



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



Forms & Reports Deadline Date Reminder

**June 2nd – Mission u Registration
Mission u Scholarship**

August 15th ~

Local Unit Reading Report
Memorial Report
Treasurers ~ 5 Star Unit Report

August 30th ~

Mission Study Report

*(Please send the report, even if you do not have anything to report.)
(This is very important. It will keep the officer from calling you, to see if your unit has something to report.)*

From the District President

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I hope this message finds you all doing well and looking forward to summer!

Our next District event will be the Local President's Roundtable on Saturday, June 21st at Prospect UMC beginning at 10 AM. If your Unit's president cannot attend, please consider sending another member to represent your Unit. Lunch will be provided by the UWF members of Prospect. Following lunch, the District Leadership Team will meet to discuss the District Annual Meeting (September 23rd) and plans for 2024.

Mission u is scheduled for July 13th - 15th at Scarritt Bennett in Nashville. I hope you have registered for this wonderful event that will be uplifting and inspiring. I have been asked to head up the evening craft sessions, which I look forward to. If you are attending, please bring one or two old T-shirts to be repurposed. Additionally, there is a scholarship available for first-time attendees. The deadline for the scholarship is June 2nd. Please mail or email me the scholarship application.

Blessings,

Beth Stockwell



~ ~ Unit News ~ ~

The United Women in Faith at Christ UMC Franklin members who attended the April Campaign for Children event decided to invite Carlee Smith from AncoraTN to come and share with the entire congregation for their June meeting. Carlee is a former member of the church and works as the Director of Development and External Relations for AncoraTN.

Later this year, they hope to host speakers from Voices for a Safer Tennessee and/or Moms Demand Action to learn more about ways to advocate for safer gun laws in our state. They also plan to have a session on creation care from a master gardener in their congregation.



New York, NY – United Women in Faith is pleased to announce the election of Sally Vonner to the position of General Secretary and Chief Executive Officer, effective June 1, 2023.



Prayer Requests

Bobbi Brooke Frances Harry
Joy Judy Katz Katie Kila
Linda Sydney Tim



From the Nominations Committee Chair

Hopefully, all are busy with summer activities. In our United Women in Faith, summer means getting ready for the coming year. We will be contacting various units to get candidates for next year's officers. Pray and see if you can make this commitment.

Judy Davis
Nominations Chair Person

From the Spiritual Growth Coordinator

LORD, my God, Many are the wonderful works which you have done, and your thoughts which are towards us. They can't be declared back to you. If I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be counted.

Psalms 40:5 (WEBBE)

Henri Nouwen author of the book, *Peacework*, shares

"...for many the word "prayer" is associated with piety: talking to God, thinking about God, attending morning and evening worship, going to Sunday service, saying grace before meals, and many other things. All of these have something to do with prayer, but when I speak about prayer as the basis for peacemaking I speak first of all about moving away from "the dwelling place of those who hate peace" into the house of God."

Prayer is God's gift that enables us to long for, seek, and call out to God. Through prayer we are able to answer that we are children of God, not slaves to fall back in fear.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are children of God. For you didn't receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!""

Romans 8:14-15 (WEBBE)

Without God helping us to pray, we are left in the world of our own making. But through prayer God teaches us to imagine, experience, and see possibilities beyond ourselves. Prayer is radical openness to God's possibilities.

If we don't pray with radical openness, we are limiting what God can accomplish in and through us, and we are limiting the reign of God's grace and the fulfillment of the creation. Through radical openness in persistent prayer, we can begin to see God's "greater things".

As we seek spiritual growth, we should pray to God and ask for wisdom concerning the areas He desires us to grow in. To grow in spiritual maturity is to look more and more like the person God designed you to be — more and more like Jesus.

Marina Rawls

Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Harpeth River District

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From Genesis, we get:

- 1 – Genes
- 2 – Genetics
- 3 – Gender
- 4 – Genealogy
- 5 – Generations

(From Creation Museum, Petersburg, KY 45 min. north of Noah's Ark, Williamstown, KY)
(Go to Creation Museum first. You will definitely be blessed by both!)

