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*The Voice of the Harpeth River District  
United Women in Faith  
“Healing and Joy on Our Journey to God”*

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## NOT FOR WIMPS

Yet I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness while I am here in the land of the living. Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.

Psalm 27:13-14 (NLT)

Patience certainly isn't for wimps. Take a closer look at Psalm 27:14. The psalmist links patience directly with courage; in other words, it takes a brave soul to employ the strength and fortitude necessary to be patient in the heat of difficult situations.

Patience is not passive; it's a dynamic, intentional process that grows with time, maturity, and insight.

"A person's wisdom yields patience." - Proverbs 19:11 (NIV)

*Dear God, I struggle so much with waiting especially when I'm praying for You to act in a situation and Your answer is repeatedly "Not yet." Please give me wise, courageous patience to keep on living for You with peace and joy, even in the wait times. Amen*

Source:

*Too Blessed to be Stressed: 3-Minute Devotions for Women* by Debora M. Coty

- provided by Marion Sengstake, Spiritual Growth Coordinator



## MISSION STUDY

August 20<sup>th</sup> / 9:30 am

Centerville UMC, 103 College Ave., Centerville, TN 37033

Have you ever studied One Chapter of the Bible thoroughly?

*I mean Really Thoroughly?*

Well, I hadn't, until I went to Mission U this year (for the first time).

I thought we were going to study a "Book", not one Chapter in the Bible.

Truth be told, we did study a book:

*Who Can We Be Together? A Biblical Experience of Luke 13*

It was an interactive study. We had small group discussions, which was shared with the entire group. Some were serious, in-depth subjects and some were very funny. We even had the chance to show off our creativity.

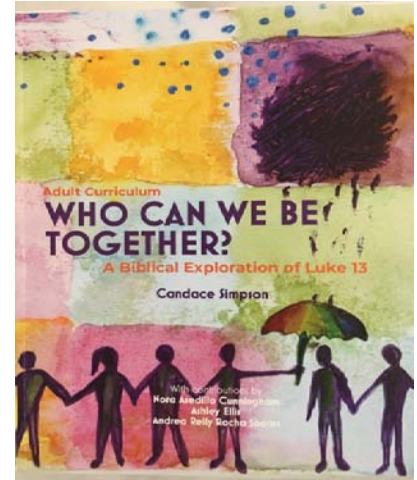
I invite you to check out the next page and plan on coming to the Mission Study. I know you will be blessed. I was!

## 2022 Mission u Report

### *Who Can We Be Together? A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13*

There were 8 sessions in this study; each with scripture and questions to discuss in depth. The following is a brief example of how we discussed each passage.

- Luke 13:1-5      “Repeat or Perish”  
What motivates change? Fear or invitation?
- Luke 13:6-9      Parable of the Barren Fig Tree  
What conditions make things grow? People? Movements?
- Luke 13:10-17    Jesus Heals on the Sabbath  
What are boundaries? How do we discern the limitations of these boundaries?
- Luke 13:18-19    Parable of the Mustard Seed  
Who has laid foundations for us, personally and communally?
- Luke 13:20-21    The Parable of the Yeast  
What can we do to move our earthly kin-dom(s) closer to the kin-dom that Christ describes?
- Luke 13:22-30    The Narrow Door  
What kind of door should be made for entrance into the kin-dom? Is there space for all?  
Project: Create a welcome sign for a church? Picture below of our church.
- Luke 13:31-35a    The Fox and the Hen  
How do oppressed peoples create safe havens in the midst of turmoil? What is necessary for these safe havens?
- Luke 13:35b      A Reflection on Where We’ve Been  
What lessons can we take from the parables? What do we do with this information now?



Description: At the top it says:    Welcome All

At the bottom of the church, we used crayons to show people we would accept into our church.

From left to right:

Tall person / Bi-racial / Fat / Medium size / Scruffy person lying on the ground / a Broken person / Short person

Kin-dom definition: It emphasizes relationality, community, and equity as the basis of God’s reign.

