



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### *Breakfast With Champions*

Saturday, October 15, 2022, was a day of celebration at the United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon, Indiana. It was a day of honoring the many sponsors and organizations that ensure sustainability and assist the Children's Home in its care of children into the future.

It was my honor and privilege as president of United Women in Faith of Indiana to attend the Breakfast With Champions and to accept the Children's Champion Advocate Award on behalf of the many local women throughout the state that have supported the work of IUMCH.

In being faithful to our Purpose to advocate on behalf of women, children, and youth, many local units have held fund raisers and other activities to help sustain the programs the Home provides for children and youth living there.

A letter from Christy Huston, Executive Director of the Children's Home Foundation and Rich Lapinski, Executive Director of the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home reads, "A special committee of supporters to the Children's Home selected Indiana United Women in Faith to receive this honor, recognizing their special contributions to the mission of the Home and the lives of Indiana children. We thank you for your dedication, and your involvement over the years, to help improve the lives of children who have had such a difficult past."

A beautiful limited-edition print of the painting "Hope Has A Home" which was commissioned especially for the Indiana Children's Champion

Day will be passed on from each Conference UWF president to the next. The original artwork is hung at the Children's Home.

Please keep the Home, the staff and the children in your prayers. Also, plan to support the IUMCH in the future if you have not already.

In closing their letter, Christy and Rich asked that we "Please accept our deepest thanks for all you have done to help Indiana's children." I thank you as well!

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with our Sisters

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## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

### Hello United Women in Faith!

These last few months have been so exciting. For the first time in three years many of us attended in person District meetings and our Annual Celebration. I had the pleasure of attending the Central District meeting, socializing with our members, singing together, listening to the speaker, and just enjoying being together. I know others of you had similar experiences as you gathered for your District meetings. And, how blessed I was to fellowship with so many of you during our Annual Celebration. From the generosity of the St. Luke staff and our host UWF unit, to the table decorations welcoming the coming of the Fall season, to the delicious meals, to the energy and excitement of the women as we hugged, laughed, talked, shared in communion, and were in song together - it was palpable and it was wonderful. Even our event speaker, Jessey Mason, wrote me afterwards to say how blessed she was by our singing together. But, that is what we do; uplift and affirm, and affirm we did! We affirmed our legacy as United Methodist Women as we embraced our new beginning as United Women in Faith during our Rebranding Ceremony.

On Saturday, **November 5**, we'll have an opportunity to continue our journey and learn what additional tools and resources our new branding offers us; all the many ways we now have to connect locally, nationally, and internationally, in person and digitally. Sisters, you are all invited to hear and learn about the new resources in the morning session, and Conference and District leadership you are invited back for an afternoon session to learn from one another and from other women with experience in the roles you are assuming.

I look forward to all of us moving ahead together in 2023 as United Women in Faith and to some of the new things we'll be doing in our programming to include local units conducting their own rebranding ceremonies.

So, Sisters, I hope to see you on the 5th.

Blessings,

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*F*or where two or three gather together in my name, there am I with them. ~Matthew 18:20



# HELLO, AGAIN, SISTERS IN CHRIST!



This is Shannon Priddy from Indianapolis, IN. It has been a few years since I wrote an article for our Mission Messenger. I am writing this time to share my new role on United Women in Faith. In August of this year, I accepted the role of Executive for Development & Donor Relations. What does that mean, you may ask. I am employed by United Women in Faith to fundraise for the Legacy Fund. I work remotely from Indianapolis and travel to New York when needed. The jurisdiction I engage is the North Central Jurisdiction, which means donor visits, sharing the Legacy Fund at local, district and conference events, and asking for gifts to the Legacy Fund.

Fundraising doesn't discriminate. Generosity is contagious. When we talk about giving to the Legacy Fund we must also talk about our pledge to mission- are we following through with our members to pay their pledge. I encourage you to talk about giving to mission and giving to the Legacy Fund in your local units and your districts. If you would like more information or would like me to visit, I can be reached at [spriddy@uwfaith.org](mailto:spriddy@uwfaith.org) and 317-610-6899.

Together, you make the future of United Women in Faith possible!

## EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION NEWS

As we are coming to the close of 2022, remember to continue your giving to United Women in Faith.

The Thank Offering program is in the new Program Book. This is a good program for November when we are thinking of being "Thankful" in our life. Make a container to put in your offering if you have not already started. Think of something each day in November that you are thankful for and put your coins in your container. Maybe it is that you have a roof over your head, you have a hot meal to eat, you have shoes or coat to wear, you have your health, you have a window to look out of. Think of something each day and make a list and you may be surprised how many blessings you have.

