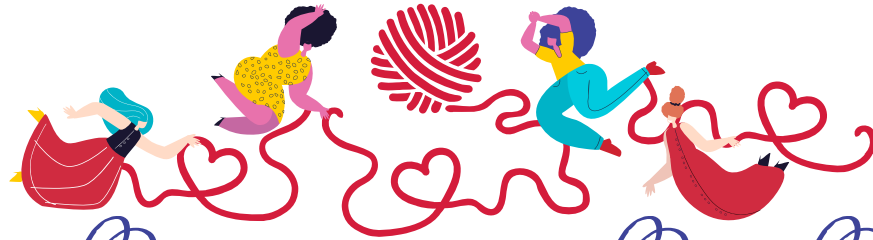


THE REFLECTOR

Fulfilling the Purpose of United Methodist Women in North Georgia

1st Quarter 2021



Knitted Together for God's Good Work

"You are the body of Christ and parts of each other."

1 Corinthians 12:27 (CEB)

Greetings, my sisters in Christ!

As we start the new year, we will be continuing along the same route that started in 2019, but we are experiencing some new changes as we navigate 2021.

Our theme this year is Knitted Together for God's Good Work with the scripture verse, *"You are the body of Christ and parts of each other,"* Corinthians 12:27 (CEB). This explores how we as children of God are joined and linked together as the body of Christ. Even at times of social distancing or other obstacles may keep us physically apart, we are knit together in community to transform the world.

We have changed our District structure in keeping with the decision of the North Georgia Conference and have gone from 12 to 8 Districts. This will be a challenge as we learn more about our new churches and new District leaders, but we are being knitted together in a new way. Given the legacy of the former Districts reminds me how supportive you all are of in supporting women, youth, and children and the amazing ways you give of your time and talents. Remember, things may be shifting around us, but our PURPOSE remains the same no matter where we are.

This is my first year serving as your Conference President. I hope that I can continue the legacy of our past Presidents and will try my best to keep what is most important to United Methodist Women in the forefront. Our Executive team has already been busy planning for 2021 and we have some new initiatives and a new mission focus. The Conference will be focusing on Climate Justice this year and we have been given a grant

from United Methodist Women (National) to lead a learning series on this issue in partnership with Georgia Interfaith Power and Light. Given the struggles of this past year, we have partnered with Alliant Health Solutions to provide online courses dealing with suicide prevention as a way to help others who might be in crisis — something we can share with our membership and the community. The dates and additional information can be found on [this website](#). We now have two Limitless Coordinators who will be working with the young women in our Conference to get them acclimated to United Methodist Women while allowing them to focus on issues that are important to them. One of our coordinators will work with the middle and high schoolers and the other will work with the college age and older women. Our complete calendar is also located on the website and I invite you to participate in any way you can in our events. While we are still socially distancing, we have planned to host most of our events this year in a virtual setting. We have also updated our Mission Today requirements to allow smaller units to participate and we hope these are used as a guideline to help you in your planning for 2021.



I hope and pray that we can meet together in person before the end of 2021, but everything happens in God's time, not ours, so until we see each other, please stay safe and God bless.

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Let's Be Counted Together!

Greetings UMW Sisters,

Praying this finds each of you well. Excited to be heading into a new year and hopefully this Pandemic will soon be behind us and we can meet together in person to fellowship and learn and promote our Purpose.

Just a reminder to all local Units that the deadline for our UNIT SURVEY formerly known as Census is March 30, 2021. The President or someone they have designated should go to the Survey through the **National UMW website**. You will click on the box marked 2020 CENSUS and the form will open. Complete the form and hit submit and you should receive a thank you acknowledgment. If this does not happen, please let me know so I can help figure out what went wrong. Sooner rather than later is the time to complete this survey. We want all the North Georgia United Methodist Women counted and heard from as soon as possible.

I am praying that many of you took advantage of the free Suicide Prevention training that we were pleased to be able to offer in Partnership with Alliant Health Solutions to make this happen. We never know when this tool we have might save the life of someone we love.

District Membership Nurture Outreach coordinator, remember this is the year the Faith Fun for Everyone event will be offered in each District for their district members. Be thinking about what your district would like to offer and get it on your calendar ASAP. I am always available to help you in any way that I can, so please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you for all you do as you serve in your position.