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## United Women in Faith

### What We Do

#### Equip

##### ***We equip women for leadership.***

In our sisterhood, we lift each other up.

We equip women and girls around the world to be leaders—in their communities, their agencies, their governments, and their churches. We are committed to ensure these opportunities reach women of all races and ethnicities, across every language and economic group.

##### **Our leadership development, resources and training include:**

~~ **Leadership Development Days** through a holistic weekend that builds on women's skills and further prepares them to lead in United Women in Faith, in the church and in society.

~~ **Training for Language Coordinators** for members whose first language is not English.

~~ **Support for U.S. partners and programs** providing education and leadership development opportunities for women and youth.

~~ **Support for international partners** providing leadership development training and economic development opportunities for women and youth.

#### Organize

##### ***We are organized for growth.***

United Women in Faith members connect online as well as in local, district and regional groups that meet in person and virtually.

We connect women through:

- All-access membership
- The local group
- The district organization
- The conference organization
- The jurisdiction organization
- The national office

#### Educate

##### ***Education can transform women.***

##### ***Educated women can transform the world.***

We offer educational experiences designed to inspire **spiritual growth, personal development and community nurture** to enable powerful collective change.

##### **The many mutual learning opportunities and partnerships we offer include:**

~~ **Mission u** reaching nearly 20,000 participants through three new curricula each year—one for children, one for youth and one for adults—all focusing on a shared biblical theme from a justice perspective. The train-the-trainers structure enables participants in turn to lead the study in their own districts and local groups.

~~ **The Reading Program** offers members a way to choose, track and share recommended books through four reading plans in a wide range of subjects and ages.

~~ **Workshops and webinars** on personal and **spiritual growth** and our **social justice campaigns**.

~~ **National events**, incorporating education and action for laywomen, such as our quadrennial **Assembly**.

## Serve & Advocate

**We serve.**

**We advocate.**

**We make a difference.**

United Women in Faith supports partners providing direct services to women, children, youth and families in neighborhoods around the country. Internationally, we support partners empowering women, children and youth with education and economic development opportunities. We advocate for a more just world to improve life for women, children and youth.

We support:

- **U.S. projects and nearly 90 national mission institutions** which are community centers, schools, and residences located around the United States.
- **International partners** that focus on impacting poverty through enhancing the capacities of local women leaders and supporting economic development programs to provide women with the tools required to make positive, measurable change in their communities.
- **Advocacy**—Every four years we identify a specific focus for our advocacy in addition to our ongoing work for gender and racial justice and for oppressed and dispossessed communities, with special attention to the needs of women, children and youth. Our current justice campaigns are Just Energy 4 All and Ending Mass Incarceration and Criminalization of Communities of Color.
- **Deaconess/Home Missioner**, an order in The United Methodist Church for laity who feels a lifetime call to vocations and ministries of love, justice, and service.

## What We Fund

**Financial gifts change lives.**

We support programs in the United States and around the world that improve life for women, children and youth and their communities.

As the trusted steward of generous donations, we give to partner church, ecumenical and grassroots projects through a granting process overseen by a member-chosen, 25-member Board of Directors composed of United Women in Faith members.

## International Ministries

United Women in Faith supports **international partners** that are enhancing the capacities of **local and regional women leaders** and supporting **economic development programs for women and youth**. We provide academic scholarships and support Regional Missionaries—personnel serving in their home regions with church, ecumenical and grassroots partners in educational and empowerment programs for women and youth. Our international work empowers women and youth to find local solutions and make positive, measurable change in their communities.

Prayer List



Beth Bobbi Brooke Frances Janet Joy Judy  
Kate Katie Kila Linda Nita Sydney Tim  
People of Ukraine

Contact [pdj1169@gmail.com](mailto:pdj1169@gmail.com) to add someone or to be removed.



Provided by Peggy Owen:

“We don’t need a passport or a plane ticket to go on a mission trip. Mission opportunities are all around us. With God’s help we can find ways to share love and compassion with the people we encounter each day.”  
By Cheryl A. Mart -- July 6, 2022

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**Future Deadlines**

Go to the Calendar on the Website for additional information.