Continue to read the *response* magazine to learn about the programs that your mission dollars support.

The May/June issue has an article on page 34 about the deaconesses and home missioners.

The September/October issue has a review of the 2022 Assembly held in May. Read about the people involved, the speakers, the excitement, the new beginnings.

Before the year ends, make sure you are an All -Star Woman in your giving, that your unit completes a level on the 2022 Mission Today, that you and/or your unit make a commitment to the Lucille Raines Residence Accessibility Campaign, and that you read the *response* which will also help with the Reading Program.

A recent Faith Talks was about Hispanic Heritage Month and highlighted two National Missions including McCurdy Ministries Community Center where I am currently serving as a Volunteer in Mission for a month. Check the [uwf.org](http://uwf.org) website for all the "Faith Talks" and "Voices from the Field" for additional Education and Interpretation.

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## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

I just got home from the Silent Retreat this afternoon. Once again it was an amazing weekend! Many wonder what is the benefit of 37 hours of silence? Many doubt if they can even do it. But God is faithful to make Himself known if we just slow down and seek Him. Our lives are so busy with activities. Our to-do lists only seem to get longer! We have forgotten how to be still and let our minds find peace. But that isn't God's plan for our lives. His desire is for us to spend precious time alone with Him....to feel His love pour over us. That's what happens at the Silent Retreat.

Now we are back home. Our responsibilities will soon fill our days once again. The challenge is to daily seek to come again into His presence. Christ is always there...waiting. As we focus on Him and His promise to never leave our side, we can experience His deep peace no matter what each day brings.

January and April bring the two Spiritual Growth retreats. Rev. Laura McDonald will lead us as we explore what it means to faithfully follow Christ in "Such a Time as This".

Look for the preliminary flyer in this newsletter. Being together, Sisters, strengthens each of us for the mission of United Women in Faith. Our sisterhood is a blessing indeed!

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## A Journey Without End

Life.

A gift from heaven sent to bring joy and love.

A gift given with hope from above.

We start out slow and full of promise,

Possibilities are endless before us.

Like a rose unfolding, our hearts are uncovered

To a world of new things to try, discover.

Pain and sorrow are lessons we don't understand.

We wonder why now, why then.

God is there when we don't feel His embrace,

God is there with unconditional grace.

Joy is the blessing that never ends

Even when we can't comprehend

How life seems unfair, dark, and alone

He's always the same - His plan is His own.

We're given this time to serve and to share

To be His hands and angels unaware.

Take joy in this gift and do all you can,

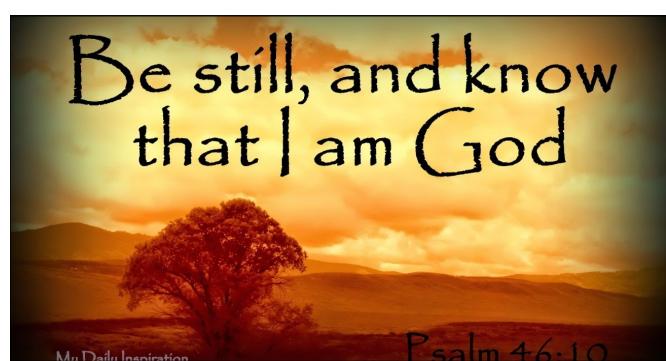
This gift is our time to take His stand.

Someday our hearts will rejoice and mend

We'll be in His presence - a journey without end.

~Bonnie Elam

Inspired by silent time with God at the Silent Retreat.



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## TREASURER'S MESSAGE

As of the end of September 2022, we have received 30.94% or \$95,927.80 of our Pledge to National of \$310,000. Giving is slightly higher than the same time in 2021. As we come into November there are a couple of giving opportunities to highlight. First is the World Thank Offering program highlighting "Life-Giving Creation and Transformation" which is found in the 2022-2023 Program Resource book or available at this link [https://www.umwmissionresources.org/downloads/ProgResource2022-23\\_WorldThankOffering.pdf](https://www.umwmissionresources.org/downloads/ProgResource2022-23_WorldThankOffering.pdf). The World Thank Offering is where gifts of gratitude are given and is one of the five channels of Mission Giving. The second giving opportunity is the National Day of Giving on Tuesday November 29, which is the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. There will be opportunities to give to United Women in Faith so be on the look out for those links on the website [uわfaith.org](http://uわfaith.org) or our conference Facebook page.

