

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



Mark Your Calendars Now!!

September 23rd

District Mission Study / Boxed Lunch

DISTRICT

District Leadership Team Meeting

ANNUAL

Mission Study @ 9:30

MEETING

Meeting @ 2:00

Registration @ 8:30

August 26th

Meeting @ 9:00

Spring Hill

Lawrenceburg First UMC

UMC

From the Harpeth River District President ~~

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Wow! What a blessing attending my first Mission u at Scarritt-Bennett. It was fabulous as we dug deep into the Lord's Prayer and unpacked each verse. My study leader was Rev. Marie King, pastor of Banks Chapel-St. John Charge in Springfield. She was amazing and facilitated deep conversations among us. I thank all of the ladies who put this event on, as it was a tremendous amount of work and took months to plan. Thank you, Peggy Owen for serving as Assistant Dean and helping me with crafts during the evenings. Thank you to Janet Pierce for providing the music throughout the weekend.

I will be leading our **Mission Study on Saturday, August 26th at 9:30 AM at Spring Hill UMC**. Please **RSVP** to me as soon as possible. We will need a headcount for lunch and materials. A boxed lunch from McAllister's Deli will be provided for \$12. You may call me (931-637-7534), email me (bethstockwell7534@gmail.com) or return the registration form.

I hope to see many of you at the 2023 TWK United Women in Faith Annual Day. Annual Day will be held Saturday, September 30, 2023 at Dickson First United Methodist Church located at 215 N. Main Street, Dickson, TN 37055. If anyone from the Giles County area would like to car pool, that would be great.

Districts and Units will be donating themed gift baskets to be included in a Silent Auction. The proceeds from these gift baskets will benefit the Legacy Fund of United Women in Faith. As a permanently invested endowment, the Legacy Fund will be an ongoing source of income, providing the assurance that our important work can always continue.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Blessings,

Beth

From the Harpeth River District Treasurer ~~

Our speaker at the Campaign for Children event in April at Riverside UMC in Columbia was from AncoraTN (formerly known as EndSlaveryTN). AncoraTN, which is Latin for anchor – meaning refuge, support, and hope, better symbolizes what the organization has come to understand is needed for those who are survivors of the trauma and exploitation of human trafficking. Shelbi Ball spoke about how AncoraTN works to nurture survivor healing and combat human trafficking. I am happy to announce that our offering for the day went to AncoraTN and totaled \$226.00 plus some gift cards that some women donated.

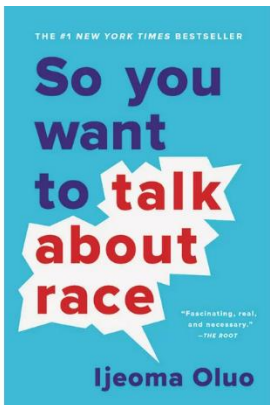
Thank you for helping us support those in our area who are experiencing human trafficking. Keep in mind that human trafficking occurs in some form in every county in Middle Tennessee according to the experts. For more information about AncoraTN, what they do and how you can help or donate, please go to their website: www.ancoraTN.org.

Blessings to you,

Debbie Miller
Harpeth River District Treasurer



From the Harpeth River District Social Action Coordinator ~~



In our continued efforts as United Women in Faith all over the world to interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline, the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference UWF will be asking each district to lead a study on the book, "So You Want to Talk About Race". More details are coming, but we hope you can begin to discuss plans for this important study soon. More about the work of UWF for racial justice here: <https://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/racial-justice/>

Information provided by Stacey Hagewood



From the Units ~

CHRIST UMC FRANKLIN update: At their June meeting, the Christ UMC Franklin unit had Carlee Smith, AncoraTN's Director of Development and External Relations, speak to their group. Carlee is also a member of the church. The work of AncoraTN to provide comprehensive aftercare services for survivors of human trafficking, along with advocacy, prevention and the training of frontline professionals is nothing short of amazing. They work in every county in Middle Tennessee. More about them here: www.ancoratn.org

For their August 20 meeting: Christ UMC's UWF will be hosting Linda McFadyen-Ketchum, Volunteer Co-Lead for State Legislative Work with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America/TN, which is an organization fighting for stronger gun laws and promoting a culture of responsible gun ownership. Linda will share thoughts about what lawmakers can do to save lives in our state. The group will also hear from a survivor of gun violence. In addition, there will be a Be SMART table with information about how to properly secure firearms in our homes and vehicles.

