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CENTRAL NORTH DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
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**From the President:
Mary Stamper-Murray**

Greetings Sisters!

As we enter this glorious Fall and Thanksgiving season, I am so thankful that God has blessed me to have all of you in my life. I know that much of my success is because of the confidence, cooperation and support you have shown me during the past three years of my tenure as president.

We could not have achieved so much success and glory in our journey had we not been there for each other. So, I am thanking you all this Thanksgiving season!

The occasion of Thanksgiving reminds me that I have the best district members and most inspiring district members. Again, I am thanking each one of you!

Our district has always been progressive with many outstanding leaders because we are all on one accord! Therefore, I am wishing you all the best of this season with your loved ones!

When I count my blessings, I count you many times for who you are and how you continue to support our ministry of United Women in Faith.

Verse 4 of Psalm 100 states: "Enter into His gates with Thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and bless His name."

Like me, perhaps some of you may sometimes take our many blessings for granted. However, even in the most challenging times, there are so many blessings we have such as life, health, and strength - such as food and shelter and that our beds are not under a bridge and our food are not scrapes from a garbage can - such as friends and loved ones who support us - such as having the resources to provide not only for our needs, but also for many of our wants.

Remember God is our faithful protector, and His love is the energy of our lives.

"For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations."

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ANNUAL MEETING A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

Matthew 18:20 states: "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."

Two or three plus 176 others gathered at Ben Hill UMC for our annual meeting on October 28, 2023. What a glorious time! The day began with a delicious continental breakfast with heartwarming fellowship among the Central North District United Women in Faith.

Ben Hill United Women in Faith under the leadership of President Sabrina Hixon and her unit was outstanding. We were greeted with such warm and gracious hospitality and received service beyond measure.

Every facet of the meeting exceeded our expectations with beautiful music from all directions. The worship service included enthusiastic participation from our local unit presidents who provided the invocation, greetings, scriptures, hymns, tributes to our deceased members, musical and instrumental selections. The devotion was given by Rev. Elizabeth Ackerman and Holy Communion was conducted by Rev. Dr. Derrick Rhodes and Rev. Elizabeth Ackerman.

We are grateful to United Women in Faith in the Central North District for your magnanimous donations of bath towels and washcloths, sheet sets, throw blankets and bathmats to our mission focus, Wellspring Living. Monetary donations totaled \$550.00.

The worship service was followed by the business meeting. The executive committee members presented the Mission Report and Awards, 2024 Budget and 2024 slate of officers which were approved by the attending body. New officers were installed by our NGC UWF president, Stephanie Dressler.

The program ended with the reading of the United Women in Faith purpose and benediction.

We are so grateful to Rev. Dr. Derrick Rhodes and Rev. Elizabeth Ackerman as well as Ben Hill United Methodist Men, Ben Hill's staff and officers and all of the program participants for their invaluable service. Sabrina Hixon, UWF president and the United women in Faith at Ben Hill are worthy of special commendations for their outstanding cooperation and hospitality for hosting this event.

