



The Voice of the
Harpeth River District
United Women in Faith
Newsletter

MIARCHI

*Campaign for Children
Coming to Riverside UMC Soon!*



CAMPAIGN for CHILDREN

HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Shelbi Ball is the Grants and Partnerships Specialist for AncoraTN, formerly known as End Slavery Tennessee. She will be our speaker for Campaign for Children, which will be held at the Riverside United Methodist Church, 313 6TH Ave. in Columbia on Sunday, April 23 at 3 pm.

End Slavery Tennessee was founded and named to sound the alarm that human trafficking exists and is happening in our very own backyard. In the past decade, they've grown from raising awareness to providing survivors a place of healing and restoration. Although anyone can be impacted by human trafficking, people of color, immigrants, and people who identify as LGBTQIA+ are disproportionately exploited. People affected by economic disparity, mental illness, housing insecurity, systemic oppression, along with runaway youth and children in foster care, often fall victim to human trafficking.

AncoraTN manages all human trafficking referrals in the Middle Tennessee region as a member of the Tennessee Counter-Trafficking Alliance (TCTA), formerly known as Tennessee Anti-Slavery Alliance. TCTA ensures quality consistent human trafficking focused services will be provided statewide in the most effective and efficient way possible. TCTA advocates for systemic change and provides comprehensive trauma-informed aftercare to survivors of human trafficking anywhere in Tennessee.

Shelbi Ball will share information; along with ways we can support and be involved with AncoraTN.

*Provided by
Stacey Hagedwood
District Social Action Coordinator*

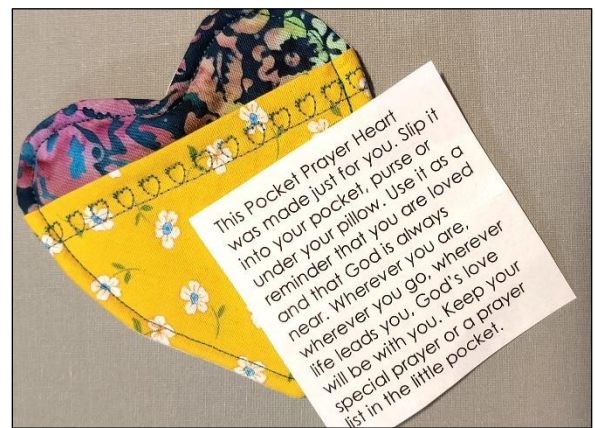


From the District President

Greetings Sisters in Christ:

I would like to thank Bethesda Unit President, Annette McRee, and the many ladies of Bethesda UWF who hosted the District Officer Training and Faith Lift on February 4th. The event was well attended and we had the opportunity to share information and ideas. Thank you to Mission u Assistant Dean Peggy Owen for presenting information on Mission u, which will be held at Scarritt Bennett in Nashville July 13th-15th. I'd like to thank the district officers who spoke regarding their roles within the district and how best to help the unit officers. I greatly appreciate Conference Education and Interpretation Coordinator Katie Harris, from the Stones River District, who attended and shared a lot of information on mission work and the World Thank Offering.

Please be sure to visit our website, www.hrumw.weebly.com, to view the forms and information that was handed out at the District Officer Training. In addition, the pattern for the beautiful Pocket Prayer Heart that Marina Rawl made and gave out to each attendee will be on the website. She says this is an easy project to do and a wonderful way to let someone know you are praying for them. Thank you, Marina and Frances Warpool, for the inspirational devotional at the Faith Lift.



Our next district event is the Campaign for Children to be held Sunday, at 3 pm on April 23rd at Riverside UMC in Columbia. Social Action Coordinator Stacey Hagewood is finalizing plans for this event. I am confident it will be an enlightening program. A RSVP is not necessary for this event. I hope to see many of you there.

