
The Voice of the
Harpeth River District
United Women in Faith

~ ~ Reminder ~ ~



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Living the Kin-dom
Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a
Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation
Tennessee Western Kentucky United Women in Faith
Mission u 2023

The Lord's Prayer plays a significant role in every churchgoing/church-involved person's religious practice. In the majority of churches, this prayer is prayed every Sunday.

The curriculum for this year's Mission u explores the Lord's Prayer as it is recorded in Matthew 6: 9-13 and invites you to take a deeper look at the prayer and the role it plays in your faith journey. From there, the study moves from personal to communal application. How does the Lord's Prayer help us to live in kin-dom? Hopefully, this curriculum will empower us to use what we learn to become a reflection of God's love to the world.

Will you join us?

Thursday, July 13 – Saturday, July 15
Scarritt Bennett Center

1028 18th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212-2126

Registration form is attached and open now through June 2, 2023 to assure for meals, rooms, and study books. Be sure to register now!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO CONSIDER WHEN REGISTERING

-Scarritt Bennett does not have elevators in the lodging buildings. If you are unable to use stairs, please indicate in the space provided on the application form and a first floor room will be secured for you.

(Note: There are elevators in the building where classes are held.)

-We are pleased to offer a study for children (ages 6-11) and youth (ages 12-17). During non-class time, the children and youth should be with their accompanying adult.

- Please carefully review the lodging options and their sleeping arrangements for children/youth.

-Children/youth in a room of their own will be suitemates with their accompanying adult. The 2 rooms are separated by a bathroom that they will both share. Most rooms have a twin bed.

-Scarritt Bennett has a limited number of rooms with a standard double bed. A child/youth can share a room and that with their accompanying adult.

2023 MISSION project – Miriam's Promise – TWK Conference Adoption Agency – Thursday, July 14 at 3:00 PM In the chapel at Calvary UMC-3701 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville, TN. Please consider a love offering or a gift card from Kroger, Walmart, Target, or Publix.

TWK CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH – MISSION u 2023

Scarritt Bennett Center – 1027 18th Avenue S. Nashville, TN 37212

July 13-15, 2023

Registration deadline is **June 2, 2023** - To assure housing, meals and study books

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church _____ District _____

Male _____
Female _____
Clergy _____
Laity _____
Study Leader _____

First--time attendee Yes _____ No _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone – day _____ Night _____

ACCOMMODATIONS

Are you Staying at Scarritt Bennett _____ Or Commuting _____ Or Virtual _____

Suitemate (separate room/shared bathroom) _____

Do you require a first-floor room Yes _____ No _____

Special needs-Allergies, Medical Concerns, Health and/or Dietary needs: _____

Make choice of adult study leader - 1st and 2nd choice – filled in order of registration date received

_____ Rev. Marie King _____ Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes _____ Holly Neal _____ Deborah Poole

Please indicate children or youth leader

_____ **LaSonia Scantling Children (6-11 yrs)** _____ **Caroline Martin-Youth (12-17 yrs)**

REGISTRATION FEES: (All registration fees include the study book)

- 2 nights, 5 meals(Thurs. dinner thru Sat. Breakfast) \$150
- 1 night, 4 meals (Fri. breakfast thru Sat. breakfast) \$125
- Commuters - 4 meals (Fri. breakfast thru Sat. breakfast) \$ 75
- Virtual - includes study book \$ 35
- Children/Youth in their own room \$ 75
- Children/Youth sharing room/bed with accompanying adult \$ 50

(See cover page of registration form for children/youth rooming options.)

Mail registration and check, payable to TWK Conf. United Women of Faith, Mission u, to:

Peggy Owen, Registrar, 1116 Maddox Rd., Centerville, TN 37033, 615-948-1518

owenpeggy@gmail.com - mail no later than June 2 (Send only this page of registration.)

