaster  
Pamela Perkins Carn, Former Webmaster  
Gloria Dixon, MNO Chair  
Addie Shopshire-Rolle, President



### ATLANTA COLLEGE PARK DISTRICT

# Lenten Day Apart

March 15, 2020

Warren Memorial  
United Methodist Church




Speaker:  
Rev. Dr. Bernice Kirkland  
ACPK District Superintendent

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### Christmas Around the World

For their December Unit Meeting, the Cumming First United Methodist Women celebrated Women in Mission Around the World. Each circle was asked to choose a country in which United Methodist Women are represented. They shared the work of United Methodist Women, told about how that country celebrates Christmas, and brought a dessert or sample of food native to that country for all to share.

Four circles participated. Mary/Martha told about the Philippine's, Naomi Ruth shared Brazil, Nightingale's shared GA in Russia, and the Myrtie Poole Circle shared about South Korea. Some members came in authentic dress.

We all enjoyed tasting new flavors, learning about United Methodist Women, and celebrating the Birth of Christ.

Submitted by:

*Diane West*



Pictured left-right:  
Johanne Daigh, Millie Orr, Bobbye Wright



On December 3<sup>rd</sup> the **Smyrna First UMW Annual Christmas Luncheon**, President **Evelynn Herring** was presented with a Special Recognition "Diamond" Pin. She was so surprised and very appreciative of this honor, but the Smyrna First UMW was the one that was honored to have had her serve for 14 years as the leader and President of their unit. Evelynn has served tirelessly on making the Smyrna First UMW a viable part of the church, Atlanta/Marietta district and North Georgia conference. Evelynn attended all Conference Annual Meetings from 2001-2017 and was honored with the "The Doris Paul Award" in 2017. Evelynn attended all District



Evelynn Herring passes gavel to Adrienne Myers, incoming president

Annual meetings from 2001-2019. When there was a UMW meeting or special event you could be sure Evelynn was going to be there: Leadership Training, Mission U Study, Lenten Day Apart, 20-30-40 Something and North Georgia UMC Annual Conference. Evelynn passed the gavel over to

Adrienne Myers this year as she stepped down from the presidency, but she certainly will continue to serve. At Smyrna First she is Delivery and Coordinator of Drivers for The Meals on Wheels program which she has served since 1994. She will continue to Chair the Mary Martha Circle as she has done for the last 24 years. In addition, Evelynn still serves on the District Board as Historian making this her 16<sup>th</sup> year of service. Under Evelynn's leadership Smyrna First received many awards at the District and Conference level including Goals for Excellence for Mission Study, 5-Star Plus, Candle Burning and Gold Certificate for Mission Today every year. And in 2019 Smyrna First was the only unit in the Atlanta/Marietta District to receive **The Gold Certificate for Mission Today Unit** award. Evelynn's comment was: *"I think that was a pretty nice award and honor to go out on!"* Yes, Evelynn you are stepping down as President, but we will continue to seek advice and guidance for the UMW program at Smyrna First which you have led and left in good standing. We were blessed to have had you at

Smyrna First for all these years. Thank you for your service to this great organization that has helped many women, children and youth in our community, our country and in the world.



President Evelynn Herring presented Special Recognition "Diamond" Pin



## New Bethlehem Community Center Fundraiser

### "The Souper Bowl"

Monique Williams (news anchor for WJBF, Augusta) was the guest speaker for the evening. She is very active in the community and with New Bethlehem Community Center. There was great food and dancing.

The **Augusta United Methodist Women** were well represented at the event by three District officers, four Shiloh UMW ladies, and the Missional Specialist, Beth Sanders.

The Center has traditionally given an award to a United Methodist Woman officer and a local United Methodist Church.

This year, the new District Treasurer, **Ashley Garner**, was given the award. The Augusta District is very blessed to have Ashley on the Executive Team!

The Church award went to **Shiloh United Methodist Church** for being an active unit in our district. There were several ladies from Shiloh there to receive the award.

Submitted by: *Jennifer Cheeky*



Monique Williams, guest speaker



Representatives from the Augusta District, Shiloh UMW ladies and Beth Sanders



Ashley Garner and Rev. Shirley Suarez are pictured with the awards.



## About 100 attend joint **LaGrange-Griffin** Mission Study

For the second straight year, the **LaGrange** and **Griffin Districts** of United Methodist Women joined together for a District Mission Study, this year at Fayetteville First in the LaGrange District. Last year we gathered at Griffin First UMC in the Griffin District.