Keep in mind, the District offers scholarships to first time attendees of the Spiritual Growth Retreat (May 5th-7th at Beersheba Springs); Mission u (July 13th-15th at Scarritt Bennett); and the Fall Retreat (October 20th-22nd at either Beersheba Springs or Lakeshore). The applications are on the website under Forms / Events or I will be glad to email one to you.

Thank you for all you do! Do not hesitate to contact me or any of the district officers if you need something.

Blessings,

Beth Stockwell

District President

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From the Faith Lift @ Bethesda United Methodist Church on February 4th



Katie Harris
Conference Education & Interpretation Coordinator

Janet Pierce
District Communication Coordinator



Peggy Owen
Assistant Dean, Mission u

Bobbi Toombs
District Program Resources Officer



From the District Treasurer

Hi there!

This is my brief annual summary of how the Harpeth River District fared financially in 2022.

I am excited to say that we exceeded our Pledge for Missions to the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference! Our pledge for 2022 was \$18,000. With your financial giving, we actually sent them **\$26,352.32**.

In addition, I have very good news to share with you. In 2022, we started using a new report in the TWK Conference for units to let us know how much they have sent to organizations or places they support outside of UWF. In addition to the total \$26,352.32 sent through our district to the conference and national office, the units have sent a total of **\$42,281.45** to local schools, shelters, food pantries, college students, Christmas boxes for children, Christmas gifts for nursing homes, the jail ministry, as well as Miriam's Promise, Henderson Settlement, Guatemala and more. It is amazing to see all the places touched by the women in our district.

I know that 2023 will bring its own challenges. It is important for us to remember why we work together and give our financial support through UWF. In doing this, we are giving to women, children and youth, who need our help to survive and learn of God's goodness.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,

Debbie Miller
Harpeth River District Treasurer
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If you would like to bring an item on their wishlist, which includes hygiene items, gift cards and more, please find the information here:

<https://www.ancoratn.org/needslist>

From the District Communication Coordinator

Greetings everyone!

My message is short and sweet this month.

Do you have any questions about the website?

What is your unit doing? Share your program ideas. Share a book review. Share pictures from activities.

Just think; there are so many ways we can communicate with each other!

Janet Pierce

District Communication Coordinator

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Day of Giving

On March 23, United Women in Faith's annual "Day of Giving," we celebrate and honor the vision of our foremothers by giving to The Legacy Endowment Fund. Together, our gifts help carry forward the work those women began for the benefit of future generations of women, children, and youth. The theme for this year's Day of Giving is "The Future is Now," and the first \$100,000 in gifts will be matched by the Scranton Women's Leadership Center. You are invited to join us at the Virtual Facebook event on March 23 and to celebrate the 154th anniversary by giving to The Legacy Endowment Fund. For more information, visit uwfaith.org/dayofgiving or contact legacy150@uwfaith.org.



Quitting is the only real failure; all else is practice for success!

~ Harry Day

From the District Program Resources Officer

Hello United Women in Faith!!

I am so excited about this year's book list!! Please encourage your members to participate in our wonderful reading program. You can find the book list on our website: hrumw.weebly.com/media.

You can find the books at your local library, Amazon, and if your church has a library ask them about acquiring the books.

Here are my suggestions for this year. You can complete Phase one by reading one book in each category. I have read these and thoroughly enjoyed each of them.

Education for Mission

The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek
I am a Man – Chief Standing Bears Journey for Justice

Leadership Development

Ida B Wells: The Extraordinary Life and Legacy of Ida B. Wells

Nurturing for Community

The Firekeepers Daughter (I found this on Kindle Unlimited)

Social Action

The Four Winds
The New American

Spiritual Growth

Daughter of Cana

I would like to encourage everyone to attend Mission U. Note: For the Spiritual Growth Bonus Books, you must participate in or lead one of the studies in order to receive Reading Program credit. You may attend or lead the 8-part Mission u study either in a conference/district Mission u context or in your own local context (church, unit, otherwise) to receive Bonus Book credit. If you read the study but do not lead/participate in a group, it counts as only one credit

Keep Reading!!