BIOS OF MISSION U STUDY LEADERS – 2023 (As submitted by individual leaders)
ADULT CLASSES

REV. MARIE C. KING resides in Nashville, is an ordained deacon in full connection, and serves as pastor of Banks Chapel-St. John Charge, Springfield, Tennessee, of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference. Rev. King's ministry calling began in healthcare as a registered nurse with experience as a Clinical Nurse Supervisor, and Clinical Nurse Educator. Rev. King has also served as a Clinical Chaplain and has Ecclesiastical Endorsement as a hospital chaplain. She has served local congregations in secondary and primary appointments in ministry to the marginalized, poor, and underserved, congregational care and as a Parish Nurse. She has served on the conference level with the committee for Disability Concerns, and boards for the Wesley Foundation at Fisk University, ENCORE (older adult ministries), and previous co-chairperson for the Order of Deacons, and current chairperson of Health and Wellness Initiatives. Rev. King earned her Master of Divinity degree from Central Theological Seminary, Basic Graduate Theological Studies through United Theological Seminary, and Parish Nurse training with Vanderbilt University.

Rev. King enjoys sharing time and a pot of gumbo with family and friends, train travel, and lives by the mantra attributed to John Wesley, "Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, in all the places you can, At all the times you can, to all the people you can, As long as ever you can".

REV. DR. CHRIS HAYNES is an elder in the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference UMC. He has pastored churches in middle and west Tennessee since 1999. He has an M.Div. from Vanderbilt University and a Ph.D. in Sociology of Religion from Drew University. He currently serves as lead pastor at Christ United Methodist Church in Franklin, TN. In his free time, Chris enjoys visiting national parks and hopes to hike the Appalachian Trail one day.

HOLLY NEAL is a lifelong Methodist and her membership is at Fairfield Glade UMC in Crossville TN. She has served in many roles in her local church - over 25 years as a youth volunteer and youth Sunday School teacher. She served as the District Director of Lay Servant Ministries, the District Lay Leader, Tennessee Conference Lay Leader (2012 - 2021) and is a Certified Lay Minister (2011-present). She is a third generation Woman's Society of Christian Service/ UMW/United Women in Faith member providing leadership in her local unit, district and now as the TWK UWF Spiritual Growth Coordinator. Holly is looking forward to exploring together the good news of the kin-dom (reign of God) and the heart of Jesus and what fresh vision it offers us as we seek to be in mission today.

DEBORAH POOLE -I was born and raised in the Rincon United Methodist Church, in Rincon, GA. Married the love of my life, Jimmy Poole in 1972. We moved to Brazil, Indiana in 1974, we were members of Brazil 1st UMC. Our three children were born while we lived in Indiana, they are Erica, Sarah and Michael. 1984, moved to Cordova, TN and found our church family at Covenant UMC. Our children grew up at Covenant, they are all married and have blessed us with 6 granddaughters and 1 grandson, ages 8 - 15 . Life is fun and full of surprises.

Deborah's passions are a choir member since the age of 12 Years. I love praising God through singing, speaking and writing. God is so good to me; I have been blessed and hope to share my joy. I am a crafter, knitting, crocheting, painting, sewing and reading, (housework not so much). She has been a member of UWF (formerly UMW) since 1978. I served on the Metro District Team of UMW and the Memphis/TWK Conference Team, most recently as Spiritual Growth Coordinator. I do love Mission u, It has been my pleasure to attend as a student, to be the Assistant Dean and Dean of Mission u. I love the Lord and am excited to share that joy with you this summer.

CHILDREN'S CLASS

Primary Study Leader: LaSonia Scantling – I am a longtime member of Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church. I am one of the coordinators of the children's ministry. I am over the dance ministry and also part of the worship team. I am truly passionate about working with a children's ministry that this gives me joy of working with them teaching a children's church. I also work full time at Vanderbilt Children's for almost 30 years on the Pediatric Operating Room. A mother of two and four beautiful grandchildren. I have taught Mission U for the past five years we had children involved and also the exercise session of the conference. God has truly blessed me, and he continues to bless me to do what I do. I often tell others to always be grateful and positive in everything you do. I'm truly proud to be a child of God.

Assistant Leader: Hi my name is **Ashley Gardner** and I will be working with the children's class at Mission U. I am the wife and mother to a family of 6. My husband and I have 4 children ranging in age from 2 to 13. We have been members of Gordon Memorial UMC in Nashville, TN for about 12 years. Currently, I volunteer with the NexGen Children's Ministry there and have worked with children for 10+ years. I enjoy reading, watching movies, and spending time with my family.