About 100 women attended this year's event on Feb. 8, which began with breakfast at 8:15 and concluded at 1:45. At noon we stopped to enjoy a delicious meal of soup and cornbread provided by the LaGrange District. Breakfast treats were provided by the Griffin District.

The joint studies have proved to be a wonderful time of fellowship, as women have gotten to know one another from different churches and across district lines. What's more, we have had the exciting opportunity of growing and learning together as we participated in one of two studies.



Teacher Mary Anne Brannon interacts with the women attending her study.

### **"Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship"** was led by **Mary Anne Brannon**.

This study explores what it means to be a radical disciple today, just as Jesus' followers were during his time on earth. Then, as now, followers of Christ are called to stand against such evils as injustice, poverty, inequality, division and conflict. A particular focus of this study is the women in Mark's gospel who played an important role in Jesus' mission and ministry.



Participants in the study on Mark pay close attention.

**"Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission"** was led by **Cindy Campbell**. This study recalls the 150-year history of United Methodist Women and discusses the early mission organizations which eventually became the organization we know today as United Methodist Women. The women who early on entered into foreign or home mission work did so because they felt the call of God on their lives and often had to stand against the cultural norms of their times, both outside and inside the church.



Cindy Campbell, a deaconess, holds up a recommended book.

While not knowing it two years ago when we held the first joint study, the cooperative effort between the **LaGrange** and **Griffin United Methodist Women districts** might have

been a nudge by God to prepare us for things to come. It seems

that the two districts will be merging at the North Georgia Conference level, and that means it will affect how we are organized as United Methodist Women, since we have a UMW organization in every district.



Attendees participate in the study on the history of United Methodist Women.

Submitted by *Alice Smith* President Griffin District United Methodist Women

Interested in touring the Disaster Response Warehouse or deliver kits.....

Meet **Dr. Stephen Redmond**, Disaster Response Warehouse Manager

[gro.cmugn@esuoharaw](mailto:gro.cmugn@esuoharaw)

Dr. Stephen Redmond manages the North Georgia Conference Disaster Response Warehouse in East Point. Dr. Redmond is a graduate of Candler School of Theology at Emory and a graduate of Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University studying missiology, and has studied at Gammon Theological Seminary. He is a lifelong United Methodist and has served the church since 2005 in the roles of youth minister, Wesley Foundation Director, UMCOR staff, and within the local United Methodist church. He is currently seeking ordination as a deacon in the Rome-Carrollton District.







## National Scholarship 2020

### Overview

The National Scholarship is for **lay women in the USA** who are pursuing careers in church or social service vocations. *Preference will be given to laity working on behalf of women, children and youth.*

### Eligibility

- Undergraduate or graduate students of a National Mission Institution College or University (Bennett College, Clark Atlanta University, Huston-Tillotson University, Paine College, Pfeiffer University, Spartanburg College and Rust College).
- Candidates for the Deaconess program (scholarships will support the required classes and other expenses). Deaconesses may also apply for a scholarship for degree program.
- Lay women who has been active in UMW and are pursuing careers in lay ministry or social service work.

### General Criteria

- Scholarships may be used for undergraduate, graduate study or student internships in religion or a related field (social work, counseling, etc.) at an accredited college or university.
- Preference given to undergraduate or graduate students of a National Mission Institution College or University (Bennett College, Clark Atlanta University, Huston-Tillotson University, Paine College, Pfeiffer University, Spartanburg College and Rust College).
- Preference given to United Methodist denominational affiliation.
- Preference given to laywomen working on behalf of women, children and youth.
- Preference given to women involved in United Methodist Women
- Applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- A scholarship is granted for one year. Scholarship recipients may reapply.
- The average scholarship is \$1,000 and will not exceed \$5,000.
- This is a competitive scholarship and not all applications will be funded.

### Guidelines for Submission of Application

- The applications are *due on or before Tuesday, April 24, 2020* for the fall semester of 2020.
- To request an application, please email: [grants@unitedmethodistwomen.org](mailto:grants@unitedmethodistwomen.org) with the following:  
Email Subject Line: **2020 National Scholarship Request** and please include the following: student's name, email address and any other details you feel necessary.

### Notification and Process

- All applicants will be notified by June 2020.
- Scholarship funds will be sent in time for registration and made payable to the school **only**.  
Applicants will be notified when payment occurs.





## Theressa Hoover Community Service and Global Citizenship Award

Calling young women who want to travel and study! United Methodist Women is accepting applications for the Theresa Hoover Community Service and Global Citizenship Award. The grant is awarded to a laywoman (between the ages of 21-35) who wishes to travel in order to explore and study in a country or region other than the applicant's own.