Forms / Reports are available on the Website.  
Go to Forms – Click on Reports, except for Treasurer’s.

- August 7 - Five Star Report – Debbie Miller \*\* Note the Date Change \*\*
- August 15 - Memorial Report – Diana Garner  
{Please turn in a report even if your unit did not lose any members.}
- August 15 - Mission Study – Peggy Owen
- August 15 - Reading Program Local Unit Report – Bobbi Toombs  
{Please turn in a report even if your unit did not participate.}
- Sept. 4 - Remittance Form – Debbie Miller



~ ~ Unit News ~ ~



The poster is shaped like an ice cream cone and features a background of vertical stripes in shades of red and orange. At the top, a small red swirl icon is inside a white circle. Below it, the text "DON'T MISS THE" is written in a black, sans-serif font. The main visual is three ice cream cones: one with chocolate ice cream, one with pink ice cream and multi-colored sprinkles, and one with vanilla ice cream, a chocolate swirl, and a red cherry. Below the cones, a red banner with white text reads "HOSTED BY THE FRANKLIN FIRST UMC UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH & THE ART CRAWL TEAM". The title "Ice Cream Social" is written in a large, red, cursive font. Underneath the title, the text "Come & Enjoy Homemade Ice Cream, Toppings & Fun at the Art Crawl in August!" is written in a black, sans-serif font. Below that, in a smaller black font, it says "Donations encouraged to support the Franklin First UMC United Women in Faith". The event details are listed in a black trapezoidal shape: "FRIDAY, AUGUST 5 / 6 - 9 PM" in white, bold, sans-serif font; "FRANKLIN FIRST UMC HISTORIC SANCTUARY" in red, bold, sans-serif font; and "ICE CREAM - GRATEFUL BLUEGRASS BAND - DOWNTOWN FRANKLIN ART CRAWL ALL IN ONE NIGHT!" in white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, a white banner contains the address "FFUMC HISTORIC SANCTUARY 148 FIFTH AVENUE SOUTH FRANKLIN, TN" on the left, the slogan "LET'S ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM AT THE ART CRAWL." in the center, and "DETAILS ONLINE FRANKLINFUMC.ORG/EVENTS" on the right. The Franklin First United Methodist Church logo is at the very bottom center.

DON'T MISS THE

HOSTED BY THE FRANKLIN FIRST UMC UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH & THE ART CRAWL TEAM

# Ice Cream Social

Come & Enjoy Homemade Ice Cream, Toppings & Fun at the Art Crawl in August!

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**FRANKLIN FIRST UMC HISTORIC SANCTUARY**

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148 FIFTH AVENUE SOUTH  
FRANKLIN, TN

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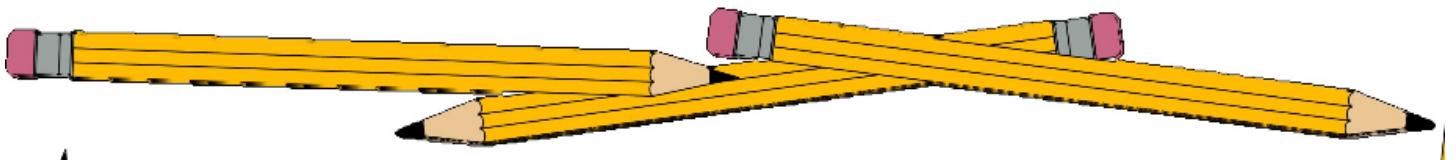
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~ ~ Unit News, Continued ~ ~



*Centerville UWF enjoyed a Sister Social at a local restaurant. There were 12 members and 1 visitor present. Plus it was Sandy Worboys' Birthday!*