Blessings,



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VP

Dear Sisters,

I am happy to serve as your conference vice president for the next two years. I realize that I have huge shoes to fill as I follow the phenomenal leadership of our past vice president, Stephanie Dressler. I look forward to working with you and exploring what we can do together to live in our Purpose as United Methodist Women of North Georgia. I solicit your prayers, ideas and suggestions on how we may bring meaningful programs and events from which all women may enjoy and grow.

Lastly, my sincere apologies for the zoom capacity issue some of you experienced during our Leadership Development Training. We will be more attentive in the future to prevent such mishaps so that everyone who wants to attend an event is able to do so. We appreciate your grace as we learn and zoom together.

I am confident that with your prayers and God's help, North Georgia UMW will continue to shine!



In His service,

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Spiritual Growth is a Life-long Journey

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The weekend of March 7, 2021 marks exactly one year since many of our churches were forced to close by the coronavirus—COVID-19. When that abrupt change came in March of 2020, little did we realize that this virus would find many churches still closed for in-person worship one year later. Yes, we've been through that Lenten season and are now well into another one. Many of us have endured the loss of some family/church members and friends, major inconveniences in our lives, changes in the way that we celebrate holidays, and so on. Some of us have been forced into loneliness and aloneness. Many have been ill, but have survived the virus. Through it all, we have been forced to learn new ways of accomplishing our professional, personal, and spiritual goals. No, our UMW work did not stop. We simply persevered differently. We realized anew that God's plans for us are not for evil, but to give us a future and a hope (paraphased from Jeremiah 29:11).



And so, as we journey through Lent toward the Resurrection, we know that we must travel through Holy Week and the crucifixion. We are also aware that this journey is not just for Lent, but for all year long. Lent is a sacred season during which we continue the spiritual journey that was begun for many of us when we were baptized as babies, confirmed into church membership, and as we grew into the Christian disciples that we have become today.

Not just for Lent, our spiritual growth is a life-long journey in which our personal faith guides us closer to God. As members of United Methodist Women, we grow spiritually as we collectively put faith, hope, and love into action for women, children, and youth. This spiritual journey knits us together to continue to do God's good work in all seasons of our lives.

Called to Be a Community of Women



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Let's be creative in this season in finding ways to make mission work happen in our communities and offer services for those who have lost so much over this last year. Let's reach out to our local communities, Senior Homes, Boys and Girls Club, schools, local churches, and Circles in our districts. Promoting our mission in our community newspaper, via social media, church billboards, word-of-mouth, and old-fashioned calling or text messaging are all great ways to serve. We're a community of women who can participate in many areas of women, children, and youth lives. Choose your focus and get busy planning. Write a note. Tell others what we're doing and invite them to join in our mission. Please remember to support United Methodist Women four Mission Institutions.

New Bethlehem

Located in the Bethlehem Community, we are a non-profit community-based organization providing adult education and services for family, children, senior adults, and at-risk people in Augusta, Georgia. We continue to serve the community, providing food twice a month to over 140 families, as well as feed 25 Senior Citizen by providing Food Box and Meal Delivery service weekly.

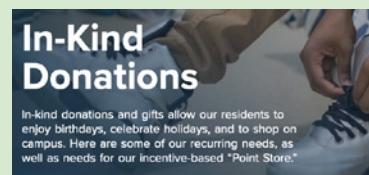


<https://www.nbccaugustaga.com/>

Murphy-Harpst

Our most urgently needed items are on our Amazon Wish List and can be shipped directly to our campus. We need items for tweens and teens, and half of us are boys! We also have a special list for our ongoing hygiene needs.

<https://murphyharpst.org/gifts/>



Paine College

Paine has many ways that you can help sustain the college for another 139 years. Based on a realistic assessment of our needs, we invite you to provide your generous support for Paine College for any of the specified areas that must be addressed to ensure the continued viability of the college.

<https://www.paine.edu/web/giving/giving>



Atlanta Clark University

An investment in CUA students is an investment in future leaders with something powerful to contribute. Help lift their voices.

<https://www.cau.edu/>



Think big, pray, organize, energize, be encouraged...be a United Methodist Woman. We're called to be a community of women.

STREET GIRLS

"In as much as you did it to the least of one of these, you did it unto me."
— Jesus Christ



Young girls with no homes in Monrovia, Liberia, find refuge in the cemeteries and on the streets where they are vulnerable to predators of every kind.

Oak Grove UMW proposes to the Central South District UMWs that we join together to raise the \$110,000 needed for the project. Madge Watson and Zoe Hicks, co-chairs of the Oak Grove UMW international missions committee, both of whom have been to Liberia several times, will be happy to do a program for your group and show pictures from our mission trips there. We have set up a Gofundme page under **"Save the Street Girls"** and invite your UMW to join us to raise this money. A mission trip is planned after the dormitory is built to work with these young women.

