

### PRESIDENT’S LETTER

Trudy Gill

Dear Members of the South West District of the United Women in Faith,

Hello there!!! I am so glad to be able to share news with all of you. Your district board has been working diligently to bring education, mission opportunities and fellowship gatherings to our district! We want to connect with you and share with you the work of the Lord!

We had a delightful and meaningful Lenten Day Apart service at Griffin First United Methodist Church. Rev. Debby Stikes brought us a meaningful message about what we can do different during our Lenten season. Destiny Reeves touched our hearts with her music, and we were delighted to support her in her journey of American Idol! At the end of our wonderful service, we had the opportunity to meet with local unit officers and the other ladies made cards and bookmarks while getting to know one another. We were blessed to make connections and fellowship in God’s name.

Don’t forget to ask about your local area cluster meeting. Our goal is to reach our ladies in our district with these cluster meetings. We want to connect, and we want to inform you of the work of the conference. One of our goals is to create understanding about the 5-star unit, candle burning and our mission projects. Another goal is to learn more about what the local units are doing in their community. We know that our members have a heart for God and serving others. We thank you for all you do.

Our district mission projects last year were an enormous success and this year we have been discussing what we can do as a project. The board voted at our March board meeting to support Rushton’s Hope in Griffin with collections jars of jelly, crackers, rice-a-ruin and individual snacks. So many are affected by the tornados that came through Griffin and Rushton’s Hope is a resource for those in need. The board wanted to lend a helping hand locally for our mission project this year. Rushton’s Hope is taking in beds, furniture and any other household items that would help a family set up their housekeeping. Anything that your local unit can contribute will be appreciated!

Mark your calendars for May 13 at 8:30 am for our Griffin area cluster meeting and our Mission U study on Luke 13. We encourage all of you to attend! We are extremely excited to have Faith Methodist hosting this event. Cost is \$10 for a box lunch from Chic-Fil-A. Check our Facebook page for the details or talk with Polly Flannigan (770.584.7310) who is coordinating our event! See you there!

The next date is September 16 – Save the Date for our Fun, Faith Everyone Retreat – Leaning into God’s love. We are looking forward to this day for ladies, an event where we can grow together and reflect on personal spiritual growth. More details will follow. Kathie Hansen and Bobby Phillips are coordinating this event.

We thank you for being faithful members of United Women in Faith. We are appreciative of the mission work your local unit accomplishes and we believe in being God’s hands and feet. If you need anything from your district board, please don’t hesitate to email or call. We are here to serve you. We look forward to seeing you at the area Cluster meetings.

Thank you and in His name,  
Trudy Gill



### Cluster Meetings

NEWNAN	Pending
LAGRANGE	May 6 <sup>th</sup>
LUTHERSVILLE	June 10 <sup>th</sup>
BARNESVILLE	Pending
PINE MOUNTAIN	July 15 <sup>th</sup>
FAYETEEVILLE	Pending
GRIFFIN	May 13 <sup>th</sup>

**NOTE:** If your Unit would like to host a Cluster Meeting email Trudy Gill. We’d love to come to your church.



**Trudy Gill  
President  
CONNECT &  
CREATE EVENT,  
Griffin First  
UMC**

### Finance

**Benita Epps, Treasurer**  
 APRIL 30, 2023  
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Through your generosity the lives of women, youth and children in the United States and around the world are empowered and improved. Thank you for your faithfulness!

The United Women in Faith 2023 year will end June 30<sup>th</sup>. **All remittances must be sent in by June 30<sup>th</sup> to be included in our conference awards booklet at the annual meeting in October.** Thank you for being timely in sending your remittances.

The South West District budgeted \$15,490.00 for the 2023 Pledge to Mission. Our total giving to-date for Pledge to Mission (Undesignated Gifts) is \$7,927.13. We have also given \$6,372.00 in Designated Gifts. Thank you for your donations. The breakdown by quarters is given below.

QUARTER	DATES	UNDESIGNATED GIFTS	DESIGNATED GIFTS
1 <sup>st</sup>	July 1 – September 30, 2022	\$1,320.00	\$810.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	October 1 – December 31, 2022	\$2,870.73	\$1,320.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	January 1 – March 31, 2023	\$3,736.40	\$4,242.00
4 <sup>th</sup>	April 1 – June 30, 2023	TBD	TBD

Remember to always complete a Remittance Form, make your check **payable to**  
**The South West District UWF** and mail to:

**Benita L. Epps**  
 P. O. Box 968  
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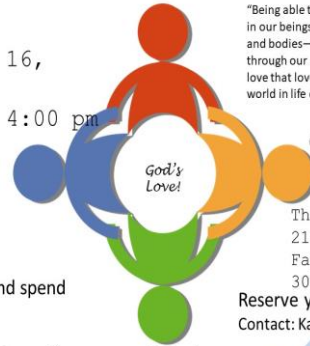
### SPECIAL EVENT

#### Leaning into God's Love

September 16,  
 2023  
 8:30 am - 4:00 pm



Bring a Friend and spend the day with us!