The month of October is Cybersecurity Awareness month. According to the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), cybersecurity is the art of protecting networks, devices, and data from unlawful access or criminal use, and providing confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information. There is a lot going on in that definition, but here are the basics you should know now as we continue to do business in a digital world.

- Think Before You Click: Recognize and Report Phishing: If a link looks a little off, think before you click. It could be an attempt to get sensitive information or install malware.
- Update Your Software: Don't delay – if you see a software update notification, act promptly. Better yet, turn on automatic updates.
- Use Strong Passwords: Use passwords that are long, unique, and randomly generated. Use password managers to generate and remember different, complex passwords for each of your accounts. A password manager will encrypt passwords securing them for you!
- Enable Multi-Factor Authentication: You need more than a password to protect your online accounts, and enabling MFA makes you significantly less likely to get hacked.

National has provided us a link to the toolkit created by CISA here [https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/CAM22\\_PublicToolkit\\_FINAL\\_OCC\\_CSD\\_DIR\\_508c.pdf](https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/CAM22_PublicToolkit_FINAL_OCC_CSD_DIR_508c.pdf).

Instructions on how to add "United Women in Faith" to your local unit bank account as a Doing Business As, or DBA, will be giving to the District Treasurers to pass along to the Local Treasurers during the District Officer training meeting on **November 5**. If you have questions or encounter problems at your bank, please let me know.

As a reminder, as the end of the year approaches, please send in your 2022 monies to your District Treasurer before the end of the year so those funds can be sent on to Conference in a timely manner. As you are deciding what monies to send, per the United Methodist Women Handbook 2022-2024, a local group should keep in its treasury only the minimum amount necessary to carry it into the first few months of the next year, until members' Mission Giving pledges and gifts begin coming in. The committee on finance recommends how to use these extra funds. The committee could choose one of the following options: 1. Send the extra funds as additional mission funds (added to your Pledge to Mission). 2. Present one or more Special Mission Recognitions or Gifts to Mission to members or friends of the unit. 3. Make a supplementary gift to "A Brighter Future for Children and Youth," a mission program that receives United Women in Faith National Office funding. Funds given in these ways to "empty the treasury" should be sent to the district treasurer. You can read more about "Emptying the Treasury" from the handbook here on page 13 [https://www.umwmissionresources.org/downloads/Handbook\\_2021-2024\\_Funding\\_The\\_Mission.pdf](https://www.umwmissionresources.org/downloads/Handbook_2021-2024_Funding_The_Mission.pdf).



# ANNUAL CELEBRATION 2022 ~ A time of incredible speakers, special guests, great food, informative displays, Reading Program books, fellowship, BINGO, sharing from and with Raines Residents, hugs, laughter, learning, Holy Communion, amazing music, and celebrating all that is new and wonderful about United Women in Faith!



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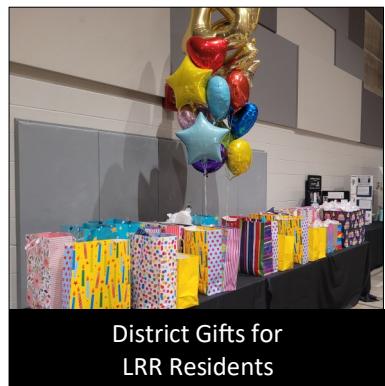
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Pres. LRR Board of Directors



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District Gifts for  
LRR Residents



Celebrating Together



Beverly Kennedy  
Music Leader  
Accompanied by  
Ellen Rhoades, Piano



Some of the Displays



Program Resources



Gift Baskets and Other Items for the Silent Auction



**Thank you** to the 10 UWF Districts, UM churches, and individuals who donated 17 baskets or items for the silent auction and to all who kept bidding. We raised **\$1418.78** for the Accessibility Campaign.



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# DON'T SKIP THE CHILDREN'S BOOKS!

**"A children's story that can only be enjoyed by children is not a good children's story in the slightest." ~ C.S. Lewis**

There are lots of children and youth books on our lists from previous years and 2023. They make terrific lessons, programs, devotions as well as opportunities to read to others of all ages. The new list of reading program books for 2023 has been posted on the national website. They have gone back to putting the books in a printable catalog format with pictures and descriptions of each of the books by categories. Also included in the catalog is all the information about the reading program, its purpose, directions for participating, etc. So I am thankful they have returned to this information.