IN LIBERIA

No one but the body of christ to care for them

Twelve years ago, the Oak Grove United Methodist Women (UMW) in Decatur, Georgia felt called to respond to then President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf's plea for help for her country. "Where," she asked in an article in *Response* magazine, **"Is the body of Christ?"** After 14 years of civil wars, the schools had been demolished.

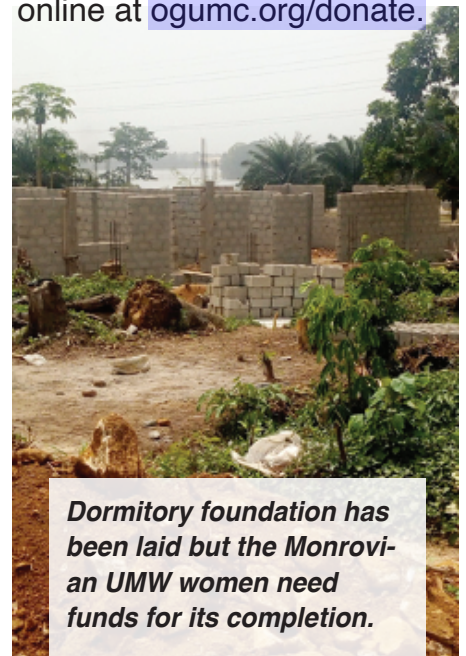


The need for schools was desperate and the Oak Grove UMW voted to raise the money to **build a school** and did. Today the school is educating students in grades K-9 and is fully self sufficient. Oak Grove took several mission teams to Liberia to help build the school and minister to the people.

One of the needs expressed by the Monrovia UMW women was to **build a dormitory** for the street girls so they could be fed, housed and educated. Now, twelve years later, the Monrovia women are asking for help to complete the dormitory (started with the picture to the right) so these precious young women will not have to support themselves by prostitution and drug sales.

CLICK HERE to donate.

You may also write a check to Oak Grove UMC with "Liberia Street Girls" in the memo line and mail it to Oak Grove UMC, 1722 Oak Grove Road, Decatur, GA 30033 or give online at ogumc.org/donate.



Dormitory foundation has been laid but the Monrovia UMW women need funds for its completion.

The Legacy Fund — A Day of Giving

Our Year of Hope

MARCH 23, 2021



United Methodist Women members around the country are preparing for the **Annual Day of Giving, March 23. Theme: 2021 Our Year of Hope.** Give to ensure hope for women, children and youth. **Generous donors have agreed to match gifts received for Day of Giving.**

The March 23 Day of Giving honors the day in 1869 when a small group of women braved a legendary torrential rain to gather at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts, and organized for mission. The women established the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, a predecessor of United Methodist Women, and galvanized women around the country to raise money to send a doctor, Clara Swain, and a teacher, Isabella Thoburn, to India as missionaries to serve the women of that nation.

A Day of Giving gifts go to **The Legacy Fund**, a permanent endowment that will support the mission outreach of future generations of United Methodist Women as they address the needs of women, children and youth of their day.

Members and friends may give:

ONLINE: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150.

PHONE: 800-278-7771 (8 a.m.-5 p.m. EST, Monday-Friday).

TEXT: 41444 and enter Legacy 150 in the message area.

BY CHECK TO: United Methodist Women, Attn:
Development, Legacy Endowment Fund
475 Riverside Drive
15th Floor
New York, NY 10115

Write **"DAY OF GIVING"** in the memo section.

A Day of Giving gifts are 100 percent tax deductible.

North Georgia Conference, let's make it happen with a gift to The Legacy Fund on Day of Giving, March 23.
Generous donors will match your gift. Spread the word!

Together, we are building our legacy!

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A message from our treasurer:

How to Give in 2021

Last year, your Conference Administrative Team spent the pandemic on Zoom making a plan to go from 12 districts to eight because of the same decision made by the church conference. Honestly, having to meet via Zoom probably made the task easier because we were able to meet and plan more often. There were so many details to consider to make sure that as many voices were represented on steering and nominating committees for the new districts. And then decisions had to be made about separating each district's finances. A plan was made whereby a proportional amount of funds has transferred with each group of units going to a new district. The final steps of this process are taking place now.