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DEMAND
ACTION
FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA

From the Harpeth River District 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

What About Mission u?

July 13th through 15th saw approximately 95 individuals participating in Mission u. This included folks on the beautiful Scarritt Bennett campus and seven virtual participants. For the first time in several years we had a class for both children and youth. What a joy it was to see the sweet faces of the young people. They certainly enhanced the experience. Four talented and well-prepared study leaders lead adult classes in an in-depth study of the Lord's prayer. Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes, Holly Neal, Rev. Marie King, and Deborah Poole each brought their unique approach to the study and each class was richly blessed.

Rev. Dr. Paula Smith was our leader for our worship and vesper services. We came away from those services knowing we had been in the presence of the Lord! She was assisted by Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes and Rev. Marie King. Janet Pierce shared her talent at the piano and as usual, Melba Mitchell brought us joyful engagement. Beth Stockwell had a selection of great craft projects that many enjoyed while the game room was filled with fun and laughter.

It was wonderful to reconnect with long-time friends and to make new friends during meals and fellowship times.

The food was great and the staff at Scarritt Bennett showed us their warm hospitality.

Planning is underway for Mission u 2024. Watch future newsletters and your email for that news.

On behalf of Margaret Fisher, dean of Mission u 2023 and myself (assistant dean) please accept our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and participated in this year's event. It was a labor of love on our part to coordinate Mission u 2023. God blessed everyone involved with a time of spiritual growth, soul care, enrichment, and fellowship again this year.

Blessings to you and yours,
Peggy Owen
Assistant Dean



Rev. Dr. Paula Smith



Margaret Fisher
2023 Mission u Dean



Harpeth River District



Beth Stockwell
Crafts



Peggy Owen
2023 Mission u Assistant Dean

From the Harpeth River District Nominations Chair~~

How quickly this year has flown! It seems like only yesterday we were getting ready to start the new year and all the activities associated with UWF. Now, we are almost at the District Meeting. We hope to see each of you with a large group at the annual meeting in Lawrenceburg. Let's make a pledge to have each unit have their best attendance ever.

Judy Davis

Chairperson on Nominations



From the Harpeth River District Program Resources Coordinator~~

Alias: The Crazy Book Lady

Hi Everyone,

Yes, it's me! The Crazy Book Lady! I'm writing to remind you to mail, call or email me the information for the Program Resource Report. If you plan on reading 1 book by December 31, that counts for your unit! Every unit with reading participants will receive a certificate at the District Annual Meeting on September 23.

If no one in your unit has read or plans to read a book from the selections, please contact me with this information. I need reports from every unit.

Don't forget to check out the Book Report section on the website: hrumw.weebly.com The list includes books I have read and enjoyed. If you have read a book and would like to suggest it, please contact me so I can add it to the list. I would love to hear from you!

Keep on a readin'!

Bobby Toombs

bobbitoombs@att.net

615.516.9428



He loves me.

Just as I am.

PILLOWCASE DRESS MINISTRY REACHES ACROSS THE WORLD



Prospect United Women in Faith women, along with other women of the congregation, located in Prospect, Tennessee have shared their Pillowcase Dress Ministry across the globe for over 15 years.

Using donated pillowcases or ones bought at a thrift store, the women spend one day a week sewing after Bible Study. They bring their own sewing machines along with ribbon and other embellishments to add to the pillowcases.

“We enjoy the process of making the dresses and the challenge of making an old pillowcase into something pretty,” states UWF member Kathy Norman. She adds, “the fellowship is more important than the sewing.”

These talented women sew approximately 150 dresses per year, which after 15 years totals more than 2,000 dresses that have been lovingly shared with girls in Guatemala, Costa Rica, Malawi, Haiti and India. The dresses are made in sizes from infant to school age and the straps are made from leftover material or ribbon. Often other pretty details are added as well.