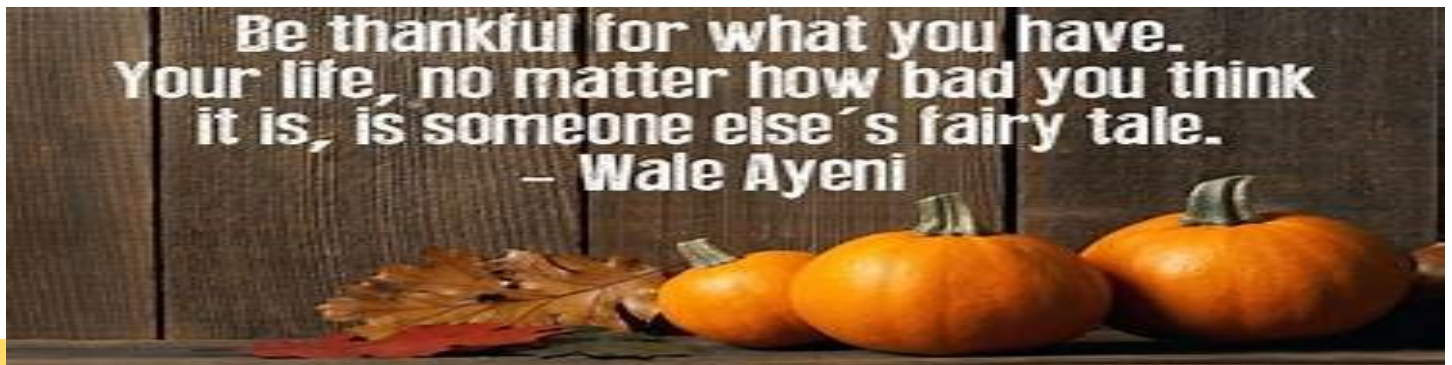
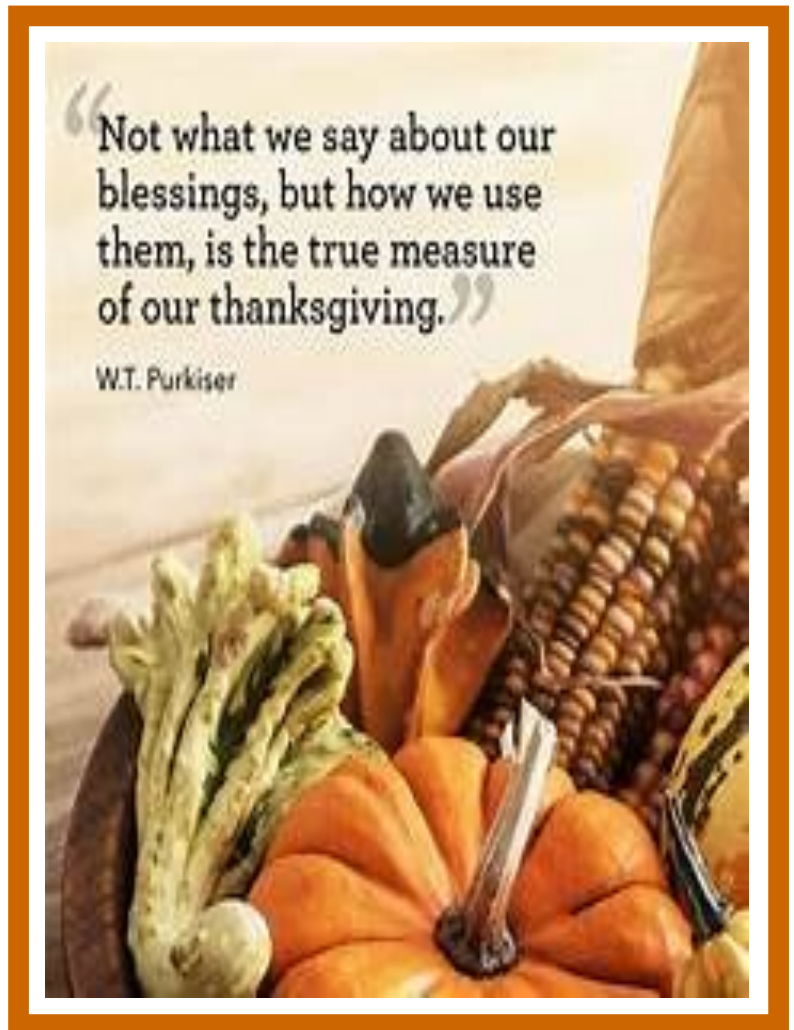
Please enjoy the photo gallery of our meeting on the following pages.

Rejoicing in Hope!
Mary Stamper-Murray



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North Georgia Conference/Districts UWF <http://www.nguwf.org/>

National UWF: <http://unitedwomeninfaith.org/>

CND UWF ANNUAL MEETING—OCTOBER 28—BEN HILL UMC



Welcome Team



Amarylis Sueing—saxophonist



Breakfast



Breakfast



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Meeting Attendees



CND UWF ANNUAL MEETING—OCTOBER 28—BEN HILL UMC

Ben Hill Certificate of Presentation



Breakfast



Donated Items



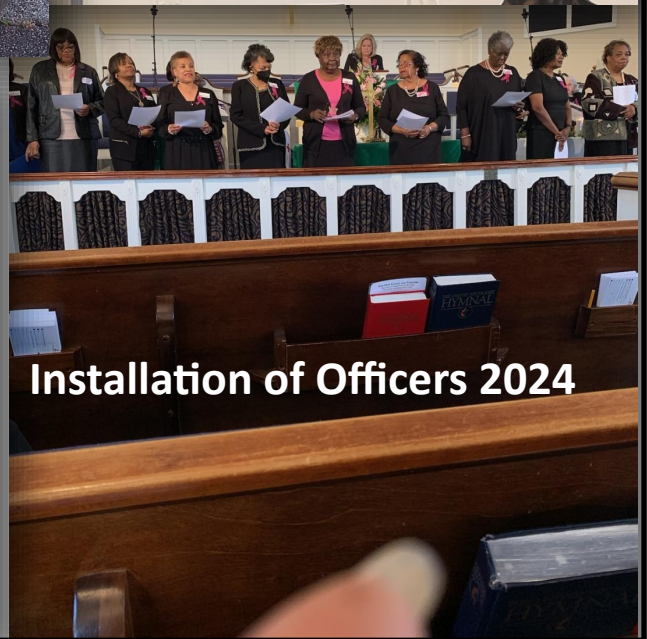
Sabrina Hixon, Ben Hill UWF President



Worship Service



Installation of Officers 2024



2023 DORIS PAUL PURPOSE AWARD RECIPIENT

Mary Stamper-Murray



At the North Georgia Conference Annual Meeting of United Women in Faith on October 7 at Smyrna First UMC, **MARY STAMPER-MURRAY**, the first (and so far only) Central North District UWF president, was one of the three recipients of the Doris Paul Purpose Award.