Many of you are asking, "Where do I send my first quarter remittance?" Listed below are the treasurers of the eight new districts. Don't know what district you are in? You can look up your church here: <https://www.ngumc.org/churches> If you don't have computer access, you can ask your pastor or me.



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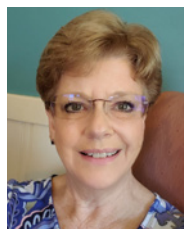
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United Methodist Women are resilient and adaptable. If your unit has not found its way, it isn't too late. We are here to help you safely connect.

L. Susan Stroup, Deaconess

North Georgia Conference UMW Treasurer
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Getting Started with Our 2021-2025 Social Action Issue Priorities

UMW has two social action issue priorities for the 2021-2025 quadrennium. They are: 1) Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration, and 2) Climate Justice. I encourage each one of you to find a way to put your faith, hope and love into action around these issues.

The UMW National Office offers a variety of resources to assist UMW members in becoming better informed on these social action issues. Some members are just beginning to explore the issues of

Service and Advocacy

National Mission Institutions

Regional Missionaries

Office of Deaconess & Home Missioner

Social Action

Working for Justice Through Service & Advocacy

► Overviews of Issue Priorities: 2021-2024

Click the icons below for articles and resources for advocacy

Climate Justice

Criminalization of Communities of Color & Mass Incarceration

mass incarceration and just energy. Others have been studying these issues for years. Whether you are just getting started or ready to go deeper, you can find useful resources on the National UMW webpage (www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/service-advocacy).

Looking for an easy way to get started? Here are a few suggestions.

CRIMINALIZATION OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND MASS INCARCERATION

Share the article

“Education, Not Incarceration” at a circle or unit meeting.

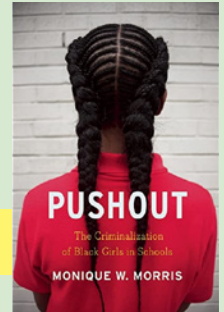
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/rejecting-the-criminalization-of-communities-of-color

Offer the six-session “School-to-Prison Pipeline Bible Study.”

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/school-to-prison-pipeline-bible-study

Book Discussion

Read and discuss the Monique W. Morris book, *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools*, from the UMW Reading program.



CLIMATE JUSTICE

Share the article

“13 Steps to Sustainability: A Principled Approach to Sustainability” at a circle or unit meeting.

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/sustainability

Be Just. Be Green: 13 Steps to Sustainability

TOOLS:

- **13 Steps to Sustainability: A Practical Event Planning Guide**
Complete with planning team checklists, evaluation questions, registration questions, sample language for requests for proposals and where to go for help.
- **13 Steps to Sustainability: A Principled Approach to Sustainability**
These 13 principles form the core of the social justice concerns that United Methodist Women has committed to. There are measurable, practical steps to the 13 principles' implementation that have been developed with experts' guidance and experienced national office staff. For inspiration and encouragement you will find specific questions on the survey as well as **bible studies, videos and an introduction to sustainability.**
- **13 Steps to Sustainability Measurement Survey:**
After your event, report back on what worked and what didn't for one or all of the steps and guidelines.

Offer the one-session

“Choose Life: A Bible Study on Sustainability.”

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/bible-studies/choose-life

Have your officers read and study the UMW online booklet



“Practical Planning Guide for Sustainable Meetings.”

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/sustainability/guidelines

Next time, watch for advocacy groups to follow on social media that can keep you informed of how you can take action.



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School-to-Prison Pipeline Bible Study

A six-part curriculum to study with your group.

1. Reading the Bible Together: Focus on Women, Children and Youth
2. Biblical Women: Claiming Justice for Ourselves and Our Children
3. Children and Youth Through God's Eyes
4. Claiming Joy and Truth in a World that Misses Out on #BlackGirlMagic
5. Seeking the Lost with Love
6. Systemic Racism, Social Holiness and the Powers and Principalities of Our Time

Mission u 2021



There's Far More Here
THAN MEETS THE EYE

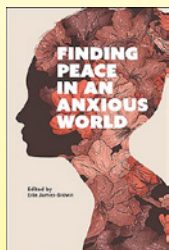
The Mission u Committee is planning for the 2021 Mission u Event. This year's event will be Virtual. In the past, we have enjoyed being in the same place for fellowship, worship, and learning. I am prayerful along with many of you that we will get back to having in-person events soon.