Bobbi Toombs
The Crazy Book Lady
Harpeth River District Program Resources
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Trivia Questions

- 1 – What color are the 4 horsemen in Revelation? Revelation 6
- 2 – How many different kinds of fruit are on the Tree of Life? Revelation 22
- 3 – What bird does not sow or reap and does not have a storehouse or barn? Luke 12
- 4 – What 3 things did Jesus tell Thomas that He is? John 14
- 5 – In the parable of the rich man, what is easier to go through the eye of a needle? Mark 10
- 6 - What was the last thing God created? Genesis 1
- 7 – How many days was Jonah in the fish? Jonah 1
- 8 – Who wrote the book of Revelation? Revelation 1
- 9 – What is the gift from God that we receive when we have been saved through faith? Ephesians 2
- 10 – How many Beatitudes are there? Matthew 5



When you forgive someone,

you are as close to God as you will ever be,

because in that forgiveness you are demonstrating the very heart of God.

~ Max Lucado



Those in need of prayer:

- Bobbi Brooke Frances Harry
- Joy Judy Kate Katie Kila
- Linda Nita Sydney Tim

People of Ukraine

From the District Spiritual Growth Coordinator

At the Faith Lift on February 4th, I gave everyone a Pocket Prayer Heart with a promise to share how to make them. Remember to always use your gifts and talents to share with others whenever possible.

The following was placed in the Pocket Prayer Heart:

This Pocket Prayer Heart was made just for you. Slip it into your pocket, purse or under your pillow. Use it as a reminder that you are loved and that God is always near. Wherever you are, wherever you go, wherever life leads you, God's love will be with you. Keep your special prayer or a prayer list in the little pocket.



I adapted the pattern by using five inch squares of fabric instead of sewing strips for the patchwork.

[Patchwork Heart Pocket Prayer Quilt Tutorial + FREE Pattern | Shabby Fabrics](#)

If you would like my notes on the devotion, Strengths and Abilities of a Mercy Giver, shared at the Faith Lift, send me an email at anient@att.net for a link. I will gladly share the information.

*Always,
Marina Rawls
Spiritual Growth Coordinator
Harpeth River District*



From the District Nomination Committee Chair

Happy Spring!

It is so great to see all the green after the ice and cold of winter. During those winter days when the cold is so bone-biting, it seems as if spring will never come. Then, one day in March, spring arrives. We begin to see all the newness of the world shown through God's handiwork. Even though, we also face the darkest time with the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, three days later we see the empty tomb and know that He lives! May this time of renewal be a time that you renew your commitment to United Women in Faith.

Judy Davis
District Nomination Committee Chair
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~ ~ Unit News ~ ~



On February 26th, the **United Women in Faith of Christ UMC** Franklin had a salad lunch for their first meeting of 2023. Their program focused on food insecurity in local schools. Church members Robbin Cross and Marne' Price supervise the food and culinary services of the Franklin Special School District. They shared information regarding their work within the schools.

With that in mind, Christ UWF invited all church members to donate non-perishable food for GraceWorks 'fuel bags' (see picture) for students in need.

GraceWorks is a nonprofit organization in Williamson County, supported by businesses, corporations and churches. They have a food bank and so much more! Check it out:

<https://www.graceworksministries.net/who-we-are/>

Be sure to check and see if there are opportunities like this in your community.

Stacey Hagewood, Unit Secretary



At Bethesda UMC, (L to R) Ethel Detch, Janet Phelps, Judy Carlisle, & Stacey Hagewood.