Not only was she given accolades for her work in United Women in Faith, she was recognized for her stellar contributions in various capacities at her local church, Hoosier Memorial; at the district/conference levels in many areas including Leadership UMC and as a Lay Servant leader (to name only two); and in community organizations such as the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization and the Smart Lunch/Smart Kid program.

Doris Paul Purpose Award recipients are women who live out the purpose of our organization by knowing God, being a part of the community of women, developing a creative supportive fellowship, and expanding concepts of mission.

We salute Mary as one of the deserving recipients of this prestigious award!!!

Submitted by Dr. Addie Shopshire-Rolle

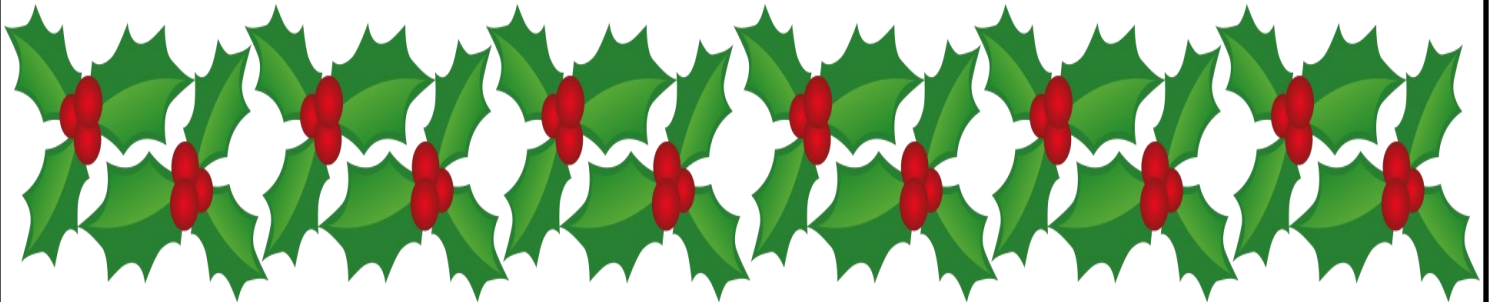


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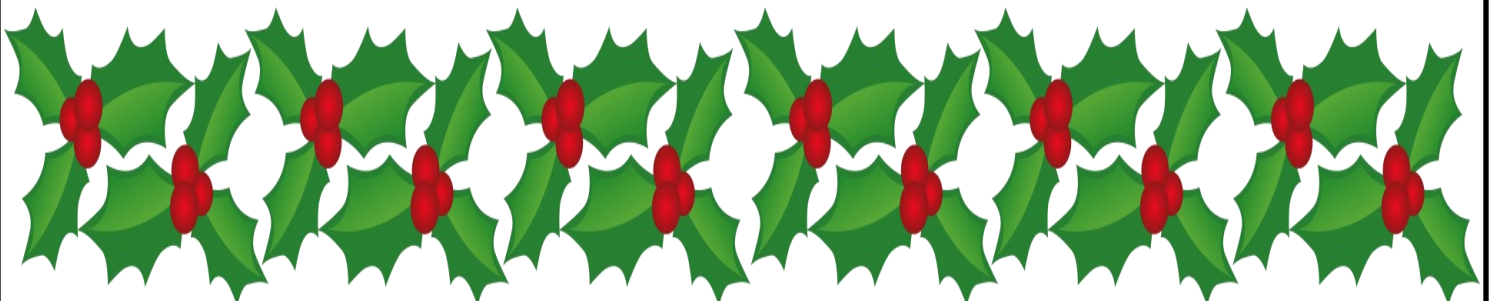


Greetings, Central North District,

Happy holidays as we close out calendar year 2023

Our sisterhood of grace continued in transforming the way we worked together in addressing issues of the world. Our Conference's Annual Meeting applauded work accomplished throughout the Conference. Also, our District Annual Meeting commended the dedication and commitment each unit gave to supporting our purpose.

As this year closes, individual units have the opportunity to thank and applaud unit members for their untiring commitment to United Women in Faith's goals in transforming the world by putting love into action.