Priority will be given to projects that match one of United Methodist Women's four issue priorities for 2016-2020:

- **Climate Justice:** Advance just energy for all for clean, renewable energy, through a just and equitable transition
- **Maternal and Child Health:** Decrease maternal mortality; develop a network of women's health advocates for access to health care and education
- **Criminalization of Communities of Color:** Interrupt the school to prison pipeline
- **Economic Justice:** Economic inequality and living wages for all

In addition, applicants should demonstrate concern for, and a connection to, their community, as well as a recognition of their global responsibilities.

Applications are due by **Tuesday, July 21, 2020.**

To learn more and obtain the application please contact the United Methodist Women's grants office at [grants@unitedmethodistwomen.org](mailto:grants@unitedmethodistwomen.org) noting the subject line: **Theressa Hoover Application Request.**

### Theressa Hoover

Originally from Arkansas, Theresa Hoover joined the Woman's Division of Christian Service as a field worker in 1948. In 1968 she was elected chief executive of the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church. She was the first African-American woman to hold that position or any comparable post in the denomination. She served as head of the division for 22 years and retired in 1990. Ms. Hoover died at 88 on December 21, 2013 in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Theressa Hoover leaves behind a legacy: In 2004, *Ebony* magazine named her one of the 100 most influential African-American women, and the Theresa Hoover United Methodist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, was named for her. In 1990, United Methodist Women created the Theresa Hoover Community Service and Global Citizenship Award. We are grateful to be able to continue Ms. Hoover's passionate work for women and children by passing on the torch of global citizenship with this award.

## 2020 North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women Officers

President: Tryphea Speed  
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 Hafmoon Cho      Cassie Ruger      Bernadette Hartfield  
 Celestine Jones      Paulina Dominique      Sue Owenbey  
 Nominees to National Board of Directors: Deloris Carhee, Haejin Ban (Alternate: Cindi Hicks)  
 Nominees to National Program Advisory Group: Ariel Murphy, Bobby Solomon, Kathy Cook  
 (Alternate: Celestine Jones)

## 2020 North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women Logo

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



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

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### The Reflector

#### Newletter Articles Deadline Dates

**Winter Edition: February 25**

**Spring Edition: May 25**

**Summer Edition: August 25**

**Fall Edition: November 25**







### Honoring Our Foremothers' Legacy

On March 23, 1869, in Boston, Massachusetts, Clementina Butler and Lois Parker informed six women members of the Methodist Episcopal Church about the desperate healthcare and educational needs of women in India. Their Call to Action raised funds to send Isabella Thoburn, a teacher, and Clara Swain, a doctor, to India. The meeting in March led to the formation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the first of many Methodist women's mission organizations, to address the injustices imposed on women and girls in the 19th century. United Methodist Women is their successor, and we celebrate 150 years of changing the lives of women, children and youth.

### Together, We Make an Impact

From the beginning, United Methodist Women members have led the way in countless endeavors, from founding schools, hospitals and clinics in the early 19th century to interrupting the school-to-prison pipeline and working for maternal and child health today. Our membership is comprised of women from all backgrounds and experiences, compelled by their Christian faith to serve in places they never imagined. They are unified in the pursuit of women's progress and their development as leaders in their churches, work settings and communities. Organized for mission, United Methodist Women operate from a biblically based understanding that equips laywomen to grow in their faith through prayer, study, fellowship and action, and to work for social justice to promote a more equitable, safe and healthy world for women, children and youth. This is what distinguishes United Methodist Women from other organizations, and attests to its longevity and relevance, today and especially in the years to come.

### Building a Legacy

United Methodist Women members' commitment and faithful service has led our foremothers' vision forward for 150 years. Yet the needs, difficulties and unjust practices faced by women, children and youth continue. These factors underscore the urgency of our work and the importance of a stable and consistent source of revenue that enables United Methodist Women to respond to emerging needs and support the work of future generations of women in the United States and around the world. In 2014, the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign was launched to raise \$60 million to secure United Methodist Women for service in the next 150 years and beyond.



Save the Date

Let's continue our United Methodist Women legacy of mission and service  
on Day of Giving, March 23, 2020!