Indiana readers have a special book to add to our reading list for this year! Be sure to get a copy of the Lucille Raines Residence book **A Road to Hope** by Sarah Spearman! It is \$15 and the funds will go for residents emergency use. Sarah interviews nine LRR residents and it is very good and insightful. We are being very flexible and counting this book towards our reading program in Indiana - either Social Action or Nurturing for Community. Thanks to Sarah for

this project! You will want to get it and perhaps use it for a program.

In 2023 you can read any of the books from the lists approved for previous years of 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023. SO, you have lots of great books to read and enjoy, learn from, and share with others. Start or join a reading group with others interested in the same books - on line, on Facebook, or Zoom. Then let us know about it too! I just finished a good youth book, **One Dress. One Year** by Bethany Winz. It is one girl's stand against human trafficking which is unfortunately still a critical issue. It also addresses a teen girl's self image and faith. (2021-22 Ed for Mission category)

Remember, the **Faith Talks podcasts** are plentiful and interesting and approximately one hour long. Listening to two of these counts as one **Spiritual Growth** book. Listening to three podcasts is equal to a Bonus Book in the Spiritual Growth category, and Bonus Books are equal to two books in that category.

Some of my favorite reading quotes that apply to us all:

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr. Seuss (American children's author, political cartoonist, illustrator, poet, animator, and filmmaker)

"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island." Walt Disney (American entrepreneur, animator, writer, voice actor and film producer.)

***Read and Enjoy!***

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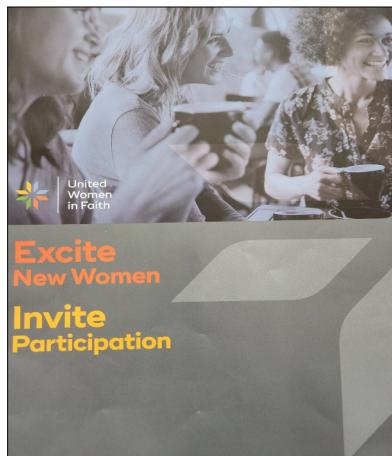
## MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE & OUTREACH

Hi Ladies!

I hope you're enjoying the beautiful colors of fall all around us! I just returned from the Silent Retreat in Tipton at St. Joseph Retreat Center this past weekend. What a spectacular setting to slow down and spend time with God, it was a special time! I highly recommend you all to attend next year!

This has been a busy season for United Women in Faith of Indiana! Many district gatherings have been held and how wonderful it is to be together! The Annual Meeting and Celebration on October 7-8 was also a great weekend! It has been a joy filled season of seeing sisters we know and also meeting some new sisters!

Speaking of new sisters of United Women in Faith, if you attended the Annual Celebration, I hope you picked up the Excite & Invite Booklet! This is a wonderful resource providing conversation ideas for women to invite ladies in all stages of life to join the sisterhood of United Women In Faith. This resource gives ideas for starting a conversation and making a connection. If you weren't able to attend or didn't pick one up, contact me and I'd be happy to mail you one to share with others in your unit.



You can also go to [uwfaith.org](http://uwfaith.org) and download the resource.

Here's the link:

[UWfaith-EXCITE-INVITE-booklet\\_blkwht.pdf \(umwmissionresources.org\)](http://UWfaith-EXCITE-INVITE-booklet_blkwht.pdf (umwmissionresources.org))

### Excite New Women      Invite Participation

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Is "enthusiasm" part of your DNA? And you love music? The conference UWF is looking for a Music Coordinator who will work with the planning team in selecting the music for each conference event. This person does not need to lead all the singing but be responsible for having a song leader and pianist at each event. If you are interested or have questions, please contact a member of the nominating committee or Kathie Clemenz, president, as this is an appointed position.

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## NEWS FROM NATIONAL OFFICE

Dear Sisters,

It was wonderful seeing you at our Annual Celebrations. In this time of change for our sisterhood and the church, I would like for you to take clues of how to respond from nature. This has been my practice for many years now during the Fall season. I would like for you to enjoy the beautiful symphony I affectionately call the fall of the leaves. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Bj-VOImNSmhtLXb44WgCsi3dqInBickM/view?usp=sharing>