Centerville UWF started the year on a roll! Blessed Stitches will be meeting every other week to work on pillowcase dresses and prayer bears. The Pot Pie Patrol made 3 deliveries last month. The Adopt-a-Class treat bags for Christmas went well. The students put treat bags together for the school's Auxiliary Staff. We delivered the Valentine Treat Bags for the class. Then, the students put 50 little treat bags together for the 911 center, law enforcement officers and first responders. We received a generous donation from Jim & Gwen Breece that will be used to help people in need in Hickman County. We have officially started our library for the Reading Program! We bought one book for each category. We always do our Call to Prayer / Self-Denial program the first of the year. The end of February, the program will be Part 1. For the month of March, we select something to deny ourselves for the month. If you decide to deny yourself of the one Diet Coke that you have every day and you have one anyway, you are to put a pre-determined amount of money in a vessel. At the end of March, Part 2 of the program includes everyone turning in their money to the treasurer for our offering. Sometimes, members tell what they denied themselves of.

From the District Secretary

Greetings to all of my lady friends!

I have some news to share with you. I have retired! I looked up the meaning of retirement and it said: ceasing to work. Well, nothing could be further from the truth for me!!

I have had four job offers since I turned in my notice. I will be working part time at an antique store. In addition, I will do bookkeeping one day a week.

I will definitely have plenty of time to work for the Lord. I look forward to setting special time aside for studying the Bible and reading the daily devotional. I plan to take a more active role in my local church and charitable activities, as well as serving as the district secretary. Quilting has been something that I have always wanted to pursue. I know I have a long list of things I want to do. I will probably run out of time before I run out of ideas!

Please remember to send me address, phone number &/or email address changes to my new email address:
momamia1950@gmail.com

Love and blessings to all of you,

Marilyn Smith
District Secretary
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BOOKS ~ BOOKS ~ and MORE BOOKS!!!



Bobbi Toombs, the District Program Resources Officer, has come up with a Great Idea!!

On the website's Navigation Bar, "Book Report" will be added right after Media.

Book Report will have a description of a book from each category. This will change every month. This will give you an opportunity to read about a book for the Reading Program!

Remember, read only 5 books for Plan I. This will count for your unit's participation, of which you will receive a certificate of participation at the District Annual Meeting.





Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting

WHERE: Chattanooga, Tennessee
WHEN: April 19-21, 2024

Registration opens September 2023

Early Registration: \$210 (thru December 2023)
 Late Registration: \$240 (after December 2023)

THE TABLE IS OPEN TO EVERYONE - NO NEED TO BELONG TO
 UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH, SO BRING A FRIEND!



MISSION GIVING

SAVE YOUR DOLLAR BILLS....
 with a "J" on them for "Jesus" and "Jurisdiction"
 AND "G" for "God".



For additional information, go to our website at: www.sejuwf.org

CALENDAR of EVENTS**{District in bold font.}**

Mar. 6 (Mon.)

Remittance Due

Mar. 11 (Sat.)

Conference Executive Team Meeting



Mar. 12 (Sun.)

Daylight Saving Time (spring forward)

Mar. 17 (Fri.)

St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 20 (Mon.)

1st Day of Spring

Mar. 23 (Thurs.)

DAY of GIVING

Mar. 24 (Fri.)

SPRING SCHOLARSHIP DUE (Beersheba May 5-7)

April 23 (Sun.)**3 pm****Campaign for Children
Human Trafficking -- End Slavery TN****Riverside UMC
Columbia**

May 5-7 (Fri.-Sun.)

Spring Retreat

Beersheba Springs

June 24 (Sat.)**10 am
1 pm****District Local President's Roundtable
District Leadership Team Meeting****Prospect UMC
Prospect**

July 13-15 (Thurs.-Sat.)

Mission u

Scarritt Bennett
Nashville

Aug. 5 (Sat.)

TBA

Conference Executive Team Meeting

TBA

Aug. 26 (Sat.)**9:30 am
2 pm****District Mission Study/Brown Bag Lunch
District Leadership Team Meeting****College Grove UMC
College Grove**

Aug. 26 (Sat.)

TBA

Conference Social Action Day

TBA

Sept. 23 (Sat.)**8:30 am
9 am****Registration for Annual Meeting
DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING****Lawrenceburg First UMC
Lawrenceburg**

Sept. 30 (Sat.)