The Virtual classes will be held during the months of June-August 2021. This may be the opportunity to take more than one class. In the past, it has sometimes been difficult to decide which class you wanted to take when they were all being offered at the same time. The virtual schedule will allow you to make a choice of one or more classes.

Mission u will include three adult studies, a children study, a youth study and one class each in the Hispanic and Korean Languages. The schedule will be available within the next three weeks. Please check the NG UMW website (www.ngumw.org) for the schedule and the registration form.

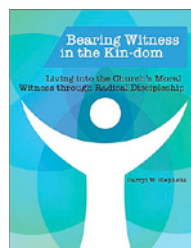
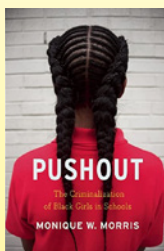
2021 Mission u will offer the following studies:

ADULT STUDIES:



Finding Peace in an Anxious World, edited by Erin James-Brown

Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools, by Monique Morris



Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living Into the Church's Moral Witness Through Radical Discipleship, by Darryl W. Stephens

YOUTH STUDY

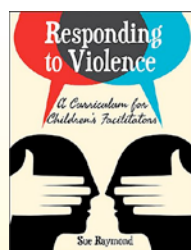
Curriculum for Youth Leaders, by Jay Godfrey



Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence: A

CHILDREN STUDY

Responding to Violence: A Curriculum for Children's Facilitators, by Sue Raymond



Questions about Mission u should be referred to Tryphenia Speed, Dean (spee2422@bellsouth.net) or Ariel Murphy, Assistant Dean (ariel.murphy156@gmail.com)

Please join us for 2021 Mission u and encourage attendance from all age groups from your Local Units. Children classes will include special activities.

See you virtually this summer,

Tryphenia Speed, Mission u Dean
North Georgia Conference UMW







Ways to Participate in Our Reading Program

Greetings My Sisters in Christ!

It is my pleasure and an honor to serve as your Secretary of Program Resources for the year. Let's start the year off with a bang as we explore our Participation in the Reading Program.

To participate in the Reading Program, select one of the four plans (listed below) and when completed, report it to your local United Methodist Women secretary for program resources. The available books can be browsed on-line at the

 e-store or download the catalogs:  [2021](#)  [2020](#)  [2019](#)  [2018](#)  [2017](#)  [2016](#)  [2015](#)

As you get started, your local secretary of program resources should:

- Help you enroll in the Reading Program.
- Explain the Reading Program's procedures.
- Give you a Reading Program catalog.
- Help you buy or borrow Reading Program books.
- Start a reading group of adults and/or children or youth.
- Present book reviews of Reading Program books at United Methodist Women meetings.
- Take Reading Program books and issues of response to retirement and nursing homes and read regularly to residents.
- Inform parents, grandparents and others with children and youth that books for children and youth are available through the Reading Program.

The Reading Program Leads to Action

The Reading Program is a study opportunity, but it should also lead to action. Here are a few suggestions to assist you:

- **Pray.** Books often raise concerns about people, countries and issues. Bring these concerns to God during your prayer time at home and at group meetings.
- **Host a program.** For example, a locally-sponsored program on climate justice could help the church and community explore ways to be better stewards of God's Earth.
- **Organize.** You and your group can contact the Office of Community Action to work on social action plans for your local group and church. To obtain resources for community organizing e-mail Carol Barton at cbarton@unitedmethodistwomen.org.
- Let pastors, church leaders and Sunday school teachers know of the books available through the Reading Program.
- Highlight large print and other special format books to include a wider variety of readers.
- Honor those who participate in the Reading Program. Reading Program certificates will be presented to those who complete plans.
- Show special recognition to units or individuals who complete Plans III and IV.
- Develop displays to encourage book sales, especially around holiday seasons.

Looking forward to a rewarding and resourceful year with each of you!

Action Suggestions

- Encourage youth to read and review titles from the reading lists.
- Continue your actions on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies of The United Methodist Church.
- Promoting the Reading Program in Local & District Groups
- Form an action team to take action on an issue addressed in one or more books.

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(See the Reading Program plans on page 12)



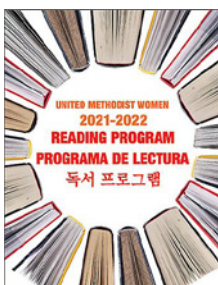
Reading Program Plans

Plan I: 5 Books Per Year

- One book from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- Selections can be from all current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of *response* magazine.