It was not until I was an adult traveling home to North Carolina through the Appalachian mountains that I gained this calming and renewing appreciation for Fall/Autumn. When you grow up as I did the granddaughter of a farmer, fall means a lot of work. Oh yes, it is the gathering of the last crops from the fields. Which is exciting. But it is also, the canning and freezing of those crops. The planning of the crop rotation so the soil can be tested. Then manure and fertilizer must be applied to the specific areas for the specific crops. Then cover crops must be planted to ensure you do not lose the soil and amenities during the winter months. And until winter has set in and there are no more crops to harvest, there is this constant dance of covering the crops to prevent frost bite and uncovering them to prevent sun burn. So, it was during my first trip from Indiana to North Carolina through those majestic mountains which are the home of our Cherokee, Iroquois, Powhatan and Shawnee sisters that I fully inhaled the magnitude and breath of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. Sisters, this annual drive through the mountains became my time to be silent and to search the hollows of my mind with God to determine what should remain as his priorities and what should be counted as lost. It was during this time I asked God what I should keep in my daily routine for the coming year and what I should discard. So dear sisters as we walk boldly

together into the next 150 plus years of this creative supportive sisterhood, let us take in the symphony of the fall of the leaves. Reach down in your gut and ask God to guide you to His purpose for you within our sisterhood. Trust the Holy Spirit to guide you through our mission work. There is still work to be done to improve the lives of women, children and youth. Let us not focus so much on the change that is occurring that we not enjoy the blessings of our missional relationships. Your mission gifts are needed to ensure the needs of today are met. Your Legacy gifts ensure that the work of our organization will continue into perpetuity. Our sisterhood is strong because of our foremothers and YOU! I have included a General Conference update from the national office. Please share this information with your local units. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Remember we have the assurance in Ecclesiastes 3:12-15.

<sup>12</sup> *I know that there is nothing better for them than to rejoice and do good while they live, <sup>13</sup> and also that every man should eat and drink and find satisfaction in all his labor—this is the gift of God. <sup>14</sup> I know that everything God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it or taken from it. God does it so that they should fear Him. <sup>15</sup> What exists has already been, and what will be has already been, for God will call to account what has passed.*

So, sisters it is what it is. Just follow your hearts. And know that what exists has already been and what will have already been. This is the assurance God has given us. May God continue to bless you and your family.

As always, I love you like the sisters you are.

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## SOCIAL ACTION ISSUES

Please call or go to their website to support HR 1818

Ban Assault Rifles Bill which includes:

- Increased and Coordinated Background Checks
- Ban of SAW Semiautomatic Assault Weapons
- Ban of LCFD Large Capacity Feeding Devices
- Use of Byrne Grants for Buy-Backs

Call or go to their websites to express your support for HR 1808

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Sen. Mike Braun

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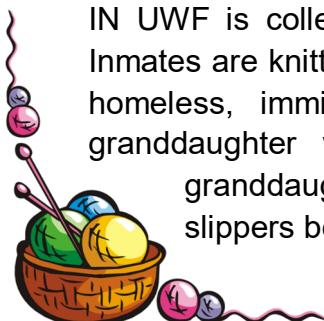
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*Alone we can*

*do so little...*

*Together we can*  
*do so much.*

Helen Keller



IN UWF is collecting yarn (new or leftover) for the Women's Prison. Inmates are knitting caps for school children, babies in their nursery, the homeless, immigrants, etc. One of our UWF members has a granddaughter who is incarcerated at the Women's Prison. The granddaughter was able to make her grandmother a pair of slippers because of your yarn donation!



United Women in Faith hosted its first-ever Legacy Banquet in support of the Legacy Endowment Fund on May 21, 2022, during Assembly 2022 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. More than 700 members and supporters attended the dinner, which raised more than \$46,000 for the permanently invested endowment established to ensure the future work of United Women in Faith. According to Tara Barnes and Christie Campos of United Women in Faith's National Office, the Legacy banquet during the 2022 Assembly was a HIT!

Your continued support is still needed. **WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!**

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*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.*

~Jeremiah 29:11

The Lucille Raines Residence Executive Board has just finished Raines Fest for this year. It is a time of celebration when the board members take over the staff responsibilities and provide food, activities and more for the residents from Monday to Wednesday. It is an opportunity for board members and residents to get better acquainted. Hearing the individual stories strengthens our understanding of the importance and need for this ministry of United Women in Faith of Indiana.

The passage from Jeremiah assures us that God wants the best for each of us and God is able to give us hope. For the residents of Raines who are recovering from addiction, hope for the future is an essential ingredient for healing. Thank you to all of you who supplied items for the Country Store and made other donations to help make Raines Fest 2022 a success.

The Raines Board says a big "Thank You!" to the districts and conference for highlighting the Lucille Raines Residence ministry in the United Women in Faith fall district events and the conference annual event. Keep up the good work of informing our United Women in Faith and other groups and members in our churches about Raines. We are working together to impact a major problem in our world today.