TBA

Conference Annual Meeting

TBA

Oct. 20-22 (Fri.-Sun.)

Conference Fall Retreat

Beersheba or Lakeshore

Nov. 4 (Sat.)

TBA

Conf. Training for District Officers

TBA



UWF Bookmarks



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World Thank Offering

A Month of Giving...an Attitude of Gratitude

Each day, give a small amount to your World Thank Offering box.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Blessed by attending church today? Think of those blessings... add a coin for each.	Everyday counts! If you got out of bed this morning, add \$1.00	Have close friends who bless your life? Add a coin for each visit with a friend this week.	Plenty of food to eat? Give a coin for each can, box or bag in your pantry.	How many pairs of glasses do you own? Add a coin for each pair.	Had coffee, tea or a soft drink today? Add a coin for the many choices that you have.	Children in your heart? Count up the kids you love, make a gift to your box for each of them!
Hymns sung today? Hum one and remember other beloved church tunes, add a coin for each.	Watch television today? Add a coin for each tv show you watched.	Have family members who bless your life? Add a coin for each family member.	More than three pairs of shoes in your closet? Add a coin for each pair.	Had a breast exam this year! Way to go! Deposit \$1.00.	Visited a garden and smelled the flowers? Add a coin per garden or flower.	A nickel for every window you have in your home today, and a dime for every door.
Vitamins or medicine? Add a coin for each pill you take.	Internet access? Blessings for connecting Add a coin for email, and the web.	Pets in your life? Add them up, give a coin per animal!	States you visited in your life? Add a coin for each state or country.	Visited the dentist this year? Add 50 cents for a healthy smile	Cell phone, regular phone? Count your connections... add a coin for each phone.	Own a car? a bike? a scooter? a wheelchair? Count the wheels and multiply by 5 cents.
How many times you have been in church this week? Ten cents per "time"	Books or magazines you've read this month? Add 25 cents for each.	\$1.00 for each random act of kindness you perform this month	Enjoying the Fall season? Deposit a dime for every time you noticed God's creation this month	Isn't electricity wonderful? Count the lamps in your home, and add a coin for each.	A warm bed is a gift that many in the world do not have. Add a coin for each bed in your home.	Over 1.2 billion people in our world don't have access to clean water. I DO... add \$1.00
Money in your savings account? Divide by 10, 100, 1,000, or more, and make a gift to your box.	Have you seen or heard any birds or wildlife today? Add a coin for each bird or animal.	Over 2 billion people around the world live on less than \$2.00 a day. Give \$2.00.	Plants in your home? Add a coin for each bit of greenery	Letters or cards in the mail? For each piece of mail today, add a coin.	Celebrate with joy the most precious gift of all...Jesus Christ! Make a special gift today.	An extra treat for my World Thank Box. Give generously!

You can surely think of other ways that God's abundant grace touches your life... each and every day. Put your World Thank Offering container in a place where you will see it often... and make spontaneous gifts throughout the year for God's blessings.

Instructions:

1. Cut out along outside lines.
2. Cut out along dotted line.
2. Fold and crease along inside lines.
3. Using glue or tape, attach tabs to sides or tape sides together. Don't attach the lid if you want to be able to open it and re-use.

Works best with card stock or other heavy paper.



GIFT IN MEMORY

Would you like to honor a deceased loved one? Would you like to give tribute to someone who touched your life in a meaningful way? Consider a Gift in Memory card, a special card that represents a gift to mission through United Women in Faith.

A Gift in Memory makes additional mission work possible in the United States and around the world.

Talk to your local treasurer about ordering information.



WORLD THANK OFFERING

Do you want to celebrate God's blessings in your life and the lives of those around you?

Mark these blessings with a World Thank Offering during the annual World Thank Offering service. Place your joy offerings in special boxes at the altar with the offerings of others during this service of thanksgiving, which is included each year in the United Women in Faith **Program Resource**.

You can also find this service on our website at uwfaith.org and click on the "Downloads" tab.