Plan II: 10 Books Per Year

- Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- Selections can be from all current reading lists if not included in previous reports (including youth titles).
- Regular reading of *response* magazine.



Plan III: 15 Books Per Year

- Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- PLUS 5 additional books from any category.
- Selections can be from all current reading lists if not included in previous reports (including youth and children's titles).
- Regular reading of *response* magazine.

Plan IV: 20 Books Per Year

- Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- PLUS 10 additional books from any category.
- Selections can be from all current reading lists if not included in previous reports (including youth and children's titles).
- Regular reading of *response* magazine.

Make the GOOD NEWS Travel Faster

We know how fast bad news travels. As communicators, let's make sure the GOOD NEWS travels faster in our circles, churches, and communities.

Communicating may be the most important thing you can do to connect your women with their district and unit activities. And these days it's not that difficult to do.

Share your United Methodist Women activities on your own personal social media pages. Certainly on your church and district websites.

Don't forget your district and North Georgia conference websites for posting big events. Go out there and get into all the Facebook pages relating to your district. Use your creativity and skills to provide flyers and instagram posts to help promote your district events.

And don't forget to send these items out to your own district presidents and communications coordinators for them to use in their own units and church websites.

Keep them informed of district events, district worship and training, and local unit events and ministries. You never know when one church's ministry is exactly what another community needs to do.

When working on newsletters or blog posts, rejoice in the stories you collect from your district units. You will find yourself celebrating the activities that a bunch of creative women, bent on doing good in God's name, will come up with and send you.

So, let's get out there and tell the world how they can help make a difference in God's Kingdom through a bunch of busy, joyful, women ready to get into some good trouble!

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SAVE THE DATE

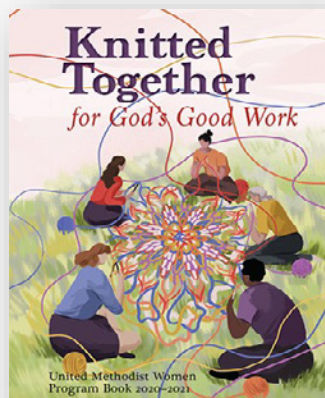
*Central North District
United Methodist Women
Virtual Service*

Lenten Day Apart

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

2:00 PM

*Speaker:
“First Lady” Wanda McQueen
Central North District*



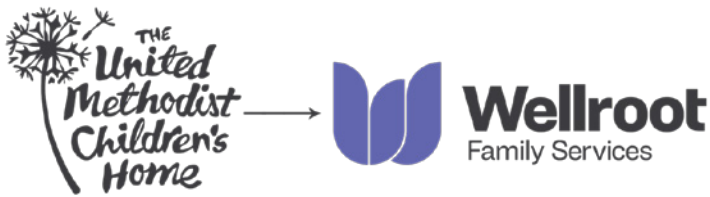
Laster Chapel United Methodist Women Continuing To Let Our Light Shine

During the Election: Viola Hardy encouraged citizens to vote in multiple radio interviews.



Additional mission giving and services:

- ❖ **Fighting the COVID 19 Virus: Jamie Wilkerson, Sheila Allen and Wilma Nichols continue to make and distribute masks in the community.**
- ❖ **Meeting the financial and spiritual needs of 65 families that lost loved ones during the church shut down.**
- ❖ **Cooking and delivering hot meals to 53 families at Thanksgiving**
- ❖ **Providing Christmas gifts to 75 children.**
- ❖ **Loving and praying for one another so we are strengthened as we knit our group together for God's good work.**



- Wesley Chapel UMC - 397 Racetrack Rd, McDonough 30252
- Glenn Memorial UMC - 1660 N. Decatur Rd., Atlanta 30307
- St. Timothy UMC - 5365 Memorial Dr., Stone Mountain 30083
- Conyers First UMC - 921 North Main Street, Conyers 30012

Good evening,

The CS District UMW board is very excited to announce that Wellroot Family Services, which used to be known as the United Methodist Children's Home, will be our social action focus for this year. As we begin to come together as a new district, we thought it important to recognize and celebrate the common roots we share as Methodists. Our Lenten Social Action Project will be a drive-thru donation event on March 27 from 10 am to noon. We are asking for NEW SHOES for toddler sizes 6 and up and all children's sizes. The types of shoes most needed are sneakers, styles appropriate for school/preschool, and some dressy shoes appropriate for church. These are the drop-off locations:

There is also a flyer attached to this email with information about the event. We hope that your unit members will consider donating some shoes to the kids Wellroot serves. If you have any questions, please let me know. *(Please see the flyer on page 16 and share it)*

I also have another request. I would like to send these social action emails to the appropriate person in your unit. If you are receiving this email but think it should be directed to someone else, please let me know. I want to make sure these emails are going to the correct person.