YOUTH CLASS

Primary Study Leader: Caroline Martin- I am Caroline Baldrige- Martin. I am a United Women in Faith legacy. I have been a member since I was a little girl. I helped my mother and aunt with mission projects and feeding the sick and shut in. I am a member of Key Memorial United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro TN. where I have served as the Children and Youth Coordinator. I currently serve as National Director of United Women In Faith. I had the pleasure of serving on the Tennessee Conference United Methodist Women a total of eight years as Secretary, Education & Interpretation, Communication Coordinator, Dean & Assistant Dean of Mission U. I LOVE United Women in Faith because of the fellowship with women from all over the world and it has help me to grow in my Faith journey.

In my free time, I like to make prayer beads, prayer bracelets, paint and crochet. I have two children, Charles and Kandice. I am very excited about this years Mission U Because It will be my first year as a youth study leader. I can't wait see everyone in July.

Assistant Leader: Jerlean Bass is a native Tennessean, born in Brownsville and raised in Jackson, TN. Jerlean attended Tennessee State University where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. As a career field, she chose the banking industry and currently works as a Senior Loan Quality Control Specialist. Jerlean is an active member of Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church and has held several leadership roles within the church, such as Sunday School Superintendent, Christian Education Chairperson, and most recently Homecoming Chairperson. Jerlean also works with the Usher, Finance, Greeters, Hands or Hope, and BMCR ministries.

Jerlean has been active in United Methodist Women, now known as United Women in Faith, since first joining Gordon Memorial. She has held offices on the local and conference levels. On the conference level, she has served as Assistant Dean, Dean of School of Mission (currently Mission U), Secretary and Vice President and locally has been Treasurer and Link Chairperson.

Jerlean enjoys traveling, cooking, all types of music and meeting new people but above all else, she is a child of God. She walks and talks with God daily and cannot do anything without his guidance. Her guiding like in her walk with Christ is Psalm 23.

~ ~ Unit News ~ ~



Nolensville First UWF, at the Buttercup Festival, a day long festival drawing from Williamson, Rutherford, and Davidson counties and even further afield! Our women's group had both an inside and an outside table where we sold baked goods, pecans and packages of zinnia seeds **(cover the world in color!)** Each customer received a prayer square.



In addition, the prayer shawl ministry has been creating winter scarves to be given to our Room in the Inn guests when the cold weather returns. Of course, many prayer shawls are made to give to our friends, families, members of the congregation, and the community as a reminder that we love them and pray for their well-being.



The Purpose of United Women in Faith

The United Women in Faith 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.

~ ~ Event News ~ ~



We had several United Women in Faith attend the Harpeth River District's Campaign for Children event at the Riverside UMC in Columbia Sunday, April 23. Shelbi Ball was our speaker from AncoraTN; Ancora is Latin for anchor. She presented a powerful presentation about their work with human trafficking in the 41 counties in Middle Tennessee and in conjunction with other groups throughout our state.



Ancora provides comprehensive aftercare services for human trafficking. Human trafficking is defined as the exploitation of humans for purposes such as sexual and labor servitude where something of value is exchanged (money, food, housing, drugs, etc.) through the means of force, fraud or coercion. Unfortunately, the perpetrator could be your neighbor, a teacher or a "nice" stranger.

Please visit their website to read more about the work they do, sign-up for their newsletter, listen to their podcast episodes and learn more about how we can support them: <https://www.ancoratn.org>

We would like to thank the host church, Riverside UMC, for their hospitality after Shelbi's presentation.

Tennessee Human Trafficking Hotline
(855) 558-6484
or text "BeFree" to 233733

Prayer Requests:

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

We believe

Love in Action

can change the world.



TO OUR TREASURER: Debbie Miller

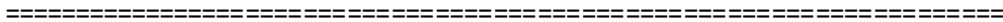
Good afternoon!