Trivia

Answers from Genesis 6-9

- 1 – Who shut the door to the ark?
- 2 – How old was Noah when the flood came?
- 3 – What bird did Noah send out first?
- 4 – How many times did Noah send out the dove?
- 5 – What type of wood did Noah use to build the ark?
- 6 – How long did it rain on the earth?
- 7 – How old was Noah when he removed the ark's cover & saw the earth was dry?
- 8 – What was the first thing Noah did after leaving the ark?
- 9 – Noah was a carpenter in regards to the ark. After the flood, what did Noah do?
- 10 – What are the names of Noah's sons?

By the way ~~~ Did you know that Noah **walked** with God? (Gen. 6:9) How Neat!!



B O O K S , B O O K S
A N D
M O R E B O O K S !



We are happy to report
that the Book Reports
on the website are up to date.
There are books suggested for
2018 & 2019.



H A P P Y R E A D I N G !

From the District Social Action Coordinator

United Women in Faith supports partners providing direct services to women, children, youth and families around the country and the world. Over the summer, please look for ways you and your unit or church may be able to support initiatives in your community.

Here are a few ideas:

- United Women in Faith encourage us to care for God's creation through Just Energy 4 All and the Climate Justice campaign. More at this link about ways you can advocate: <https://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/just-energy-4-all/>
- The Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference also has a Creation Care Ministry – learn more here: [Creation Care](#)
- If you have a garden with an abundance of produce, maybe you can share it with families in your area. Your homegrown flowers are also nice to share with folks who are homebound or in the hospital. You'll brighten someone's day and certainly will be supporting green initiatives too!
- Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline is also a priority of United Women in Faith – learn more here and ways you can advocate: [Mass Incarceration](#)
- Find out if you can volunteer with local organizations or school summer reading programs. Elementary aged children can lose a lot of reading skills over a summer break if they don't continue to read. The school-to-prison pipeline describes a pathway that starts when students struggle seriously in the early years of school. Check on ways to volunteer with summer reading programs in your area.
- Supporting local food banks can make a big difference. Besides food, often diapers, feminine products and toiletry items are big needs. Check to see how you and your unit or congregation can support one in your community.
- Please find time to pray this summer – for our women, children, youth and families around Tennessee, the U.S. and the world.

Thank you for ALL you do! Have a great summer!

**DON'T FORGET!**

- Saturday, June 24th at Prospect UMC (235 Main Street, Prospect)**
- 10 AM – Local President's Roundtable**
(Additional members welcome! If the president can't attend, please send another member.)
- 12 PM – Lunch - provided by the Prospect UWF**
- 1 PM - District Leadership Team Meeting**
(Very important meeting! Will discuss District Annual Meeting & 2024.)

Calendar of Events

{District events BOLD}

JUNE 2 (FRIDAY)	ALL DAY	MISSION u REGISTRATION DUE MISSION u SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DUE	
June 5 (Mon.)	All Day	Remittance Due	
June 14 (Wed.)	All Day	Flag Day	
June 14 (Wed.)	All Day	Pledges Due	
June 18 (Sun.)	All Day	Father's Day	
June 21 (Wed.)	All Day	1 st Day of Summer	
June 24 (Sat.)	10:00 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm	District Local President's Roundtable Lunch District Leadership Team Meeting	Prospect UMC Prospect
July 13-15 (Thurs.-Sat.)		Mission u	
Aug. 5 (Sat.)	TBA	Conference Executive Team Meeting	Dickson First UMC
Aug. 26 (Sat.)	9:30 am 2:00 pm	District Mission Study/Brown Bag Lunch District Leadership Team Meeting	TBA TBA
Aug. 26 (Sat.)	All Day	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
Nov. 4 (Sat.)	TBA	Conference Training for District Officers	TBA