Peace,

Jennifer Teahan,
Central South District Social Action Coordinator

The North East Georgia District is off to an exciting new beginning!

The Executive Team has Zoomed through our first team meeting as we began to get to know each other and to plan for our year.

We are working hard to make our March 20th District Lenten Service excellent for all of our local churches. We are coordinating closely with Cumming First UMC's staff and volunteers to be able to present a live-streamed service to our district, which they will also be able to watch through our North East District YouTube channel and through Facebook. We are sending the link to this service to all of our local units and hope that they will be able to enjoy it in small socially distanced masked groups, in their own home, with their Circle, or however best suits them.

We enjoyed attending the Conference Leadership Development. Each of us learned lots and received valuable information and encouragement.

We look forward to the day that we can meet together in person, but we are all grateful that we can be together virtually!

Kathy Cook, Vice President, North East Georgia District
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Executive team meeting January 23



Annual meeting Feb 20



Shoes Donation Drive for Wellroot Family Services



United Methodist Women Central South District

Would you like to support children in foster care? Wellroot relies on your generous donations to provide **NEW SHOES** to foster families. The biggest needs are **Toddler sizes 6 and up and all children's sizes; new shoes only, please, and thank you!**

How to Help:

Please bring **NEW SHOES** to a listed location on Saturday, March 27, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm:

1. Wesley Chapel UMC - 397 Racetrack Rd, McDonough 30252
2. Glenn Memorial UMC - 1660 N. Decatur Rd., Atlanta 30307
3. St. Timothy UMC - 5365 Memorial Dr., Stone Mountain 30083
4. Conyers First UMC - 921 North Main Street, Conyers 30012

Questions: Contact Jennifer Teahan at jentea74@hotmail.com

Learn more about Wellroot at wellroot.org

If you are located close to the Tucker office of Wellroot, you may drop the shoes off there between 12:00 – 3:00 pm:

Wellroot Family Services
1967 Lakeside Parkway, Suite 400
Tucker, GA 30084

Kindness in Action During the Pandemic

Alpharetta First UMC UMW
Holly Hunter, President

With the onset of COVID-19 the Local Unit at Alpharetta First looked for a way to stay connected to their ladies who were shut-in or living in closed-door communities that turned visitors away. We reached out to any of our ladies who were brave enough to wear a mask and gather six feet apart and asked them to meet our UMW Leadership Team in the church parking lot. We engaged everyone in a time of prayer and then sent each on their way with bags of goodies, books or flowers to take to those people who, due to the pandemic, may have otherwise been closed off from society. That's how Kindness In Action was born.

Once each month people are invited to participate in Kindness In Action by preparing the surprises and delivering them. Each month a different group of people are selected in addition to our shut-ins: front-line workers; veterans; and teachers are just a few of those whom we reached out to last year. Whether the Kindness was spread through delivering a bag of snacks to the ER, scheduling a porch visit with a friend or delivering a copy of Response Magazine, the United Methodist Women at Alpharetta continue to spread the love of Jesus Christ throughout our community and beyond. Kindness In Action will be a part of the work at Alpharetta First for a long time to come.



2020/2021 North Georgia Conference Calendar of Events

Event	2020	Location	Event	2021	Location
Program/CON Executive	Jan 11	Central UMC (ACPK)	Program/Con Executive-Overnight	Jan 8-9	Virtual
Treasurers, E & I & Historians Meeting	Feb 15	Columbia Drive UMC (ADOX)	LDD	Feb. 27	Virtual
Faith, Fun, Everyone	March 7	Winder 1 st UMC (Athens-Elberton)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Program/CON Executive	Apr 4	Embry Hills UMC (AMRY)	Program/Con Executive	Apr 10	Fayetteville 1 st UMC (tentative)
Spiritual Growth Event/Social Action	N/A	N/A	Spiritual Growth/ Social Action Event	Apr 30-May 1	Virtual
Limitless Event			Limitless Event	May 15	TBD
NGC Annual Conference	Aug. 29	Classic Center Athens GA	NGC Annual Conference	Jun 3-5	Virtual
UMW Breakfast	N/A	Classic Center	UMW Breakfast	Jun 4	TBD
Mission u	Jul 10-11 Jul 25 (one day event-KCA)	Reinhardt University Waleska, GA	Mission u	June July Aug	Virtual
CON/ Program Executive	Jul 18	New Bethlehem Center, Augusta, GA	Con/Program Executive	Jul 17	TBD
Annual Meeting	Oct 3	Embry Hills UMC (AMRY)	Annual Meeting	Oct 2	Fayetteville 1 st UMC
Program Committee	Oct 8	Teleconference	Program Committee	Oct 7	TBD
Leadership Development/ Executive Meeting	Nov 7	Carrollton 1 st UMC (ROCA)	Executive Meeting	Nov 6	TBD
District President's Annual Reports	Aug. 1		Aug 1		
2020 District Officers & Dates	Nov. 1		Nov 1		