Program Resources



Coordinator, Catherine Lemons
Onleisure2002@aol.com

The intent of this article is to fulfill the purpose and find creative ways to assist the work of coordinating resources within United Women in Faith. You have access to these resources where this information can make a difference for the well-being of Central North District UWF. As the saying goes, "When you know better, you can do better." I have included in this article new information for you to read to do better.

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Check out our 2024 Reading Program at uwfaith.org/read!

2024
Reading Program
Programa De Lectura
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Purchase 2023 and 2024 Reading Program books at bookshop.org/shop/uwfaith to earn 10% back for United Women in Faith.

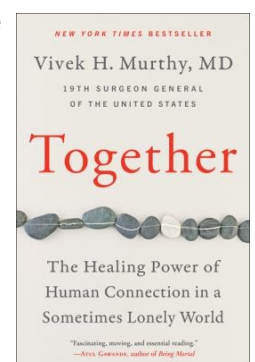
You can find a printed version of the Reading Program in the November/December issue of response magazine.

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[Central North District UWF Reading Event](#)

Central North District members and others have the benefit of participating with the UWF Book Review organized by Warren Memorial United Methodist Church UWF member, Eloise Sykes, email address: eksykes181@gmail.com. The next book review is "Together" by Vivek H. Murthy, MD. It is scheduled for December 30, 2023 @ 10 AM via ZOOM. The Facilitators are Nancy Ricciardi I, a former South West District President and Cindy Hall, UWF North Georgia Conference Social Action Chairperson and member of the Charter for Racial Justice Committee. Join us, if you can, to satisfy your UWF Reading Program goal.



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Program Resources continued...

Instant New York Times Bestseller! The book we need NOW to avoid a social recession, Murthy's prescient message is about the importance of human connection, the hidden impact of loneliness on our health, and the social power of community.

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The United Women in Faith *Daily Prayer Guide 2024* is now available for pre-order. Learn more and place your order [here](#)

Daily Prayer Guide 2024

M3376 \$19.99



AVAILABLE FOR PRE-ORDERS

Welcome to the United Women in Faith *Daily Prayer Guide!* This year's theme, Let Us Break Bread Together, calls to mind that we are created to be in community and to welcome all to God's table.

The *Daily Prayer Guide* connects us to our larger family by uplifting the work and impact of the global outreach of **United Women in Faith** and **Global Ministries** and how those who serve reflect God's desire for us to be together at God's table. Daily prayers and devotionals are reminders of the steadfast love of God and an invitation to God's table where all are welcomed and loved.

May this guide help you cultivate a deeper connection with God and with each other as we seek to be in community, inviting all to God's table.

For a digital-only version, please search for it within our [digital platform](#); available in the fall.

OR

Purchase Your 2024 Digital Bundle for \$39.99!

Deepen your faith and lead your community with these incredible resources. The 2024 Digital Bundle includes:

2024 Daily Prayer Guide

2024 Program Resource-with access to monthly Community Gatherings on ZOOM

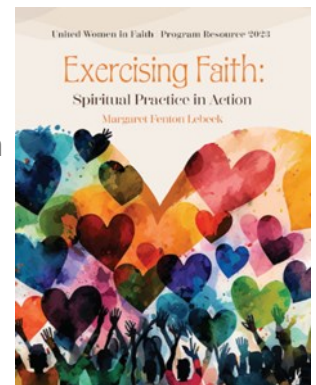
2024 Mission u Adult Curriculum

Each resource can be purchased individually but when you purchase the digital bundle you receive 20% off! (If you have already set up your free account on United Women in Faith Digital, use their link to purchase the 2024 Digital Bundle.



The Program Resource for

September through December 2023 is featured on our [digital platform](#) with the option to download and print or order a [print edition](#). With your purchase, you will also have access to the monthly Community Gatherings. The cost for this



God bless you as you pray, study, act and organize in Christ's name.



**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
ANDREWS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
JONESBORO, GEORGIA
2023 PROJECT FOR CLAYTON COUNTY SCHOOLS**

The United Women in Faith (UWF) of Andrews Chapel United Methodist Church (ACUMC) launched the **UWF 2023 Schools' Project** in two phases designed to support students in seven schools in Clayton County, GA. Dr. Connie Ward, UWF Vice President/Program Committee Chair, along with the support of Dierdra Raines, Secretary of Programs, spearheaded the project.

In Phase I, the issue of **Period Poverty** was tackled by donating funds and pouches for essential female products for girls. In Phase II, the focus was addressing the national **“Stop the School to Prison Pipeline Priority”** by providing hygiene products to schools for girls and boys. According to Dr. Ward, the primary objective of these two phases was to build strong relationships with the leadership and staff of each school. Simultaneously, the aim was to ease the financial burden on teachers and other staff by supplying personal and essential products that students need daily. Too often, educators serving students in poor communities have to dip into their own pockets to cover the costs of these basic items for their students. Educators and UWF members also understand that a lack of these essential products in the homes and schools of students can significantly impact their self-esteem.