Our Love Lifted Me campaign to raise funds to make Raines more accessible and replace the elevator is moving forward. We thank all who have donated and made pledges to the campaign. God has always been faithful in helping Raines in all sorts of situations. We believe that God will continue to be faithful and help us to achieve our goal.

Grace and Peace,  
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## MORE SECRETARY STUFF

It is still that time of year. Barb McCoy is working on the UMW directory for next year. Please get your unit information to her and your district secretary as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for all of your help keeping us connected.

### ONLINE TOOLS FOR EASY ORGANIZATION

#### [Doodle.com](#)

Doodle allows you to create a poll with the possible dates and times and send it to the people in your group. Learn more at <https://doodle.com>

#### [SignUpGenius.com](#)

SignUpGenius is an easy-to-use tool that is

designed specifically for group organization, event planning, and volunteer scheduling and management. Learn more at <https://www.signupgenius.com/>

#### [Google Drive](#)

Google Drive is a free cloud-based storage service that enables users to store and access files online. The service syncs stored documents, photos and more across all of the user's devices, including mobile devices, tablets and PCs. Learn more at <https://www.google.com/drive/>

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Accessibility Campaign for  
Lucille Raines Residence

## ACCESSIBILITY CAMPAIGN FOR LUCILLE RAINES RESIDENCE

The Raines Residence is in critical need of elevator replacement. The ability to secure parts for the current very obsolete elevator has become difficult/almost impossible, resulting in the elevator frequently being "down" for lengthy periods. Not only that, because of the aged architecture, significant structural changes are needed to accommodate a modern elevator. Our Challenge Goal is \$750,000.

A brochure with more information has been sent to conference and district officers, unit presidents, as well as pastors and church leaders. Please share this mission with your UWF sisters, family, and friends for discussion of sending a generous offering to the *Lucille Raines Accessibility Campaign*. If it will help, we are happy to come in person to share the Raines' story so you can experience what a difference your giving will make.

Thank you for your consideration of this urgent need. Feel free to contact an Accessibility Campaign team member if you have questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Among other team members, members of UWF serving on the team are Cathy Burris, Kathie Clemenz, Alice Crouse, Bonnie Elam, Carolyn Marshall, Cindy Reynolds, and Cheryl Wilson.

A pledge card is included for your convenience.

Online giving can be made at [www.lucillerainesresidence.org](http://www.lucillerainesresidence.org).

		
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<p>If including a check, please make it payable to: "The United Methodist Foundation of Indiana", memo: "Love Lifted Me Accessibility Campaign"</p>		
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# Legislative Day February 2, 2023

## “MATERNAL HEALTH”

**Join the Zoom Meeting 10 a.m. ET to Noon**

Co-sponsored by Indiana Conference United Women  
in Faith/Indiana Church Women United

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84928758807?  
pwd=N0ZJM8zQjdSnZVQkM4d0VDdU%20U1dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84928758807?pwd=N0ZJM8zQjdSnZVQkM4d0VDdU%20U1dz09)

Meeting ID: 849 2875 8807

Passcode: 748063 One tap mobile  
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### **Keynote Speakers**



Dr. Mary Pell Abernathy  
Assoc. Prof IU Dept of Clinical Obstetrics & Gyn  
US Chair-IN Maternal Mortality Review



Jack E. Turman, Jr., Ph.D.  
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# Plan to Attend a 2023 Retreat (or two)!!

## ***Spring Spiritual Growth Retreat***

Retreat Leader: Rev. Laura McDonald

*For Such a Time as This*

TWO OPTIONS:

Friday January 20<sup>th</sup> 7p.m.-Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup> 3p.m.

Canyon Inn, McCormick's Creek State Park  
Spencer, IN

April 28<sup>th</sup> 7p.m.-Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> 3p.m.

Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center  
Donaldson, IN

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## ***Fall Silent Retreat***

Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> 8pm-Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1pm

Sarto Retreat House  
Evansville, IN

*Watch for Registration Forms Coming Soon!!*



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United Women in Faith demonstrate their commitment to the PURPOSE through their Prayers, Presence, Participation, Gifts and Service.

**PRAYERS**

	Used the Prayer Guide at each meeting to pray for mission personnel and projects. *
	Communicated with at least 5 persons listed in the Prayer Guide during the year.
	Held a mini-Spiritual Growth Retreat.