"Being able to receive the love of God, to know it in our beings—our minds, hearts, and bodies—is what empowers us to act...It is through our experience of God's love that love flows through us and out into the world in life changing ways."

**Kim Reindl**  
 Our Leader for Our Day!

The Bradbury House  
 215 Buckeye Road  
 Fayetteville, GA  
 30214

Reserve your Spot!!!!  
 Contact: Kathie Hansen 678-592-5177

A Faith, Fun, Everyone Event



South West District project to assist UNCOR with their current needs due to the tornados in Newnan and Griffin.

Please have your Units begin to collect the following items:

- Boxes of 33-45 Gallon heavy duty trash bags
- Bottles of concentrated liquid household cleaner, 16-40 oz.

Once you have items collected email Kimberly Parr at [kimberlymicheleparr@yahoo.com](mailto:kimberlymicheleparr@yahoo.com) and arrangements will be made to pick up the donations.

### RUSHTON'S HOPE DONATIONS

Located in Griffin, this nonprofit faith-based organization helps the homeless in Spaulding County. They need these items: jelly, crackers, individually wrapped snacks, microwavable cups of food. Supplies have been diminished due to Tornado relief efforts. Once items are collected, email Kimberly Parr at [kimberlymicheleparr@yahoo.com](mailto:kimberlymicheleparr@yahoo.com) to arrange for pickup or where to deliver items.

### Southwest District Officers 2023

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## EVENTS

### FAITH, FUN & EVERYONE

### September 16, 2023, Saturday

Time: 8:30 AM – 4:00 pm

Location:

Bradbury House  
215 Buckeye Road  
Fayetteville, GA 30214

Speaker: Kim Reindl

We will have a wonderful day of learning and fellowship!



**Mission U**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023**  
**Faith UMC**

590 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Griffin  
10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Our next Mission U for the South West District will be held on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at Faith UMC, 590 N. 2nd St, Griffin, GA.; from 10 am- 2:30 pm. Nancy Ricciardi from Fayetteville will lead the study 1st UMC. The study book is Who Can We Be Together? A Biblical exploration of Luke 13 by Candace Simpson. The book can be ordered from <http://www.umfaithresources.org> for \$10.00 plus shipping. Books are not required for this study and no books will be available at the event.

This Event is **FREE**, and lunch from Chick Fil A — Price is \$10.00, and cash only will be collected when you check in at the event.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

**Deadline is MONDAY, MAY 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM Email Polly Flannigan at [p.flannigan46@gmail.com](mailto:p.flannigan46@gmail.com) providing your Name, email and phone. BRING your \$10 cash for your lunch to pay at the event.**

**Registration is required to order the box lunch. If you do not register a lunch will not be ordered for you.**

*please call Polly Flannigan @ 770-584-7310 for any questions.*



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

### AROUND THE DISTRICT



Barnesville Parrish Boys & Girls Club donation 2023



Louise UMC: school supply donations and the UWF members

The Pate Hubbard group along with the Bell Choir sponsored a salad luncheon.




CONNECT & CREATE Event held at Griffin First UMC in Griffin



Throughout the *Lenten Season*, *United Women in Faith* hosted Lenten Lunch at Fayetteville First UMC. Lunch and decorations were provided by different circles each week. Each circle invited a host speaker to share a message from a specific chapter from Finding Jesus in the Psalms, A Lenten Journey by Barb Roose. This event has been on-going for over 30 years at Fayetteville First UMC and is appreciated by the congregation and community.

*Kathy Hansen, Vice President SW District*



### Griffin First UWF Annual Yard Sale

Griffin First United Methodist  
1401 Maple Drive  
Griffin 30224

**\*Picker's Choice Sale**

Friday June 23, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Admission \$5.00-

Proceeds go to Mission Projects  
Open to the public! Only two hours!

**Public Yard Sale** Saturday June 24  
8 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

### Clark Chapel United Women in Faith Hosts Fellowship Breakfast on March 4, 2023



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