Most of the participating schools are historically significant to the church's congregation because they are named for prominent black citizens with lasting legacies in Clayton County. The names of the seven schools are Kay R. Pace Elementary School, J. W. Arnold Elementary School, James Jackson Elementary School, Lillie E Suder Elementary School, Lee Street Elementary School, M. D. Roberts Middle School and Jonesboro Middle School.

The UWF unit and individual members purchased, assembled and delivered products to each school. Special gratitude was extended to these UWF members for ensuring that each school received its designated funds and pouches in each phase: Dr. Connie Ward, Cornelius Smith, Dorothy Murphy, Dierdra Raines, Dorothy Davidson-Owens, and Georgia Wilson.

Phase I - Period Poverty



Period poverty is defined as a lack of access to menstrual products due to financial restraints. We discovered from research that "Period Poverty" was affecting young girls in the United States and in our church community as well. Some girls stay home from school because they can't afford menstrual products and/or they are uncomfortable revealing the need to school personnel. The ACUMC UWF unit envisioned reducing the burdens of period poverty in the seven schools selected by donating menstrual items plus \$50 per school to purchase additional feminine hygiene products. Ziplocked pouches were also provided so that the products could be discretely given to the students. We recognized that

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poor hygiene could lead to young girls being teased and misbehaving in school and could potentially contribute to disciplinary issues. Being able to afford menstrual products is vital to the physical and mental health of students. We are pleased to report that in May 2023, the ACUMC UWF unit donated \$350 and delivered 300 pouches to these schools.

Phase II – Stop the School to Prison Pipeline



A national priority of the United Women in Faith is to interrupt the school to prison pipeline for the well-being of children and youth and to ensure racial equity in our schools. Some students are disciplined because of their reactions to teasing and critical comments about their lack of hygiene from other students and/or adults. In some cases the severity of the reactions leads to suspensions, expulsions and/or the involvement of law enforcement officers. The School to Prison Pipeline is often fueled by strict zero-tolerance policies, that mandate severe consequences for minor rule violations. This overuse of frequent suspensions and/or expulsions, especially for minority students, can hinder students' educational progress and cause them to drop out of school. Far too many of these students find themselves involved in the juvenile justice system which increases the risk of future criminality.

Our unit saw another opportunity to have a positive impact on our targeted schools by providing hygiene products for girls and boys. Giving the schools hygiene products that the teachers/parents don't have to buy might lessen misbehaviors caused by teasing and embarrassment over not having socks and other hygienic products. In this small way we are trying to close the door to the criminal justice system for students in our community. In September 2023, we filled and delivered 425 personal hygiene pouches to the schools. Each pouch in Phase II contained two varieties of hand sanitizer, lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, tissues, and deodorant. Additionally, we also provided extra items in bulk, such as sanitizing cloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, large hand soaps, hand sanitizers, and socks.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to sponsors from our church and the larger community for their invaluable support. We also want to acknowledge our dedicated volunteers, including those who took on multiple roles, contributing their time and support to the ACUMC UWF 2023 Clayton County Schools Project.

This project will have a lasting impact on the students and schools involved. The administration and staff were deeply touched by the caring commitment of the UWF unit of ACUMC, and expressed their gratitude for our efforts in raising funds and supplying essential products for their students. The students felt a sense of value and good fortune that individuals in the local community were willing and able to address their personal needs and circumstances. The seven schools have a combined enrollment of 4,507 students, so there is still much to be done. The ACUMC UWF plans to grow its relationship with these schools and will solicit involvement of other ministries and groups in the church and external community for future projects. "It takes a village!"

You Are Invited!

WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION



November 19, 2023

9:30 am

PHYSICAL OR *VIRTUAL

**Theme - Women, Rise Up:
For Such a Time as This!**

**Speaker – Judge Kimberley Esmond Adams
Fulton County Superior Court**

**Andrews Chapel UMC
122 Watterson Street
Jonesboro, GA 30236
770-471-7200
Rev. Donald K. Reed, Sr.
Senior Pastor**



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***Live Streaming**

<https://www.facebook.com/andrewschapelUMCJonesboro>

You are invited to...