The unit connects with missionaries in a number of ways. They have used a mission team conference member, mission trips Prospect UMC have sponsored, and local pastors and doctors who are traveling on a mission trips.



Dresses are also given to local children as well as members of the church who have recently had a baby or grandchild.

“It’s a project that we enjoy doing together and it is fulfilling to see these dresses going to needy children in other countries,” says Betsy Edgmon, Unit President.

A local couple Sara and Tom, who were going to Costa Rica on a mission trip, took 50 dresses with them and when they delivered them to the principal at a local school he was delighted because graduation was coming up. Sara added headbands and new flip flops for a beautiful new outfit for the young ladies.



If the ladies of Prospect UWF didn’t have enough to do, they also sew buddy bears and make quilts among other projects.

Pictures:

Rhessa Hanson stands in front of a display of dresses while holding a buddy bear.

Lit Stanford shows off the beautiful hems of some of the pillowcase dresses.

Submitted by Beth A. Stockwell, Harpeth River District President, TWK Conference



United
Women
in Faith

Get Together!

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION QUADRENNIAL EVENT

APRIL 19-21, 2024 | CHATTANOOGA, TENN | SEJUWF.ORG

What does it mean to answer the call to “love one another”
(John 13:34) in 2024? Come GET TOGETHER! to:

FEEL the joy when faith-filled women unite

NURTURE our souls through the strength of our sisterhood

DEEPEN our relationship with God

EXPLORE the power of love to make a difference

**TOGETHER we can do more. TOGETHER we can be more
TOGETHER the power of love in action can change the world.**



Bobbi Brooke Frances Harry

Joy Judy Kate Katie

Kila Linda Sydney Tim

School Kids, Teachers, School Bus Drivers



Trivia

- 1 – *What is the token of the covenant made between God, Noah, all living creatures, and future generations?
Genesis 9*
 - 2 – *What is the meaning of the word Genesis? No biblical reference*
 - 3 – *Which parable do we compare the Kingdom of God to? Mark 4*
 - 4 – *How many pairs of the following did Noah bring on the ark? Genesis 7
Clean Beasts? Unclean Beasts? Birds of the Sky?*
 - 5 – *The dove returned the first time; Noah waited.
The dove returned the second time; Noah waited.
How many days did Noah wait each time? Genesis 8*
 - 6 – *How long did the water exist on earth? Genesis 7*
 - 7 – *Which disciple begged Pilate for the body of Jesus? Matthew 27*
 - 8 – *What measure of length was used to build the ark? Genesis 6
BTW – How big was the ark?*
 - 9 – *Whose tomb was Jesus buried in? Matthew 27*
 - 10 – *Noah's father, Lamech, had 3 sons that demonstrated cultural advancement. What were their occupations?
Genesis 4*
- Bonus – What do the following have in common? Hebrews 11*
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| <i>Noah – Genesis 6</i> | <i>Joseph – Genesis 50</i> |
| <i>Abraham – Genesis 12</i> | <i>Moses – Exodus 1 & 2</i> |
| <i>Isaac – Genesis 27</i> | <i>Jacob – Genesis 47 & 48</i> |

Calendar of Events

District events in [**Bold**]

Aug. 1-? (Tues.-?)

SCHOOL STARTS



Aug. 5 (Sat.)

10:00 am

Conference Executive Team Meeting

Dickson First UMC

Aug. 15 (Tues.)

All Day

REPORTS DUE:

5 Star Report

Memorial Report

Reading Program Report



AUG. 26 (Sat.)

9:30 am

DIST. MISSION STUDY

SPRING HILL

BOXED LUNCH ~ ~ **RSVP**

UMC

2:00 pm

DIST. LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Aug. 30 (Wed.)

All Day

REPORT DUE:

Mission Study Report



Sept. 8 (Fri.)

All Day

DEADLINE:

Scholarship for Fall Retreat @ Beersheba

SEPT. 23 (SAT.)

8:30 am

Registration for Annual Meeting

Lawrenceburg First

9:00 am

DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

UMC

Sept. 30 (Sat.)