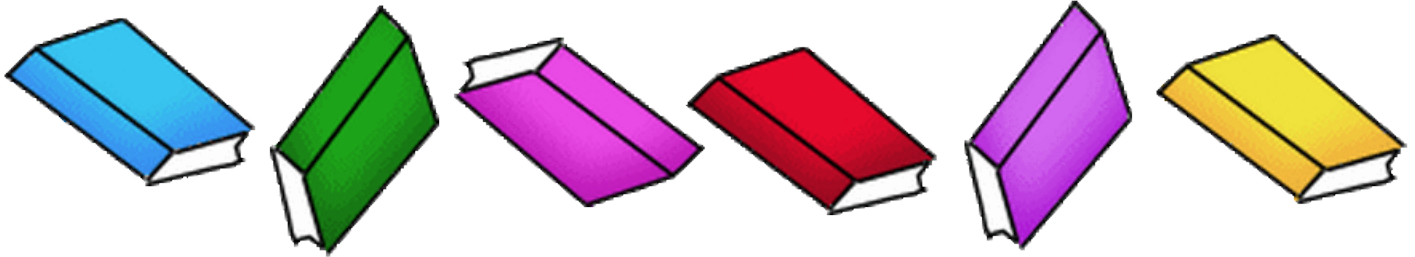


**Check Out The Gallery!!**

There's Pictures of the  
~ President's Roundtable ~  
~ Scarritt Bennett ~  
~ Mission u Book ~  
and several more!!



Bobbi Toombs  
will be the author  
of the Website Article  
([hrumw.wzqzby.com](http://hrumw.wzqzby.com))



ANNOUNCING THE  
DISTRICT  
ANNUAL  
MEETING



Saturday, September 24, 2022

Registration @ 8:30 a.m.

Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.

at

Christ United Methodist Church in Franklin

A Love Offering will be collected for the Bethlehem Center.

We will not collect items this year to donate.

The Registration Form is at the end of the Newsletter. DUE SEPT. 14<sup>th</sup>.

**CALENDAR of EVENTS**{District events in **BOLD**}

8/6 (Sat.)	10:00 am	Conf. Executive Meeting	Lebanon First UMC
8/7	All Day	Five Star Report Due	
8/15	All Day	Memorial Report Due	
8/15	All Day	Mission Study Report	
8/15	All Day	Reading Program Due	
8/15	All Day	Fall Retreat Scholarship Due	
8/20 (Sat.)	9:30 am 2 pm	<b>DISTRICT MISSION STUDY</b> <b>District Leadership Meeting</b>	<b>Centerville UMC</b> <b>Centerville</b>
8/20 (Sat.)	9:30 am	Conf. Social Action Day “Organizing Our Efforts for Effective Change”	Centenary UMC Memphis
SEPT.	All Month	<b>NATIONAL BOOK MONTH</b>	
9/14	All Day	District Annual Meeting Registration Due	
9/17 (Sat.)	TBD	Conf. Annual Meeting	Lebanon First UMC
9/24 (Sat.)	8:30 am 9:00 am	<b>Dist. Annual Mtg. Registration</b> <b>DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING</b>	<b>Christ UMC</b> <b>Franklin</b>
9/30-10/2	TBD	Fall Retreat	Lakeshore, Eva, TN
11/12 (Sat.)	TBD	District Officer Training	TBD

Let go and let God fill you up!

Cherie Jobe - Heart Cluttered or Cleaned-Up? - Beersheba April 2022



**HARPETH RIVER DISTRICT UWF 2022 ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Healing & Joy on Our Journey to God**

**CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**508 Franklin Rd, Franklin, TN**

**Saturday, September 24, 2022**

Registration 8:30-9:00 AM – Meeting: 9:00 AM

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Childcare will be provided free of charge. Please bring a sack lunch for your child(ren).  
We must have the number of children attending with you and their ages with this registration form.

Is this the first time you have attended a District Annual Meeting? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Registration Fee - \$10.00 per person**  
**Make checks payable to: Harpeth River District UMW**

Units are encouraged to provide scholarships to members when possible.

\*\*\* Send registration forms and checks to:

Harpeth River District UWF Treasurer  
Debbie Miller  
839 Pintail Court  
Franklin, TN 37067

**\*\*\*Registration Deadline – September 14, 2022\*\*\***