Women's Day 2023

Sunday, November 19 | 10:00 am

*Theme: Bethel Women Living a
Life of Intentional Faith*

Speaker: Rev. Renea Slater
Assistant to Lead Pastor
Red Oak UMC



Bethel United Methodist Church

1215 New Hope Road, SW

Atlanta, GA 30331

404-699-0468

Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Rose-Tucker, Lead Pastor

CLIFTONDALE UWF

OUR TRIBUTE TO TWO FORMIDABLE WOMEN:

Greetings to you my sisters in Christ, my United Women in Faith sisters,

In faith, we work to do the “Good Works”! It is our faith that pushes us to go beyond our physical limits. With a pregnancy-like schedule, we push to deliver the best, our best. With wisdom, we reach out to our circle, whether wide or tight. With poise and grace, we encourage a war-like commander of soldiers to experience another UWF success. These are the attributes of our United Women in Faith.



Our president, Tammi Henry, and the Clifftondale Unit of UWF proudly presented the coveted 2023 UWF Special Recognition Pin to **JUDY REESE COPELAND**, who exemplifies each of these attributes.

Judy is both a long time Clifftondale church member and UMW/UWF member. She is the church treasurer, her community “monitor”- mindful of neighbors and all animals, and keeps her street cleared of discards by negligent passers-by, a thespian of the newly formed *Clifftondale Drama Ministry*, is indefatigable with any Clifftondale event, is a “silent” yet tangible supporter of our children and youth, an avid member of the “Cliffhangers”, our senior social group and sings alto with the praise team. When the praise team returns to congregational seating just before the Word, she quietly moves to sit with her devoted husband, Grady; then, rejoins the praise team for the balance of our worship service. Judy and Grady have responded to the tornado relief efforts in Newnan and Griffin GA as well as supported the relief efforts in Haiti. Judy has the eye of an eagle and a heart of gold.

Our President, **TAMMI HENRY**, is the 2019 Special Recognition Pin recipient, a wife, mom, grandmom, State Farm claims representative, fulltime student of mortuary science, Clifftondale Outreach Chair, sings tenor with the Clifftondale Praise Team and travels to Florida with her husband, Juan, for special occasions, such as grandchildren’s recitals and other family events. Juan is not only the impressive cheerleader for his wife but also an avid supporter of her outreach efforts by providing food items, his muscle, and his truck.



With this “super-human” schedule, Tammi might run a little late, especially when she must travel the ‘infamous 285’; however, that ‘Tammi smile’ arrives with her presence. We are proud to call Tammi Henry Madame President.

Please join the Clifftondale UWF unit in honoring our sisters, the unassuming and gentle Judy Copeland and our amazing and inspiring president, Tammi Henry.

Submitted by

Carol Hovey, former UMW President

and Clifftondale UWF Members

HEADLAND HEIGHTS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2023 WOMEN'S DAY



LOVE IN
ACTION
CHANGES THE WORLD



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BISHOP ROBIN DEASE
2023 TRAILBLAZER
OF THE YEAR



KIMBERLY T. HENDERSON, MBA
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

NOV 12TH
11AM

CONNECT WITH US



HEADLAND HEIGHTS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2147 DODSON DRIVE EAST
POINT, GA 30344
REVEREND WILLE GREENE,
SENIOR PASTOR



HOOSIER MEMORIAL UWF

by Sherrie Wilson, President

Installation Service of Sally Vonner

General Secretary and CEO

United Women in Faith

While on a two-month “staycation” in Desoto, Texas, I had the opportunity to attend the installation service of Sally Vonner as General Secretary and CEO of United Women in Faith (formerly known as United Methodist Women). The service was held Saturday, July 29, 3:00 PM at Lovers Lane United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas.

The sanctuary was packed with United Women in Faith sisterhood, her family members and hundreds of other well-wishers, including SEJ North Georgia Conference attendees Sherrie L. Wilson (Hoosier Memorial United Methodist Church-Atlanta) and the Reverend Luther Felder, Campus Pastor at Paine College, Retired Sr. Pastor, St. Luke UMC, Augusta, Georgia. These two individuals fortuitously joined in the spirited-filled service.

Ms. Vonner chose to have her installation in Dallas, within driving distance for many family members and longtime friends, as well as the organization’s national officers and members from around the Southwest Jurisdiction.



Sally Vonner &
Sherrie Wilson



Ainise 'Isama'u, Board President of Women in Faith



Campus Pastor at Paine College,
Retired Sr. Pastor of St. Luke UMC,
Augusta, Georgia



Lovers Lane
United Methodist Church

Laster Chapel United Women in Faith Continue our 2023 focus:

Being God's Hands & Feet

As we continue to honor our commitment to work together for children and adults, we give thanks as our support grows.

Summer 2023- Annual Youth Special Event. We focused on Paving the way for children to connect with God and with others while providing an opportunity to Explore Their Calling.