**PRESENCE**

	At least two members were added to the membership roll.
	At least one member (not a conference or district officer) attended Mission U.
	At least two members (not a conference or district officer) attended a district or conference annual meeting. This could include attendance to districts/conference events such as: district spiritual enrichment day, district Mini Mission u, district officer training, or conference annual spiritual growth retreat., etc.

**PARTICIPATION**

	At least two members subscribed to and/or read <i>response</i> magazine (including online articles). *
	Used at least two programs from a UWF Program Book during the year. *
	Conducted at least one Mission u study during the year. *
	At least one member is a member of the UWF's Action Network to receive Action Alerts and share with members.
	Told a mission story at meetings through sharing "member support" articles (identified by the Mission Giving logo—see other side) from <i>Response</i> .
	Included a book review/report on a Reading Program book during a meeting.
	At least two members completed one of the Reading Program Plans.
	Initiated a new or expanded an already-existing Local Ministry Program which benefits women, children and/or youth. *
	At least two members watch or listen to at least 2 "Faith Talks" or "Voices from the Field", live or recorded on UWF website.
	Attended a "Tour-Talk-Lunch" ("TTL") at Lucille Raines Residence or gave in-kind or monetary support beyond the conference asking.*

**GIFTS**

	Made and met its Pledge to Mission. *
	Remitted the Conference Asking of \$15 per member. *
	Received Five Star recognition by contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving by unit and/or member(s).
	Legacy Fund donation made by unit and/or member(s).

**SERVICE**

	Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice in at least one way during the year. *
	Invited a district or conference officer (not a member) to one meeting during the year.
	Pledged to care for God's creation by becoming a "Green" local organization.
	Participated in at least two events/activities during the year which focused on Current Justice issues.



**WHY?** The purpose of Mission Today is to fulfill the PURPOSE of United Women in Faith by:

- **Energizing** United Women in Faith to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action;
- **Increasing** contacts between local organizations and mission personnel and projects enabling a better understanding of where Mission Giving dollars go;
- **Encouraging** the use of a variety of mission resources;
- **Expanding** concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

<b>WHO?</b> Every local organization is encouraged to strive for Mission Today status by completing 8 or more suggested criteria as noted to the right. Find suggestions and ideas for activities below.	<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>NUMBER OF ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED</b>
	Bronze	8 (including 4 asterisked items)
	Silver	12 (including 6 asterisked items)
	Gold	16 (including 6 asterisked items)



Mission Giving Logo

Read *response*, the magazine for Women in Mission, through a subscription or online: [response Magazine | United Women in Faith \(uwfaith.org\)](https://uwfaith.org/response-magazine) The Mission Giving logo found in *response* identifies a program and/or person supported by United Methodist Women's Mission Giving.



Racial Justice Logo



Current Justice Issues may be found online:  
[Serve & Advocate | United Women in Faith \(uwfaith.org\)](https://uwfaith.org/serv-and-advocate)

Find the Charter for Racial Justice online:  
[Racial Justice | United Women in Faith \(uwfaith.org\)](https://uwfaith.org/racial-justice)



**WHEN?** Receive recognition for **2022**, by returning your completed checklist by **January 15, 2023** to:

Your District's Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation

**Return completed form (front & back) to:**

**Deadline for reporting: January 15, 2023**

<b>Local Organization</b>	<b>District:</b>
<b>Reporting Officer Name &amp; Position:</b>	
<b>Email or postal address:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>

Mission Today Report Revised July 2022



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## *Making Disciples of Jesus Christ through Mission Opportunities for Youth and Young*

Youth and young adults receiving funds from the Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund will be asked to submit a summary of their experiences to the conference organization of United Women in Faith within 45 days of trip completion. Send report to the Conference E&I Coordinator.

Scholarship recipients' contact information may be obtained by contacting the Youth & Young Adult Scholarship Committee.

The Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund is funded by the giving of each local organization (unit) of United Women in Faith of Indiana.