SAVE THE DATE: ASSEMBLY, MAY 20-22, 2022 in Orlando, FL

Updated 02/19/2021



2021 Mission Today Unit Requirements

Name of Unit: _____ District: _____ Number of Members: _____

Requirements for a unit with a membership of 10 and under:

- Mission Today Unit: Complete 2 items, 1 must be asterisk items
- Silver Mission Today Unit: Complete 3 items, 1 must be asterisk items
- Gold Mission Today Unit: Complete 4 items, 1 must be asterisk items

Requirements for a unit with a membership of 11-20:

- Mission Today Unit: Complete 5 items, 3 must be asterisk items
- Silver Mission Today Unit: Complete 6 items, 3 must be asterisk items
- Gold Mission Today Unit: Complete 9 items, 5 must be asterisk items

Requirements for a unit with a membership of 21 or more:

- Mission Today Unit: Complete 10 items, 5 must be asterisk items
- Silver Mission Today Unit: Complete 12 items, 5 must be asterisk items
- Gold Mission Today Unit: Complete all 17 items

_____ *1. Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting of the unit to pray for people in mission and for our Mission work with women, children and youth.

_____ *2. The unit will make and meet its pledge to mission.

_____ *3. The unit will add at least two new members to its roll

_____ *4. The unit will have at least two members subscribing to Response magazine.

_____ *5. The unit will have at least two programs from the Program Book during the year.

_____ *6. The unit, circle or subgroup will conduct or attend at least one 4-hour, Mission u approved mission study.

_____ *7. The unit will inform on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least one way during the year. Some suggested plans of action: Plan a joint unit meeting with a unit of different racial/ethnic backgrounds. Develop bi-racial/cultural or multi-racial/cultural Koinonia groups. Hold a joint Vacation Bible School or Bible study. Hold pulpit exchanges. Share joint worship services on special occasions. Encourage the church to sponsor a refugee family.

_____ 8. At least one member of the unit (other than Conference or District officers) will attend the Conference or District Mission u.

_____ 9. At least two members (other than Conference or District officers) will attend the District or Conference Annual Meeting.

_____ 10. The unit will have at least one person join the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information (register to receive alerts at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)

_____ 11. Members shall send at least 10 cards or letters to people listed in the Prayer Calendar at least once a year.

_____ *12. The unit will support state, local or community agencies for children, youth and women. Some suggestions: Attend meetings or events. Attend the Legislative events at the Capital. Write to legislators concerning issues that affect women, children and youth. Invite a speaker. Mentor or tutor a child.



2021 Mission Today Unit Requirements

- 13. The unit will be a 5 Star unit contributing to all 5 channels of undesignated giving.
- 16. At least two members will complete one of the Reading Program plans and report on one of the books.
- 14. The unit will contribute to a mission project, such as UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), New American Pathways (National Immigrations or other Immigration and refugee organizations), or other United Methodist Women National Mission Institutions.
- 15. Each unit, circle, or subgroup meeting will include a “Response Moment” where an article from the Response magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
- 16. At least two members will complete one of the Reading Program plans and report on one of the books. Encourage all members to complete Plan One.
- 17. The unit will invite a District or Conference officer, other than a member of that unit, to one or more of the unit meetings or host a Conference or District event.
- 18. List any additional local and community mission involvement (with women, children and youth) for the unit during the past 12 months.

Note: These are guidelines for local units to assist in planning programs and activities)

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The PURPOSE of United Methodist Women

The Purpose is adopted by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church as the official mission statement of United Methodist Women.

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.

Out of the Purpose are four mission foci that relate to the mission initiatives and priorities of United Methodist Women.

- To be a community of women
- To know God
- To develop a creative and supportive fellowship
- To expand concepts of mission