[www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150)

*Honoring Our Legacy*  
Building Our Future

#### WAYS TO GIVE

• Online [unitedmethodistwomen.org/150](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/150)

• Phone 800-278-7771

Answered 8 am - 6 pm EST, Monday - Friday

• Text 41444 and enter "Legacy150" in the message

• Check

Make check payable to United Methodist Women

#### Mailing Address

Attn: Development, Legacy Fund  
475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor  
New York, NY 10115

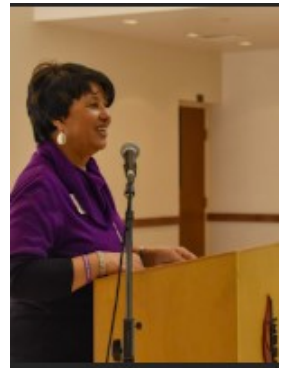
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## Limitless 2020 Event

The North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women was truly blessed with teen girls and young women who attended the Limitless Event at Cascade United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 29, 2020. The purpose of the event was to hear from this age group with limitless ideas to increase participation in our organization. The theme was "United Methodist Women Love (heart) Young Women." Our goal is to educate, encourage and empower young women to live out the PURPOSE of our organization and church.



We heard from 3 young women (Channon Love, Angela Cho and Lauren Breck) who shared stories of how the United Methodist Women encouraged them at an earlier age or later in life by attending events or from a person(s). Our hearts were strangely warmed as we joined together in

a mission project to make tutus for little girls at the Children's Hospital. The young women were engaged and had fun participating in games to learn about women of all ages who made a difference in many lives and by living out the PURPOSE of the United Methodist Women.



The young women did an excellent job brainstorming and giving us ideas/suggestions from several scenarios to attract young women to join us as a multi-generational organization.

We were overjoyed with their enthusiasm and participation. We plan to review information received from this event and implement these ideas in

our planning.

We ended the event with a young women pairing up with a more seasoned woman (sister friends) to stay in touch after this event.

We thank God for the young women and making this event a blessing for all in attendance! A special thanks to the planning Committee for their hard work, love and prayers. Thanks to the NGCUMW Executive Committee for their support and attendance. We deeply appreciate the radical hospitality received from the members at Cascade UMC.

To God be the Glory!!!

For more information please contact Deloris F. Carhee, Conference Limitless Coordinator ([deloriscarhee@bellsouth.net](mailto:deloriscarhee@bellsouth.net)) (\*\*Photos courtesy of Sarah Stillabower—additional photos will be posted to NGC UMW website\*\*)



# North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women Calendar 2020—2021

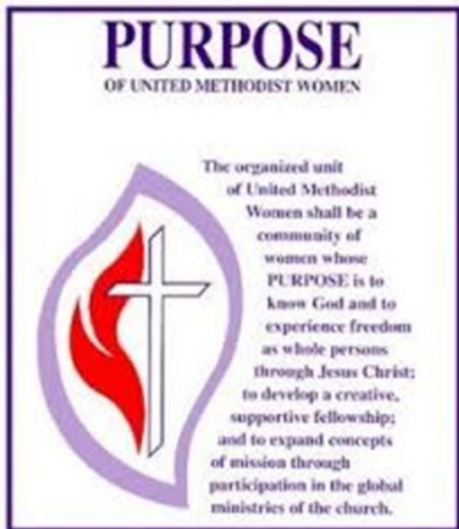
Event	2020	Location	2021	Location
Program/CON Executive	January 11	Central UMC (ACPK)	January 8-9	TBD
Treasurers, E&I, And Historians	February 15	Columbia Drive UMC (ADOX)	February 13	TBD
Limitless Event	February 29	Cascade UMC (ACPK)	February 27	TBD
Faith, Fun, Everyone	March 7	Winder 1 <sup>st</sup> UMC (Athens Elberton)	N/A	N/A
Program/CON Executive	April 4	Embry Hills UMC (AMRY)	April 10	TBD
Spiritual Growth Event/Social Action	N/A		April 30-May 1	TBD
SEJ Meeting	SEJ April 17-19	Mobile, AL	N/A	N/A
NGC Annual Conference	June 18-20	Classic Center Athens	TBD	Classic Center Athens
UMW Breakfast	June 19	Classic Center Athens	TBD	Classic Center Athens
Mission u	July 10-11 July 25 (1 day event)	Reinhardt College Waleska, Georgia Korean Church of Atlanta	TBD	TBD
CON/Program Executive	July 18	New Bethlehem Center Augusta, GA	July 17	TBD
Annual Meeting	October 3	Embry Hills UMC (AMRY)	October 2	TBD
Program Committee	October 8	Teleconference	October 7	TBD
Leadership Development/ Executive Meeting	November 7	Carrollton 1 <sup>st</sup> UMC (ROCA)	November 6	TBD
District Presidents' Annual Reports	August 1		August 1	
District Officers & Dates	November 1		November 1	

Ubuntu Day of Service to be determined by each District

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