### **2023 Youth & Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund Committee**

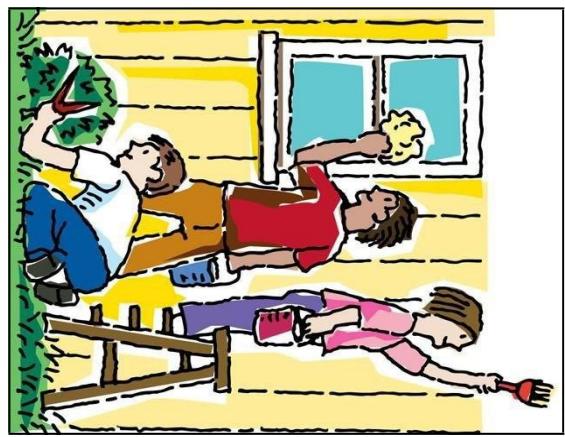
Committee Chair: Martha Milhouse  
Conference Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation

Committee Members: Martha Milhouse, Kathie Clemenz, Jacki Moore, Margaret Schimmel, Lexa McCampbell

Direct questions or mail applications to: Conference Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation:  
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**2023**  
**Youth and Young**  
**Adult Service**  
**Scholarship Fund**  
*Mission Scholarships for  
Youth and Young Adults*  
*A Project of*  
*United Women in Faith*  
*of Indiana conference*



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## Criteria for applying:

1. Youth & young adults ages 13-25
2. Must attend a United Methodist Church
3. Qualifying persons must participate in work, study, or travel experiences that develop leadership in the Youth & Young Adults Ministries of the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church
4. Preference will be given to projects supported by UMW national, GBGM, and advance specials of the Indiana Conference UMC
5. Amount of scholarship shall be determined by the Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Committee
6. Scholarships will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis, as funds are available
7. Applications are due at least 6 weeks prior to trip
8. Funds will be available after January 1, 2023

For Scholarship Team	
Date Application Received	_____
Date Application Processed	_____
Date Application Approved	_____
Amount Approved	_____
Notes	_____

2023 Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Application Form		[Please type or print plainly—one form per group]
Individual/Group Name:		# Eligible Youth & Young Adults in group: _____
(circle one please)		Email Address:
Parent/Youth Leader name:		City:
(circle one please)		Zip:
Applicant's UM Church Name		District:
Church Address:		Phone:
City:		Zip:
Mission Project:		
Indicate whether it is a United Methodist-Related Project and include Project Number (if Applicable):		
Project Location:		
Cost per youth/young adult: \$		
Dates:		
Project Objective/ Work Goal:		
_____		
_____		
_____		
A letter of reference from Youth Leader or local church pastor <b>must</b> accompany the application.		
Mail completed form to the Youth & Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund Committee at the address on the reverse side of this form.		
Form may be duplicated as needed. Download at <a href="https://www.inumc.org/engage/adults/united-methodist-women/">https://www.inumc.org/engage/adults/united-methodist-women/</a>		



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**2023 UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH  
DISTRICT/LOCAL UNIT OFFICERS**

**Please type or print clearly, the information and return to your District Secretary and the Conference Directory Coordinator by December 1, 2022. Due to post office mailing regulations, we do need your 9-digit zip code! Check your utility bills for these.**

District \_\_\_\_\_  
Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Spiritual Growth**

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**2023 UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH  
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**Upon completion of this form, PLEASE send a copy to your District Secretary and the Conference Directory Coordinator:**

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Please send via e-mail  
if possible, but USPS is  
greatly appreciated and  
accepted as well.

**Without these names and addresses, your district and conference teams don't know who should receive newsletters, fliers, and special e-alerts. Thanks to all of you for your help in making our Conference Directory as complete as possible.**

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# **UWF INDIANA CONFERENCE CALENDAR**

**ALL TIMES ARE EASTERN**

## **2022**

### **November 5: Officer Training/Mini School - Virtual**

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

## **2023**

### **January 20-21: Spiritual Growth Retreat**

Friday 7 p.m. - Saturday 3 p.m.

Canyon Inn, McCormick's Creek State Park

### **February 2: CWU/UWF Legislative Day - Virtual**

10 a.m. - Noon

### **April 21-22: Spiritual Growth Retreat**

Friday 7 p.m. - Saturday 3 p.m.

Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center, Donaldson, IN

### **INUMC Annual Conference: TBA**

### **Limitless Events: TBA**

### **Mission u: TBA**

### **October 6-7: Annual Celebration**

Friday 5 p.m. (dinner - program to follow)

Saturday 9:45 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Community of Hope UMC, Muncie, IN

### **October 20-22: Silent Retreat**

Friday 8 p.m. - Sunday 1 p.m. (Registration 6-7:45 p.m.)

Sarto Retreat House

### **November 4: Officer Training/Mini School - Virtual**

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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# Mission Messenger

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*United Women in Faith shall be a  
community of women whose purpose is to  
know God and to experience freedom as whole  
persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative,  
supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission  
through participation in the global ministries of the church.*

*Faith  
Hope  
Love*



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