Saturday, August 12, 2023

BACK TO SCHOOL. We LOADED Book Bags for ALL, Making this "The Best Year Ever" Complete With Fellowship, Prayers, Encouragements, Food, School Supplies, Uniforms, First Day of School Snack Bags, Gifts for Adults and more



August Birthdays

Saturday, September 9, 2023

**75 attendees = 50 children & 25 adults
TRIP to SKATE TOWNE following DEVOTIONAL WORSHIP**



Saturday, October 7, 2023

October was "Become an Author" month, featuring Tylor Hightower, a young author with her book to show & tell. Our children learned how to become an author. Halloween candy, fellowship & food followed.

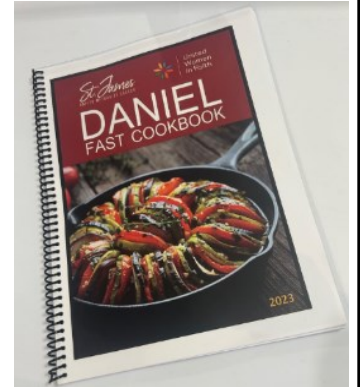


St. James Alpharetta Shares “Love in Action” in New Ways This Fall

UWF of St. James consistently finds new ways to spread “Love in Action” in our community and among our church members.

One of our special mission opportunities is to share the love of Christ with Manning Oaks Elementary School here in Alpharetta, GA. We were presented the opportunity to address some very special needs of the young students as voiced by their caring school administrators. This school was extremely grateful to receive our donation of clothing in multiple sizes, including pants, undergarments and shoes, for those “accidents” and emergency situations that often plague young students. This school is especially near and dear to St. James, as our history reveals that we were blessed to hold Sunday service in the school lunch room at a period in time when we outgrew our existing church building. We now find many ways to give back to Manning Oaks.

Annually, our membership participates in a churchwide Daniel Fast to draw closer to God through fervent, focused prayer and fasting. To remove the anxiety of food selection and keep the focus on prayer and sacrifice, the women of UWF published a Daniel Fast Cookbook. Valuable food preparation tips and 85 recipes were compiled by our members to offer more than just a plant-based diet, but rather a spiritual template for fasting. We are near sold-out status of the initial edition and are preparing for a re-print. Please feel free visit our website at the “online giving” section to pre-order a copy of the next cookbook edition. You may also **scan the QR** code shown below.



A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS TABLE

This fall, we were blessed to revive our UWF Women’s tea, the first tea event since the Pandemic. In typical St James fashion, we created an exciting, extravagant and memorable event. We ushered in the season to celebrate the birth of Christ and sharing love by our theme, “Christmas in October.” Several members expressed “love in action” by sponsoring tickets for youth and seniors. For this “sold-out” event, twenty-eight hostesses brought out their finest holiday china, crystal, linen napkins, hors d’oeuvres and tributes to spirit of Christmas. Initially, all were able to take photos of the breath taking table settings, then had plenty of time to love on and fellowship with one another. They were entertained with Gospel Christmas selections by the sister group, “Seven Fold.” Additionally, Grammy nominated artist, Pete Woodruff, warmed our spirit with Classic Christmas piano sounds. Christmas was definitely in the air. We awarded winners for tables that were Most Whimsical, Most Extraordinary and Most Traditional. In the end, however, the twenty-eight tables were ALL Winners.



IT’S TEA-TIME

More from St. James - Alpharetta ...

One of our goals this year was to increase the involvement of the youth and young adult members in our church with the activities of UWF. The Christmas in October Tea event was no exception. In addition to our “seasoned senior” decorators, our youth was an intergral part of this event as they delighted in decorating and competing with their table while they also fellowshipped with all of the guests during this early Christmas celebration.

A variety of vendors were on hand so that our guests could share “love in action” by supporting their businesses with early Christmas gift shopping. Our Daniel Fast Cookbook also had a place on Vendor Row at this wonderful event. Proceeds from this tea and the cook book sales will support our women and children related missions to share “love in action” in the Alpharetta area and the North Central Georgia Conference supported charities.



YOUTH IN ACTION



VENDOR ROW



VENDOR ROW

This action packed weekend was culminated by our Women’s Day service, whereby one of our very own, Sister Yvette Thibodeau from Impact Church, returned to share the riveting message, “Church, Do You Love Me or Do You Not?”. During the month of October we also encourage participation in Breast Cancer awareness with our “Virtual Pink Box Initiative.” Instead of creating the physical boxes of essential personal items for survivors, post-pandemic, we now use the donations to support *One Touch* and *Lean on Me*, both 501(c) (3) women's organizations that provide breast cancer resources and support. These organizations purchase care package items for their ladies.



Women’s Day Lady of the Hour



CHILDREN OF THE MOST HIGH KING



VIRTUAL PINK BOX



DANIEL FAST COOKBOOK

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE UWF THEME FOR 2023

we believe
LOVE IN ACTION
Changes the World



...let's not love with words or speech but with action and truth.