9:00 am

Conference Annual Meeting

Dickson First UMC

Oct. 20-22

Fall Retreat

Beersheba

Nov. 4 (Sat.)

10:00 am

Conference Training for District Officers

Jackson First UMC

The following forms are provided:

~ ~ Five Star Unit **Report**

~ ~ Memorial **Report**

~ ~ Reading Program Local Unit **Report**

~ ~ Mission Study Participation **Report**

~ ~ 2023 District Annual Meeting Registration

Please contact the officer for each **Report** by emailing, calling or mailing the report, even if your unit does not have any information to include in the **Report**.



FIVE STAR UNIT REPORT – 2023

This report is due August 15, 2023

Unit Name: _____

Please mail completed form to:

Harpeth River District Treasurer

Debbie Miller

839 Pintail Court

Franklin, TN 37067

Phone: 615-337-2686 – E-mail: debbie.miller718@gmail.com

For the year 2023, have you or do you plan to contribute to the following Five Channels of Giving:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Mission Giving | [] |
| 2. Gift to Mission | [] |
| 3. Special Mission Recognition | [] |
| 4. Gift in Memory | [] |
| 5. World Thank Offering | [] |

Your unit will receive a “5 Star Giving Award” at the district annual meeting in September if you have or intend to give the above requirements by the end of 2023.

Form completed by: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____



MEMORIAL REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD IS AUGUST 1, 2022 THROUGH JULY 31, 2023

Unit Name _____

Please list any members of your unit who have passed away between August 1, 2022 and July 31, 2023.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Please return this form by August 15, 2023 to:

Diana Garner
District MNO Coordinator
2585 Milton Lane
Thompson's Station, TN 37179
Phone: (434) 409-3790
grits3790@yahoo.com



READING PROGRAM LOCAL UNIT REPORT

Unit _____ Year _____

Readers - Plan 1 _____

Readers - Plan 2 _____

Readers - Plan 3 _____

Readers - Plan 4 _____

Unit President Name: _____

Phone: _____

Unit President Signature

Date

Please return this form by August 15, 2023 to:

Bobbi Toombs

District Program Resources Coordinator

9925 Debra Drive

Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Phone: 615-516-9428

bobbitoombs@att.net



MISSION STUDY PARTICIPATION REPORT

REPORTING YEAR - 2023

UNIT: _____

TITLE OF MISSION STUDY: _____

LOCATION OF STUDY: _____

Form submitted by _____

Please return this form by August 30, 2023 to:

**Beth Stockwell
Harpeth River District President
201 Drew Drive
Pulaski, TN 38478
(931) 637-7534
bethstockwell7534@gmail.com**

If you are planning a mission study before the end of the year but after the due date, please go ahead and submit this form. Units participating in mission studies anytime in 2023 will be recognized at our September 23, 2023, Harpeth River District Annual Meeting.



**HARPETH RIVER DISTRICT
UNITED WOMEN in FAITH**

**TWK CONFERENCE FALL RETREAT
Scholarship Application
October 20-22, 2023
Beersheba Springs**

FOR FIRST TIME ATTENDEES

Date: _____

Unit Name: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Reason this person should be considered for the application:

Address of Applicant: _____

Phone Number of Applicant: _____

Signature and Phone Number of Person making the Recommendation:

Please return this application by September 8, 2023 to:

**Beth Stockwell
Harpeth River District President
201 Drew Drive
Pulaski, TN 38478
(931) 637-7534
bethstockwell7534@gmail.com**



2023 ANNUAL MEETING

"Our Cups Runneth Over"

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Check In: 8:30-9:00 AM – Meeting: 9:00 AM

Lawrenceburg First United Methodist Church

212 Waterloo Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Unit Name: _____

Registration Fee: \$15.00 per person

Lunch follows the meeting and is included with registration fee.

Please make checks payable to: Harpeth River District UWF

Mail this form and payment by September 12, 2023 to:

Harpeth River District Treasurer

Debbie Miller

839 Pintail Court, Franklin, TN 37067

Units are encouraged to provide scholarships to members when possible.