For more information about Mission Giving go to the website: <https://uwfaith.org/give>



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UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

MISSION GIVING

United Women in Faith members have been turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world for over one hundred and fifty years.

See how you can be a part of the ever-growing mission of United Women in Faith locally, nationally, and internationally through the five channels of Mission Giving.



PLEDGE TO MISSION

Do you want to make a commitment to the foundational mission work of United Women in Faith?

Make a Pledge to Mission and help fulfill the PURPOSE of United Women in Faith by contributing to the largest channel of Mission Giving.

Fill out a pledge card and give it to your local treasurer.



SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

Do you want to honor a friend working in mission? Give a Special Mission Recognition pin. An individual, circle, or unit can recognize a faithful worker in mission by giving her or him a Special Mission Recognition pin.

You can choose from several categories of pins—each one represents a different level of Mission Giving.

You will receive a beautiful pin and a certificate with the name of the honoree and the donor signed by the United Women in Faith General Secretary.



GIFT TO MISSION

Do you want to honor someone for their Christlike mission service?

Send a Gift to Mission card. A wide variety of cards with envelopes are available for purchase singly or in pre-packaged sets for different occasions: Peace, Thank You, Congratulations, Thinking of You, A Special Day, A New Baby, In the Service of Christ, Happy Birthday, and Christmas.

Contact your local treasurer for ordering printed cards. Or, honor someone with a Gift to Mission online by clicking on unwfaith.org/give



Cost

Modern Room:

includes ac/heat, linens/towels & wash cloths, and bathroom with shower.

Single Occupancy - \$220

Double Occupancy - \$165

Vintage Room:

includes ac/heat! You must bring your own bedding, towels & wash cloths, and it is a short walk to the bath house.

Shared Room - \$125

Single Room - \$180

Commuter Rate- \$103

Contact Information:

931.692.3669 or

trevor.gentry@twkumc.org

General Information

Items you might want to bring:

- Bible, journal, writing utensil
- Books, games, crafts, etc. for free time
- Snacks, bottled water, canned drinks to share for the "share table"
- Comfortable clothes & shoes if you would like to hike during free time



Beersheba Springs

Assembly

8th

Annual

Women's

Retreat

May 5th-7th

2023

Schedule

Friday

- 5:00 pm - Registration
- 6:00 pm - Dinner
- 7:00 pm - Session 1

Saturday

- 7:30 am - Morning Vespers
- 8:00 am - Breakfast
- 9:00 am - Session 2
- 10:00 am - Individual time with God
- 11:30 am - Small Groups
- 12:00 pm - Lunch
- 1:00 pm - Free Time
- 3:30 pm - Session 3
- 5:30 pm - Dinner
- 7:00 pm - Group Activity

Sunday

- 7:30 am - Morning Vespers
- 8:00 am - Breakfast
- 9:00 am - Closing Worship



Introducing Jane Rubietta:



Jane Rubietta speaks internationally, and is an award-winning author with 21 books to her credit, four on the UMW reading program (Worry Less So You Can Live More, and Heartbeat of a Mother most recently). A UM clergy spouse and the mother of three (tall) grown children, Jane's hilarious and filled with hope. You'll think she's been reading your journal because she gets you. Then she just loves and blesses you. Audiences suggest a backup career in stand-up comedy if she runs out of anything else to do. "Have you been reading my journal?" people ask as she shares her own zany battles with life. Find more at JaneRubietta.com Jane will also bring her highly acclaimed books and CDs to our retreat together, including three from the UMW Reading Program Quiet Places, Worry Less Live More, and Heartbeat of a Mother. Brilliance is her newest release. A couple of fast sweet clips of endorsement that showed up on social media today: "you are in for a rip roarin heart healing treat." Joni Tr, Clergy Spouse "You will fall in love with Jane and, even better, with the God who loves and treasures you. Get ready for still waters and green pastures...and hilarity." Audrey G.