It is official...We exceeded our 2022 pledge to UWF! We pledged \$120,000 to support mission giving and we submitted a total of \$203,247.55. The attached certificate is for the amounts submitted for the 5 channels of mission giving listed below. Sending a super special thanks to the district treasurers, who are a phenomenal group of women! Thanks Ann, Beth, Beverly, Debbie, Gail, Lauren, Michelle, Terry for all that you do and Magdalena for all that you did. It is truly an honor to work with all of you.

Pledge to Mission	\$159,164.71
SMR	\$ 3,925.00
Gift to Mission	\$ 3,353.46
Gift in Memory	\$ 3,8413.00
World Thank Offering	\$ 12,122.26

Blessings,

Geralyn



From the National Treasurer:

*Greetings Tennessee-Western Kentucky!
Thank you for exceeding your pledge
and for giving \$186,177 to mission.*

*Your gifts to our shared mission are
appreciated. Please continue to
encourage your members to give of
their time, talents and treasures.
Collectively we make a tremendous
impact on communities everywhere.
So let's continue in our work together
and see what more we can do
in 2023!*

*Peace...
Jamya*

Mission Giving Award 2022



United
Women
in Faith

This certificate is presented to the
Tennessee–Western Kentucky Conference
in recognition of reaching

155% Mission Giving for 2022!

Your generous giving supported our Just Energy 4 All and Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline campaigns; leadership development for women and youth around the world; program grants to our National Mission Institutions; and so much more.

With Gratitude,

Harriett Jane Olson, General Secretary/CEO

Peace,

Tamara Clark, Treasurer/CFO



Trivia

There are 10 symbols in Revelation. How many can you name?

- 1 – Long robe – priestly garment
- 2 – Golden Girdle or Breastplate – royal emblem of the king
- 3 – Hair – white wool / white as snow
- 4 – Eyes – flame of fire
- 5 – Feet – burnish bronze, refined as in a furnace
- 6 – Voice – like the sound of many waters
- 7 – Seven Stars – angels of 7 churches
- 8 – Mouth – sharp 2-edged sword / 2 sides = right & wrong
- 9 – Face – sun shining in full strength
- 10 – Seven Golden Lampstands – 7 churches

Sources: Revelation 1:12-16; Daniel 7:9, 10:6; Ezekiel 43:2

Calendar of Events

{District in **BOLD**}

May 5-7 (Fri.-Sun.)		Conference Spring Retreat	Beersheba Springs
May 14 (Sun.)		Mother's Day	
May 21 (Sun.)		Armed Forces Day	
<u>May 22 (Mon.)</u>	<u>All Day</u>	<u>Officer Article Due for June Newsletter</u>	
May 29 (Mon.)		Memorial Day	
** June 2 (Fri.) **	<u>All Day</u>	Mission u Deadline	
** June 2 (Fri.) **	<u>All Day</u>	Mission u Scholarship Deadline	<u>** Note Date has been changed **</u>
June 24 (Sat.)	10:00 am 1:00 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	Dickson First UMC
Aug. 26 (Sat.)	9:30 am 2:00 pm	Dist. 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 9:00 am	Registration for Annual Meeting DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING	Lawrenceburg FUMC Lawrenceburg
Sept. 30 (Sat.)	TBA	Conference Annual Meeting	Dickson First UMC
Oct. 20-22 (Fri.-Sun.)		Conference Fall Retreat	Beersheba or Lakeshore
Nov. 4 (Sat.)	TBA	Conference Training for District Officers	TBA



TWK CONFERENCE MISSION U

Scholarship Application

July 13-15, 2023

Scarritt Bennett Center, 1027 18th Ave. S, Nashville, TN 37212

FOR FIRST TIME ATTENDEES

****** Deadline date has been changed ******

Date: _____

Unit Name: _____

Name of Applicant Member: _____

Reason this person should be considered for scholarship: _____

Address of Applicant Member: _____

Phone # of Applicant Member: _____

Signature & Phone # of person making recommendation:

***** Note Date has been Changed! *****

Please return this application by June 2, 2023 to:

Beth Stockwell

Harpeth River District President

201 Drew Drive

Pulaski, TN 38478

(931) 637-7534

bethstockwell7534@gmail.com