—1 John 3:18 CEB

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH 2023

CENTRAL NORTH DISTRICT

ON THE MOVE...

Check out our new

Website

The Illuminant
Newsletter

Prayer Calendar

Upcoming
Events

Five Channels of
Mission Giving

Reading
Program

The Legacy Fund
Endowment Campaign

<https://cndumw.org>



2023 CENTRAL NORTH DISTRICT UWF CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
January 14	District Leadership Training	TBD
February 1	“Illuminant” Newsletter Articles Due	
February 4	Treasurers/E & I/Historians Meeting	In-person - TBD
February 18	Central North District Executive Committee Meeting	TBD
March 5	Faith, Fun, Everyone & Conference UBUNTU	N/A
March 11	Racial Justice Program	In-person – TBD
March 30	1 st Quarter Financial Reports Due to Central North District Treasurer	
April 2	Lenten Day Apart Service	In-person - TBD
April 28-29	Spiritual Growth/Social Action Event	Camp Glisson
May 1	“Illuminant” Newsletter Articles Due	
May 5-6	Spiritual Growth/social Action Event	In-person – TBD
June 1–June 3	North Georgia Annual Conference	Athens - Classic Center
June 2	UWF Annual Breakfast	Athens - Classic Center
June 10	Central North District Executive Committee Meeting	TBD
July 7	Local Unit (Presidents) Reports Due	
July 30	2 nd Quarter Financial Reports Due to Central North District treasurer	
July 27-29	Mission u	TBD
September 16	Central North District Executive Committee Meeting	TBD
September 30	3 rd Quarter Financial Reports due to Central North District Treasurer	
October 7	Conference UWF Annual Meeting	TBD
October 28	CND UWF Annual Meeting	TBD
November 1	“Illuminant” Newsletter Articles Due	
November 4	LDD /Executive Meeting	TBD
December 9	Executive Committee Meeting	Optional



2024 CENTRAL NORTH DISTRICT UWF CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
January 27	District Leadership Training	
February 1	“Illuminant” Newsletter Articles Due	
February 3	Treasurers/E & I	TBD
February 17	CND Executive Committee Meeting	Virtual
March 16	Faith, Fun, Everyone	TBD
March 24	Lenten Day Apart Service	TBD
March 30	1 st Quarter Financial Reports Due to Central North District Treasurer	
April 19	SEJ Convention – “Let’s Get Together”	Chattanooga Convention Center www.sejuwf.org
May 1	“Illuminant” Newsletter Articles Due	
May 18	Racial Justice – “White Fragility”	Virtual
May 25	CND Executive Committee Meeting	Virtual
June 13–June 15	North Georgia Annual Conference	Athens - Classic Center
June 14	UWF Annual Breakfast	Athens - Classic Center
June 30	2 nd Quarter Financial Reports Due to Central North District treasurer	
July 7	Local Unit (Presidents Reports Due	
TBD	Mission u	TBD
August 1	“Illuminant” Newsletter Articles Due	
September 14	Central North District Executive Committee Meeting	TBD
September 30	3 rd Quarter Financial Reports due to Central North District Treasurer	
October 5	Conference UWF Annual Meeting	TBD
October 26	CND UWF Annual Meeting	TBD
November 1	“Illuminant” Newsletter Articles Due	
November 2	LDD /Executive Meeting	TBD
December 14	Executive Committee Meeting	Optional

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DUE DATES FOR ARTICLES

WINTER - February 1
SPRING - May 1
SUMMER - August 1
FALL - November 1

PLEASE SUBMIT ARTICLES:

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Legend of the Candy Cane



A candymaker in Indiana wanted to make a candy that would be a witness, so he made the Christmas Candy Cane. He incorporated several symbols from the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ.

He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy: white to symbolize the Virgin Birth and the sinless nature of Jesus, and hard to symbolize the Solid Rock, the foundation of the Church, and firmness of the promises of God.



The candymaker made the candy in the form of a "J" to represent the precious name of Jesus, who came to earth as our Savior. It could also represent the staff of the "Good Shepherd" with which He reaches down into the ditches of the world to lift out the fallen lambs who, like all sheep, have gone astray.

Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, the candymaker stained it with red stripes. He used three small stripes to show the stripes of the scourging Jesus received by which we are healed. The large red stripe was for the blood shed by Christ on the cross so that we could have the promise of eternal life.

Unfortunately, the candy became known as a candy cane — a meaningless decoration seen at Christmas time. But the meaning is still there for those who "have eyes to see and ears to hear." Every time you see a candy cane, remember the Wonder of Jesus and His Great Love that came down at Christmas, and that His Love remains the ultimate and dominant force in the universe today.

